

# Rogers Elementary School

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*Rogers Belief: "We care about ourselves, each other and this place."*



## MEMO: DECEMBER 2011

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The last week of school before the break was a busy week at the school, which makes for much deserved time off for the students and staff! We hope you are finding our weekly *This Week @ Rogers* electronic memos and the Rogers blog to be useful for keeping you updated about what is going on at school. As you get ready for the festive season and the new year, I would like to extend a sincere thanks to PAC, SPC, volunteers in all capacities and to the families of the students at Rogers for all that you do to make this school so terrific!

Happy, happy, happy Holidays!

### NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATIONS

Thanks to everyone for helping us to fill up the Mustard Seed food bin as well as several additional boxes. We appreciated your donations to help feed those in need this holiday season. This was one of the four December service learning projects at Rogers this season.



### SHORTBREAD COOKIE SALES

This year we made \$1100 from the shortbread cookie sales!  
All proceeds go to the Casa Nazareth Orphanage in Cochabamba, Bolivia.  
Thank you so much for supporting this giving project!



### TEMPORARY STAFF CHANGE

Bon Voyage to Ms. Deb Glen who taught in a grade one class for the last year at Rogers, as part of the Teacher Exchange program from Australia. We thank Ms. Glen for the work she did with our grade one students and we wish her the best of fortune as she heads back to the other side of the world. We welcome back Mrs. Cheryl Matheson on January 3 who has been teaching in Australia for a year.

### Christmas Break School Connections

Here are some ideas to keep students connected to what we do at school:

- **Writing:** Write thank you letters for Christmas gifts.
- **Reading:** Read Christmas stories every night as a family.
- **Math:** Figure out how many minutes you are on break!
- **Social Studies:** Look for North Pole on the map.
- **Science:** Cook a family meal together.
- **Physical Education:** Walk daily.
- **Art:** Sing carols together.



### READY, SET, LEARN 2012

Ready...Set...Learn...Help your preschooler get ready for school—3 and 4 year olds are invited to come to Rogers Elementary on Thursday, January 26th from 9:30 to 10:30 am.  
Please call the office to register - 250-727-0188.



### THRIFTY SMILE CARDS

Please remember to use your Thrifty Smile Card when you go to Thrifty's!! Thanks!



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2012

**Welcome to School Night** for parents new to our schools. Come see what school is all about on Tuesday, January 24 and Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 pm at SJ Willis Auditorium. New Kindergarten parents are invited to learn about the exciting English and French Kindergarten programs in SD61.

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**Kindergarten Registration Week** is Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> to Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. You can pick up a registration form at the front office of the school. All children born in 2007 are eligible to begin Kindergarten in September 2012. Register your child between January 30 to February 3, 2012 at your CATCHMENT AREA SCHOOL. Please see this document for more information:  
[http://www.sd61.bc.ca/edsrvs/kindergarten/1.Kindergarten\\_Registration\\_2012.pdf](http://www.sd61.bc.ca/edsrvs/kindergarten/1.Kindergarten_Registration_2012.pdf)



### 'Tis the season to be sneezing!!



Please remind your child that the best way to sneeze is either into a tissue or into his/her folded elbow. Sneezing into the air causes germs to travel far and wide. We would like to do our very best to prevent the spread of colds and flus. Another way to prevent the spread of germs is to wash hands in warm water with soap for 20 seconds. Twenty seconds is about the same amount of time it takes to recite the alphabet or sing "Happy Birthday".

A habit takes 21 days to create! Please help your child start good habits!!

Flu season: please ensure your child stays home if he/she is ill. Thank you.

\*Many teachers request that a box of tissue is sent in for your child.\*

### HEAD LICE CHECKS AT HOME

Please check your child's hair once per week for head lice. Having lice is a nuisance for both the child and the parents. Should your child have lice, please inform the school immediately. Thanks.



### INCLEMENT WEATHER

We are now approaching the season when inclement weather may affect the safety and welfare of students. In particular, snowy weather has the potential to cause classes to be postponed or some School District 61 services to be suspended.

Current information will be updated continuously on the Greater Victoria School District 61 website at <http://www.sd61.bc.ca/>

Within the Greater Victoria School District, the Superintendent of Schools will provide media outlets with information about the status of our facilities and transportation services by 6:30 a.m. if there is a concern.

Local media outlets have indicated that they will provide constant information.



### SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, January 3:	School Re-opens
Saturday, January 7:	PAC Bottle Drive
Tuesday, January 10:	PAC Meeting: 6:30 to 8:30 pm
Monday, January 16:	Rogers 20 <sup>th</sup> Birthday assembly 10:45 am
Friday, January 27:	Family Literacy Day
Thursday, January 26:	Ready, Set, Learn: 9:30 – 10:30 am (for 3 & 4 year olds)
Friday, January 27:	Pro-D Day (No School)
Monday, January 30:	Kindergarten Registration Week (8:00 am)





## Development-oriented Soccer Training

### Academy Dates

Sundays: Jan 15 to Mar 11, 2012.

### Age groups

7-8yrs 12:00 - 1.15pm

9 -10yrs 1.15pm - 2.30pm

11-12yrs 2.30pm - 3.45pm

### Venue

CFB Esquimalt Colville Road Fields (rain or shine, gym available)

### Cost

\$175

### For more information:

[www.lowerislandsoccer.com](http://www.lowerislandsoccer.com)

Under camps and academies

## PAC Bottle Drive

Please help out by saving your empties over the holidays for the upcoming Bottle Drive.

**Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am-noon**

We will be donating half of the money raised to help the children from the orphanage in Cochabamba in Bolivia.



**See you back to school on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>!!**



# Happy Holidays!

