



Take Care of Yourself—Take Care of Others—Take Care of this Place

# Unsworth News

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This past month has just disappeared. There are only 11 more school days before the Christmas break and as per usual, we will try to fit a lot of exciting and busy things into this short time. Please note that our web site address is on the letterhead and I encourage you to take some time to check it out. This newsletter and all of the others (including PACS) are posted. If you wish to have this newsletter and others emailed to you, just send me an email to [cellist@dowco.com](mailto:cellist@dowco.com) and I will begin to create a list. The newsletters on the website and the ones we would email to you are saved as Adobe Writer or pdf files and can be opened quite easily. Adobe reader is a free download from [adobe.com](http://adobe.com).

**Bussing and Parking** Thank you very much for your patience regarding the changes to the crosswalk and parking. The bike racks will be at the back of the school beside the Emergency Preparedness Container; I have attached a map of the bussing and parking lot. The cross walk is now on the north side of the parking lot. This means that parking outside of the Tree House is limited because of the new no parking zone. In the morning the busses will enter the parking lot to drop off the students. After school, only one bus will enter the parking lot (bus # 31, the wheelchair bus). The rest of the busses will pick up students at the east side of the school grounds (no parking there between 2:15 and 2:45 p.m.) Vehicles may once again park on the north side of the parking lot (after 9:00 a.m.) as well as the bus zone in front of the school until 2:15 p.m. I would encourage all drivers to park in a parking spot instead of pulling over to the side (blocking parking spots) to wait for your child. Please take that little extra time and model safe driving and parking for all of our students and families.

**Seasonal Challenge.** Once again it is that time of year when we all work a little harder to help those who are less fortunate than others. So the office staff is challenging the Unsworth Family to help out. **If we can collect 1500 items (non perishable) for the Community Services canned food drive I will have my hair dyed either red or green. If we reach 2000 items, Mr. Klassen will join me and if we reach 2500 items, Mrs. Sigurdson will join us as well. The deadline for the**

**challenge is 12:00 on Thursday, December 19th. If any part of the challenge is met then the hair dying will occur Thursday afternoon.**

**Christmas Activity** On Wednesday, December 18th, each of the classes (or pods) will be doing a Christmas craft activity. This will be a great day to come in and help out your child(ren) and do some visiting. Details about the crafts and activities will be sent home by the teachers.

**Invest in a Kinder World.** As indicated earlier, we are involved in the invest in a kinder world program. The goal was to have our school do three acts of kindness: one for ourselves, one for others and one for the environments. Last week everyone around the school and hopefully at home gave at least three compliments a day. We collected money through the week and added all money that came in from the snack bar last week to the total of \$371.00 to be sent to the Children's Hospital and last Sunday was a day the students were to clean up their street. In the next couple of days one of the students will enter our story on the [investinakinderworld.com](http://investinakinderworld.com) web site and then we will pass our coin on to Greendale Elementary School for them to begin the acts of kindness all over again. The students who came up with the ideas, spoke to the students and teachers and wrote the news bulletin deserve all of the credit for this endeavor. They are :Lexxie Hill, Clarence Tang, Raquel Bennett, Kaitlin Falkoski, Jason Soares , Blake Evans, Felicia Johnston, Jessica Davidson, Rachel McMillan and Erin See. We also thank the Sardis Kiwanis Club for paying the fee to get involved in this activity.

**The week before Christmas.** Each day at Unsworth begins with classical music being heard through out the school. During the week before the holidays, we plan to have our students begin each day with some caroling. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, will see the students singing in their own pods and then on Thursday and Friday we will be gathering in the center of the school to sing together. Parents are welcome to join us. We will send out more details as that time gets closer.

**Raffle** And the winner is >>>>>> The winner of the Canuck Jersey is Arlene Sagar. The Ghetto Blaster winner is Joan Logan and the shower radio was won

by Vallerie Bullivant. Congratulations everyone. The \$10.00 snack bar credit was won by Brittany Sandve. Thank you to everyone for purchasing a ticket. You have helped raise over \$1000.00 toward the purchase of our new uniforms. The uniforms are on order. We are ordering 50 reversible jerseys so that we can accommodate the size of the soccer and track teams that we have had in the past

**Spirit Wear** To celebrate our new logo, we have had a number of T-Shirts, etc. available to order this past week. WE will have them available once again in the new year. WE will also have some golf shirts (embroidered logo) at that time so if you missed out (deadline was today) on this order, make sure you catch the spirit in the spring. The eagle logo does not replace the Unsworth logo that is proudly displayed at the top of our letterhead. It is our team logo.



**Activity days** On January 15<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and February 5<sup>th</sup>, we are planning to have activity afternoons. Every student, grades one through six, will participate in an activity that they are interested in. It is our intent to offer as many different types of activities as possible but we need your assistance. The more people we can get involved, the smaller the groups of students and the more variety we can offer.

We have decided to do this to:

- expose students to activities that they may not have experienced before
- practice our social responsibility skills in small groups
- have a multi-aged group activity that can address the interests of all students
- have parents work with students and teachers in a less structured setting

Some of the ideas that we have generated are:

Quilting, Cooperative drama games, Making beads from different materials, Digital Photography, Fly Tying, Dance (hip hop and square), Guitar, Watercolor Painting, Chess, Paper Making and making books, First Nations Art, Clay, Computer (Hyper Studio), and a Gym activity

Each activity will have three (3) seventy-five minute (75) sessions. All sessions will be multi-aged. Some of these activities will have a small cost to them to offset the expense, but none will be over \$5.00, and many of them have no cost.

If you have an interest and would be willing to work with a group of students during these three afternoons, or if you are willing to work with one of the staff planning one of the above activities, please let us know as soon as possible. Once we hear from you and finalize all of the activities, we will develop a sign

up sheet for the students to take home early in January. Sign-ups will be on a first come first served basis.

**Call in** Just a reminder that when you call in to let us know that your child will be away for the day, you can either leave a message on the answering machine (on 24 hours/day) or speak to someone in the office. We will relay that message to the classroom teacher.

**RCMP Child Identification Program.** Constable Wagner is our RCMP Liaison Officer will be bringing in "kidz printz" identification kits. These are identification cards that will be sent home for your convenience. The cards allow you to record and keep a profile of your child. The card is easy to fill out and includes fingerprints, a place for a picture and DNA Information. As soon as they arrive, we will send them out to you. The card is easy to fill out and includes fingerprints and DNA Information.

**International Student Program.** A couple of months ago, we sent out a bulletin about the possibility of having a number of Korean students visit our school for a three week period during January. Regretfully, due to the situation in Korea, this will not occur. Hopefully we can do this in another year. Thank You to the many families that were willing to host students.

**Social Responsibility.** To help you better understand what we are attempting to do regarding Social Responsibility at Unsworth, I am attaching a scale of 1 statements in the first aspect of Social Responsibility which is Contributing to the Classroom and Community. These statements have been written in student language and will help everyone better understand what we mean. Next month I will send out the second aspect which is Solving Problems in peaceful ways.

**Break.** Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> is the last day of school before the Christmas Break and the first day back at school is Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### **This Month's Calendar**

Tues., Dec. 10	Division 7 to Chilliwack Museum
Wed., Dec 11	All grade 3s to Burnaby Museum
Thurs. Dec 12	Mt Slesse Band visit at 9:10 a.m.
Fri., Dec 13	Treat Day Hot Lunch (Tacos)
Wed. Dec 18	Craft Activity Day
Thurs. Dec. 19	Last Day for Food Drive Challenge
Fri. Dec 20	Division 1 & 2 Swimming Last day of school before Winter Break