



**Robert Ogilvie Elementary School**  
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Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to a cold and frosty week! We are sending a newsletter out early, as December is a short month that tends to get away on us. Please remember that the school parking lot is idle free. The fumes get in to the school and cause breathing issues. Thank you to all parents who came for parent teacher interviews. Please find updates below for events and activities in December.

Inclement Weather: Just a reminder that the school doors are open around 8:00 a.m. and students may come inside when the weather is bad. We have a number of students without inside shoes. Please remember that inside shoes are necessary for safety reasons, particularly if we have to vacate the building without notice. We would appreciate it if all visitors to the school would please take off their outside footwear. This keeps our hallways and feet dry as students walk from the boot room to the classroom. It also ensures that students do not fall in the melted snow/water. There are boot covers in the mudrooms should you want to cover your feet instead. The students will be outside, weather permitting - our guideline for inside days is a temperature of -15 (with or without wind chill). Students should come prepared to go outside daily.

Lost and Found: Are your children missing hats, mitts, pants, socks, ski pants, winter coat or any other piece of clothing? Chances are you can find their items in front of the library. The lost and found items will be displayed for the next two weeks. All unclaimed items will then go to the Salvation Army. Please drop in at any time to look through these items.

P.A.C. Meeting: The next general PAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend. There will be babysitting provided if you need to bring your little ones. The PAC is currently doing basket fundraisers at the school. Each ticket is \$1.00 and names can be entered on any of the 5 baskets. There are 2 Star Wars/Pokemon baskets, 2 craft baskets and 1 adult spa basket.

Volleyball Season: Thank you to Miss Lahucik and Mr. Ylagan for coaching the boys and girls this year in volleyball. Students had a great time in league play and at the tournament. Congratulations to the girls' team for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> overall at the tournament and the boys' team, with a little help from some girls, placed 4th at the tournament. Congratulations to both teams.

Operation Christmas Child: Thank you for your generous support to Operation Christmas Child. Mrs. Holden has informed me that we collected enough items for 40 shoeboxes. This is an amazing accomplishment from our school and will go towards helping very needy children. Thank you to Mrs. Holden for coordinating this collection for so many years. Your time is greatly appreciated.

"Jingle" - The Elf on the Shelf in the library has made a visit and has challenged the students in our school to bring mittens for the mitten tree. These mittens will be donated to boys and girls in Fort St. John who are in desperate need of warm hands and heads at Christmas. Miss Leed's class has also set up the PJ Drive and our school will be a drop off site for PJ's in FSJ.

Students can put PJs in one of the house team boxes in front of the staff room according to their house team colour. House team points will be awarded for each pair of PJs donated.

Early Learning Calendars: The new Strong Start calendars can be found at: [www.earlylearning.prn.bc.ca](http://www.earlylearning.prn.bc.ca). They should be updated for December by the end of the week.

Mingle Jingle: This year, our school staff will be hosting a "Mingle Jingle" evening instead of a Christmas concert. We have set aside the date of Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> for this fun filled evening from 6:30-8:00 P.M. During the course of the night, families can circulate around the school doing a variety of activities from Christmas stories, games, crafts, and many more. We hope to see you all there. One of the activities is the Christmas Cake Walk. If you can donate a cake, please have it at the school by 6:00 p.m. Please look for a note home in the coming weeks with more information on our Mingle Jingle.

School Fees: We ask that outstanding fees be cleared up before the end of December. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. We now have a debit machine to make things easier for payment.

Spaghetti Bridge Competition: Robert Ogilvie will be hosting this competition on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Students from around the district will be here constructing bridges out of spaghetti and glue. The students will be building bridges in the morning and testing the strength of their bridges in the afternoon. You are welcome to pop in and watch this co

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathy Scheck  
Principal  
Robert Ogilvie Elementary

Mr. Tim Ylagan  
Vice Principal  
Robert Ogilvie Elementary

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December Newsletter Calendar of Events 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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5 Term One Awards Assembly 9:00 a.m.	6	7	8	9
12 Assembly @ 9 am	13	14	15 Dress like an elf day/Red and Green Day Christmas night Activity	16 Last day before Christmas holidays