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Arborfield School Information Bulletin

Principal's Message

Hello Arborfield School Community!

Christmas season is upon us! I'm not sure how we are already at this point but it is always a refreshing time of year. It is important to follow the calendar so that you can stay up to date on all the things happening during the busy month of December.

As we work our way through the holiday season, it is important to remember that not everyone has the same experience when it comes to Christmas. That is why it is important for the school to do our annual Christmas Food Drive to ensure those who do have less can still enjoy the holiday season. One thing we do ask is that you consider donating more than just non-perishable food items. This time of year, food is obviously needed, but personal items are in high demand as well and are often in short supply. Items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, feminine products, soap, razors, etc. are all things I hope you consider donating. New socks and underwear are also items that would be welcomed donations. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

One important reminder for our families is around attendance. We understand life happens. Illness, weather, family matters, are all priorities that may prevent your child from getting to school. There is significant research into attendance and overall success in school and the tipping point is 95% attendance or 9 days in an entire school year. If a student misses between 10-17 days missed and it will start to impact success and 18 or more missed days will have a significant impact on the overall success of a child in school. 18 days is about 10% of our



school year. At this point in time, about one in three students who attend Arborfield School is on pace to miss at least 18 days of school. Luckily we still have about three quarters of our school year left so let's make sure we are doing what we can to get our kids to school. If you are needing support in helping your child get to school, please do not hesitate to reach out and I am happy to help in this matter.


As I wrap up this message, please know how much time and effort our students and staff have put into the Christmas concert. It is a wonderful event that is always well attended. So we look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas concert and for your support you always show! Have a Wonderful December!

Yours in Education

Patrick Smoke




Upcoming Dates and Events

- **December 2-13**: Christmas Food Drive
 - **December 6**: Gr 3-6 @ LP Miller for Moana performance
 - **December 9-12**: SCC Holiday Gift Shop
 - **December 17**: Christmas Concert @ 7:00 in Community Hall (dress rehearsal will be in the afternoon and is also open to the public)
 - **December 19**: SCC Christmas Lunch (Staff and Students)
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SRC News

Here's a look at what the SRC has planned for the month of December.

- December 11: Buddy Activity
 - December 16: Christmas Character Day
 - December 17: Formal Day
 - December 18: Onesie Day
 - December 19: Christmas Accessories (hat, socks, ugly sweater...)
 - December 20: PJ Day
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December 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2Day 1 Christmas Food Drive begins	3Day 2 Assembly @ 3:00	4Day 1	5Day 2	6Day 1 LP Miller performance Gr 3-6	7
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The Holiday Gift Shop						
15	16Day 1 Christmas Character Day	17Day 2 Christmas Concert @ 7:00 p.m. Formal Day	18Day 1 Onesie Day	19Day 2 SCC Christmas Lunch (Staff and Students) Christmas Accessories Day	20Day 1 PJ Day	21
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