

COALBANKS CHRONICLE

December 2020

Merry Christmas to all of our Coalbanks families,

It is truly shocking that we are in the month of December. This year more than ever the time has flown by with all of the changes, restrictions and new protocols. Nonetheless it has been a fabulous school year and I would like to personally thank all of our wonderful families for their continued support, cooperation and flexibility during these times. I would also like to thank the tremendous staff at Coalbanks who have worked harder than they ever have in education and for ensuring safety is priority one, while still providing optimal learning environments for all students. This staff is truly remarkable!

We would like to thank each and every one of you for choosing Coalbanks Elementary School and allowing us the opportunity to help shape your children. It is truly our honor and privilege. It has been a very busy start to the year, but much smoother than we anticipated. We are excited about the learning opportunities for our students each and every day and we hope you are as well. What a wonderful opportunity for all of our students, parents and staff to be working together as we continue to build our school community.

Thank you to everyone that joined us for our Parent / Teacher Interviews for term one. Our attendance for interviews was over 85% and we are so pleased that parents could take time out of their schedules to join us in celebrating and sharing your child's progress thus far. I definitely appreciated all of the positive feedback I received about our school, our teachers and the programs we are offering. We will continue to create and build programs for years to come. If you have any comments, suggestions or ideas I would love to hear them.

On behalf of the entire staff of Coalbanks Elementary School, we would like to take this opportunity to wish your entire family and loved ones a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone back in the New Year! Take care and stay safe!

All the best!

Sincerely,

Mr. J. Gentile

Principal





Parking & U-Turns & Crosswalks

We are still seeing many vehicles making u-turns in front of the school and using the crosswalk walkway to turn around. This is not only illegal, but extremely unsafe for our students. Please help us to ensure the safety of our students by following traffic laws.

Our grade 2/3B Class has been inspired by a story called "Arnie the Doughnut" to collaborate with Bootsma Bakery to create a charity doughnut. This special doughnut will raise \$0.50 per doughnut for our local food bank this holiday season. They are excited to share their kindness this holiday season. They are asking for our families to support our cause and spread the word! If you and your family head into Bootsma and treat yourself to the Coalbanks Community Donut, please take a picture and email it in. We would love to see!

Indoor Recesses & Cold Weather

Now that the cold winter weather has arrived, we thought we would send a friendly reminder about our indoor and outdoor recesses. The cut off for indoor recesses is -20 degrees as per division policy. It is important that all students are dressed appropriately for the weather.



Lost & Found Items

All unclaimed items will be donated at the Christmas break. Please refer to the lost & found emails for photos of items.

Dates to Remember:

- Dec 4—Report Cards Live @ Noon
- Dec 14—Pajama Day
- Dec 15—Ugly Sweater Day
- Dec 16—Grinch Day
- Dec 17—Wear Red & Green Day
- Dec 18—Polar Express Day
- Dec 18—Last Day for Students for Christmas Break
- Jan 4—Jan 8—Classes Resume Online
- Jan 11—Onsite Classes Resume (Tentative)