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'Tis the Season!

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"YOUR TEACHER CALLED AND SAID THE SCHOOL
CONCERT TICKETS YOU SOLD ME FOR \$20 WERE
FREE."

Welcome to all the new families that we are reaching with this newsletter! We have had a bunch of new signups, but if you know someone who still does not receive the newsletter, feel free to pass this copy on to them, and ask them to contact us with their email address.

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Enjoy the season's festivities! And visit us on the web: [Blakeburn Elementary PAC](#)

Regards

The Blakeburn PAC Executive

Gingerbread House Raffle

Following the huge success of this undertaking last year, the school is once again inviting families to spend some quality time together and decorate a gingerbread house (or other gingerbread creation of your choosing), and donate it to the school - partly to show off your awesome decorating skills, and partly to provide a lucky Blackburn family with a masterful creation over the holidays.



The houses are out for everyone to see in the display cases in the foyer, and it's a joy to see the kids ooh and aah and discuss which one they would like to win.

Get crafting, and bring those masterpieces to the office.

[The draw will be in the gym on Thursday, December 15th at 10:50am.](#)

Hot Lunch



The guys from the giant golden arches are delivering hot lunch on [Friday, December 9th.](#) We need some parent volunteers to help distribute lunches to classrooms. Email [Andrea](#) if you can help out for about 30 minutes.

Thank you from the Traffic Volunteers

Being a traffic volunteer during these dark, cold, wet winter mornings is not always fun, and being faced with some disgruntled and unsympathetic drivers makes getting up earlier to do the job even less appealing.

However, over the past few weeks we have noticed a whole lot of people brightening our day, and we wanted to acknowledge every single one of you who has made this volunteer position easier for us.



- To those many parents who smile, or wave, (or both!), as you drive in, thank you!
- To every parent who drives all the way to the front, even if there are no cars behind you, thank you!

- To the handful of parents who walk their kids to school, but still thank us for what we do as they walk by, thank you!
- To every parent who dutifully waits 10 seconds for the row of cars to clear, without leaning on the car horn, thank you!
- To every parent who has their kids ready to go when they stop in the lane, and then moves them out the car with a sense of urgency, thank you!
- To the few parents who actually rolled down their windows in the last week, not to swear at the volunteers, but to say thank you ...

THANK YOU!

Photographs wanted



Vivian is calling on everyone who has taken photos at school activities from September to December, to submit those photos for inclusion in the yearbook. This would include opening week, Terry Fox run, Boo Day, the pumpkin patch, Remembrance Day, etc.

Email the full size pictures, a few at a time, to vcmc@shaw.ca, or leave a CD or flash drive with your contact details in the yearbook folder in the office.

WANTED:



UPDATE: Well done to the parents in Ms Rogers, Hartl, Wood, Christie and Sales's classes ... you all have 2 class captains each. All other classes, time to step up!

We ask 2 or 3 parents from each class to step up and be a class captain. You will help the Parent Volunteer Coordinator to contact parents about upcoming events and opportunities to help out. Although the vast majority of this communication will be done via email, a small amount of calling will be required. It's a small job that has a huge impact on success of the activities that the PAC Executive has planned for the year. Please consider signing up by emailing [Moona Tyers](mailto:Moona.Tyers) or simply clicking on this link.





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"The best Christmas gift of all is the presence of a happy family all wrapped up with one another."

~Burton Hillis



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