

PEBBLE HILL TRADITIONAL ELEMENTARY

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Calendar:

Nov. 18	Kids Can Move
Nov. 19	Photo Retakes Due
Nov. 21	Pro-D Day
	Winter Wonderland (5pm-8pm)
Nov. 25	Kids Can Move
Nov. 27	Hot Lunch/Casual Day
Dec. 2	Kids Can Move
Dec. 4	PAC Mtg. 7pm Report Cards Home
Dec. 11	PJs Day/ Gingerbread Houses
Dec. 12	Deltassist Christmas Food Hamper Pick Up
Dec. 17-19	Christmas Cookies
Dec. 18	Christmas Concert/ Hot Lunch
Dec. 19	Last Day of School for Winter Break
Jan. 5	School Re-Opens



Principal's Message:

What an exciting few weeks we have had here at Pebble Hill Traditional School. Our grade 6/7 students in Division 1 put on a wonderful assembly. They inspired staff and students to think 'WE'. The students shared their experiences from their attendance at the 'We Day' event held in Vancouver. Mrs. Casey from Tekera Village organization came to talk to us about life in this small village in Uganda, Africa. Our 'Me to We' Team will be planning fundraisers throughout the year not only for Tekera Village but for local initiatives as well.

We had our annual Pebble Hill Traditional Halloween Parade. It was wonderful to see the kids all dressed up and having such a great time. I was glad to see so many parents out to share in the Monster Mash dance in the gym.

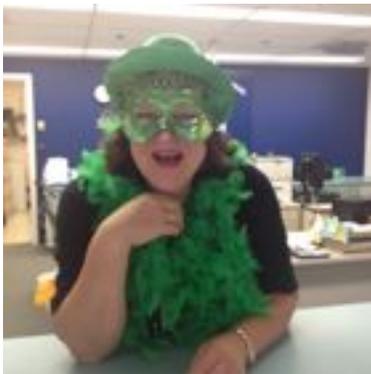
Our Remembrance Day assembly was well attended and the students did a lovely job sharing what they have learned about Remembrance Day. They sang and spoke of peace and gave thanks for all who have given so much for the freedom we share today. Thank you to Mrs. Saip for her work with the school choir



and band. As well, Mrs. Saip arranged for Mr. Mullett to come and play both The Last Post and Reveille and to share the importance of the Moment of Silence. A big thank you to Madison Sproule from Division 2 who represented Pebble Hill Traditional at the Remembrance Day Ceremony in Ladner on Remembrance Day.

It has been so nice for me to spend time working in classrooms and seeing all the amazing work our teachers and students are doing. This school has such a vibrant, exciting atmosphere. The students are engaged with and excited about their learning. **Our First Term Report Cards will be coming home on December 4th.**

We have much in store for the next few weeks leading up to our Winter Break...



Winter Wonderland

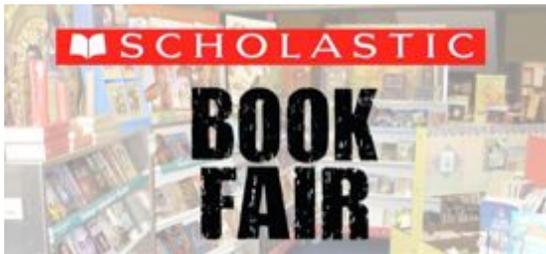
Our parent volunteers have been working around the clock to get ready for one of this year's biggest fundraisers, the 'Frozen Winter Wonderland'. This event takes place this **Friday, November 21st from 5pm-8pm**. We hope to see everyone out. Please invite friends, family and neighbours. There will be many exciting games, a "Haunted, Twas the Nightmare Before Christmas, House", a Prize Pull, Cake Walk...the gym will be decorated in the 'Frozen' theme. So much for families to see and do. To make this event successful we need volunteers. You can sign up on the bulletin board outside the office doors. We look forward to seeing everyone there.





Parking/Drop Off & Pick Up

Our school continues to grow and along with the many families now attending Pebble Hill Traditional come more vehicles. This has caused some problems with parking as well as with our Drop Off/Pick Up zones out front of the school. Unfortunately, there have been times when our staff has had difficulty finding a parking spot. As well, the parking lot is often full and vehicles are being forced to drive in reverse through the parking lot. This is a big safety concern. We also have many people leave their vehicles in the Drop Off/Pick Up zone to take their child(ren) to the classroom. We are very fortunate to have much parking around the school. For safety reasons, there will be **NO PARKING in the staff parking lot. Also, drivers in the Drop Off/Pick Up zone must remain in the vehicle and have their child(ren) exit the vehicle on the curb side.** We have asked the students not to walk across the driveway at the front of the school, but rather around the driveway using the sidewalk. We greatly appreciate your help with this. It is important to put our children's safety first.



A big thanks to Mrs. Hardy and all the parent volunteers who helped to make this year's Scholastic Book Fair a huge success. In just three days you managed to raise over \$2000 toward more books for our newly renovated library. Thanks to all who attended the Book Fair and helped to raise the much needed funds.

Pajama Day/ Gingerbread Houses



On **December 11th** we will have our final Spirit Day of first term. It will be a **Pajama Day**. This goes perfectly with our Gingerbread House making theme as well. All students from Kindergarten through to Grade 7 will be making and decorating a gingerbread house from **11am-12:20pm in our school gym. Parents are welcome to join us.** There will be hot chocolate and cookies as well as a school Sing-A-Long. Thank you to our PAC for funding and volunteering for this great community event.



Taking Care of Others...

Once again, Deltassist will be picking up any non-perishable food items donated for their **Christmas Food Hamper**. Please make sure to check the expiration dates for any donated goods. Food donations can be dropped off in the box outside your child's classroom between Dec. 4th-12th. Deltassist will be picking up donations on **Friday, December 12th**.

This year our 'Me to We' team is also helping to organize a '**Cookies for Christmas**' campaign. Christmas dinner will be served to many in need at Vancouver's Oppenheimer Park. They need over 600 dozen cookies as part of this Christmas dinner. A notice will be coming home with details on how we can help support this cause. Just one dozen cookies per family will help to meet this challenge. **Cookies can be put in a ziploc bag and dropped off in your child's classroom between Dec. 17-19th.**



Dressing for the Weather

This week I had to go around with the salt to make sure our pathways were safe - a sure sign that Winter is upon us. Please make sure that your child comes to school dressed for the weather. The students go outside for recess rain or shine. At lunch time we will only call an 'inside day' if it raining heavily. Please make sure your child(ren) have warm coats, boots,

umbrellas, and hats and mittens for the really cold days. If it snows we will also be outside so proper snow gear is mandatory.

Christmas Performance



This year our Christmas performance will include: music from our Pebble Hill Traditional Choir as well as our Junior and Senior Bands, followed by the musical '**'Twas One Crazy Night Before Christmas**'. We will have an afternoon performance at 1:30pm and an evening performance at 6:30pm on Thursday, December 18th. We look forward to seeing everyone out for what I'm sure will be a wonderful performance.