

# NOVEMBER | DECEMBER

2024 NEWSLETTER

**Welcome to the November/December edition of our school newsletter!**

Since November was a short month, we've combined the highlights of both October and November in this special edition!

## **School Spirit & Halloween Fun**

October was filled with energy, starting with a fantastic Spirit Week organized by our Junior High Leadership students. Themed dress-up days and fun activities energized the school! Our Halloween celebrations of course were also a huge highlight, featuring a lively parade, creative costumes, and a school-wide game of musical chairs!



## **Athletic Achievements**

We are incredibly proud of our junior and senior volleyball teams. Both teams showed great sportsmanship and dedication. Special congratulations to our senior volleyball team for their undefeated season and gold medal win, marking the first girls' volleyball banner since 2012!

## **Looking Ahead: Basketball Season**

Tryouts for Grades 6-8 basketball have begun! We're excited to see our student-athletes in action this season.

## **Grade 3-4 Learn to Skate Program**

November has been an exciting month for our Grade 3-4 students, who participated in the Learn to Skate program provided by The Wetaskiwin Hockey Academy. It's been a wonderful opportunity for students to build confidence and develop new skills on the ice.



## **Parent-Teacher Interviews**

A big thank you to all the families who attended Parent-Teacher Interviews. Your involvement is essential to our students' success, and we appreciate your continued support.

## **Upcoming Events**

- December 11th: Second Annual Christmas Dinner  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
We warmly invite all students, teachers, WRPS trustees, division office staff, and bus drivers to join us for this festive gathering!
- December 18th: Christmas Concert Performances  
1:30 PM & 6:30 PM  
Celebrate the season with us at our Christmas Concert! The Book Fair and Bake Sale will be open before and after the concert for some extra holiday fun.

We look forward to sharing the holiday spirit with you!



## **Thank You for Your Continued Support!**

We look forward to a December full of learning, fun, and community spirit. As we enter the holiday season, we wish our families a peaceful and joyful break. School resumes on January 6th.



# 26 Days of Christmas!

**Thursday, Dec. 5** - Dress up as a **SNOWMAN** Day - hats and toques and carrot noses allowed!

**Monday, Dec. 9** - Mr. Weimer's Hawaiian Christmas - wear your Hawaiian shirt and hula your way through the halls!

**Wednesday, Dec. 11** - Christmas Tree Topper - What goes on a tree (including on TOP) goes on your clothes instead! Please no glass ornaments.

**Friday, Dec. 13** - Bring your favourite small or medium-sized stuffy (so it can fit in your locker) and give it some Christmas spirit!

**Tues Dec. 17** - Whoville Hair or Christmas Character Day - Can you make yourself look like someone from the Grinch movie or another holiday classic?

**Thursday, Dec. 19** - Jingle Day for the Stollery - How can you include "Jingle Bells" into your life today? Be creative!

# Clear Vista's 2nd Annual Christmas Dinner

*Students, ECS-B, staff & bus driver's are invited!*

*December 11th  
11:30 pm - 1:30 pm*



# Clear Vista's Christmas Concert



**December 18th**  
**1:30 pm & 6:30 pm**



## Silent Auction

We are looking for new or handmade  
donations and gift cards!  
Items may be dropped off in the office  
between now and Dec 16th  
The auction will be displayed before  
both concert performances  
Bidding will end Dec 18 at 6:30 pm  
Winners must pick up their item(s) by  
Dec 19th at 4pm (cash & cheque only)

# Christmas Bake Sale

Goodies will be available for students to purchase during lunch recess December 18th, and for the public before and after both afternoon and evening Christmas concert performances. While supplies last!



Please consider making an extra batch of your wonderful Christmas baking! All proceeds will go directly to The Stollery Children's Hospital!



Donations can be dropped off at the school office on Monday or Tuesday (December 16th & 17th)



Thank you! Without your generous donations this wouldn't be possible!



# CARTER'S CREATIONS BAKERY FUNDRAISER!

**OPTION #1**  
MISTLETOE & XMAS TREES



**OPTION #2**  
MILK & COOKIES



ORDERS WILL BE SENT HOME WITH STUDENTS DEC 16TH

ALL PROFIT COLLECTED WILL BE DIRECTED TOWARDS STUDENT ENRICHMENT!

**OPTION #3**  
SNOWFLAKE & FRIENDS



EACH KIT IS \$30 & INCLUDES:  
12 SUGAR COOKIES WITH 4 BAGS OF ICING!

DEADLINE IS:

December

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SCHOLASTIC

# BOOK FAIR

**Dec 13th-18th**

**Open to the public:**

**16th & 17th 3:35 pm- 5:00 pm**

**18th before & after Xmas Concert**

**13th- Classrooms will ONLY browse**

**16th- Open to students at AM Recess**

**17th- Open to students AM & PM Recess**



# Classroom Spotlight



In October, the grade one's had the fun experience of going to the high school to watch puppet plays compliments of Mrs. Marshall's grade 10 drama class ! That launched us into some plays of our own. The days leading up to Halloween, Mrs. Henson's class took turns each day portraying characters from Erica Silverman's " Big Pumpkin!" book . We dressed up as a witch, ghost, vampire, mummy and a teeny bat (the smallest and smartest of all!) and sang along to a great story ! Being an actor is fun, and a good lesson was learned too ! On Halloween we dressed up in our own costumes, and had fun at the assembly, and doing afternoon centers in our classroom. The Div 1 winner of musical chairs was Jordan, from our class !! It was FUN for all who watched.

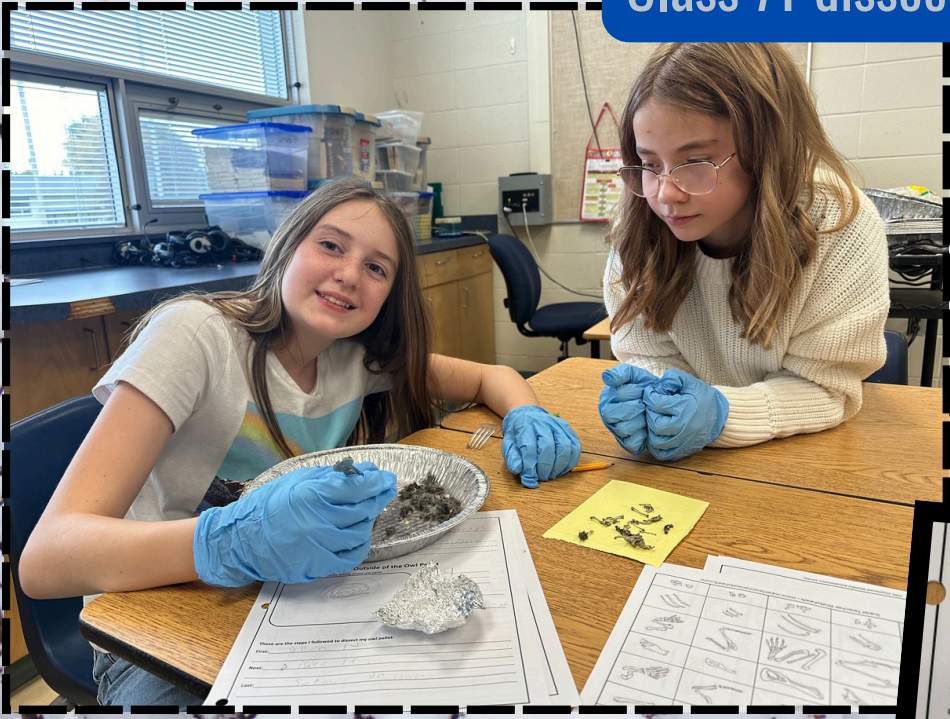




The Division 3 kids were very proud of the snowman they made with the first bit of snow!



Class 7T dissecting owl pellets



### Owl Pellet Dissection

Owl's are usually nighttime hunters. Depending on the species, they can eat a lot of different prey, such as mice, rats, moles, voles, rabbits, birds, frogs, and even insects. After the owl eats it's prey, the soft digestible parts are dissolved and pass further in the digestive system to provide nutrition for the owl. The hard, non-digestible parts, such as fur, bones, teeth, and feathers are formed into what is called a pellet, which is then coughed back up. This is also known as casting.

Pellets are not just coughed up by owls; Many species of birds, including other raptors, form pellets. Pellets from other raptors are not as exciting to dissect as they only contain the fur or feathers of their prey. Their digestive systems are different from owls and allows them to dissolve bones and other hard bits. This is why we choose owl pellets to dissect.

Your pellet is from a wild Barn Owl nest in the Lower Mainland. This means that the pellets could contain a wide variety of bones from many different species of prey, depending on what the Barn Owl finds in its preferred hunting grounds. They typically hunt in open habitats, such as fields, marshes, and grasslands. Barn Owls usually favour the field Vole in BC as their preferred food (up to 80% of their diet), but they will catch other prey items such as mice, shrews, rats, rabbits, and even some birds, bats, or amphibians. As they are mostly nocturnal, they will hunt prey that is active at night, but if the owls have babies, you can sometimes find them hunting during the day.

Pellets can provide valuable information about the diet and the amount of animals in a particular area. Inside your pellet, you will find bones from one or more different species of prey.



7/8 Sports Rec & Fitness goes bowling!





**HALLOWEEN AT CLEAR VISTA!**









# Jr & Sr. Girls Volleyball Team



**BUS SAFETY!**





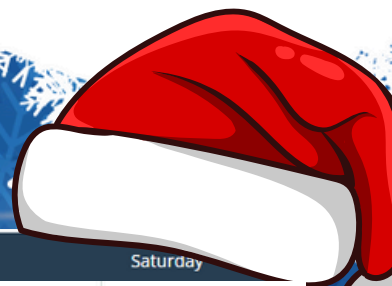
# SMASHBALL TOURNAMENT!



# REMINDER

- **Wed Dec 4:** LA3 Fieldtrip to Walmart/Dollarama, Gr 3 Swimming 🏊, School of Rock Club 🎸, Learn to Skate 4L 🛼
- **Thurs, Dec 5:** Gr 3 Swimming 🏊, Girls Basketball Tryouts 🏀 & Dress-Up Like a Snowman Day ❄️
- **Fri, Dec 6:** PLC Day – No School! 🎉
- **Mon, Dec 9:** Boys Basketball Practice 🏀 + Hawaiian Shirt Day 🌺🌴, Learn to Skate 4S & LA2 🛼
- **Tues, Dec 10:** Grade 3 Swimming 🏊, Boys Basketball Practice 🏀 & Archery 🏹
- **Wed, Dec 11:** 2nd Annual Christmas Dinner 🍴 + Dress Like a Christmas Tree Day 🎄 (No Glass Ornaments, Please!) Learn to Skate 3S 🛼 School of Rock Club 🎸
- **Thurs, Dec 12:** Girls Basketball Practice 🏀, PE+Swimming 🏊
- **Fri, Dec 13:** Bring Your Favorite Stuffy or Teddy Bear Day 🧸, Learn to Skate 4L 🛼
- **Tues, Dec 17:** Grade 3 Swimming 🏊, Archery Practice 🏹 + Whoville Hair 😊 or Dress Like a Christmas Character Day 🎅
- **Wed, Dec 18:** Christmas Concert Performances 🎵
- **Thurs, Dec 19:** ECSB Pizza Day 🍕 + Jingle Day for the Stollery 🎅
- **Fri, Dec 20:** Pizza Day! 🍕
- **Dec 21 - Jan 5:** Christmas Break! No School 🎄🎉

# December



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Day 1 Taco in a bag orders due for Gr 6-8 Boston pizza hot lunch ECSA & Gr 1-5 12:20 pm Learn to Skate 4S & LA2 12:50 pm	<b>3</b> Day 2 Immunizations for remaining Gr 6-8 students WHA Gr 5/6 Esports 12:00 pm Gr 7/8 Basketball Intramurals 12:00 pm Boston pizza hot lunch ECSB & Gr 6-8 12:20 pm Swimming Lessons 3S 1:15 pm Swimming Lessons 3Z 2:00 pm Boys Basketball Tryouts 3:35 pm Archery Practice 6:30 pm	<b>4</b> Day 3 Gr 5-8 Floor Hockey Club 7:45 am Learn to Skate 4L 12:50 pm LA3 fieldtrip to Walmart & Dollarama 1:00 pm 3S Swimming Lessons 1:15 pm Gr. 6-8 School of Rock Club 3:35 pm	<b>5</b> Day 4 Taco in a bag lunch for Gr 6-8 students WHA Gr 5/6 basketball intramurals 12:00 pm Gr 7/8 Esports 12:00 pm 3S Swimming Lessons 1:15 pm Girls Basketball Tryouts 3:35 pm Dress as a snowman day!	<b>6</b> PLC Day NO SCHOOL	<b>7</b>
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<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Christmas Break	<b>24</b> Christmas Break	<b>25</b> Christmas Break	<b>26</b> Christmas Break	<b>27</b> Christmas Break	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Christmas Break	<b>31</b> Christmas Break				