



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



Mrs. Asham's Message



This time of year is often filled with many family celebrations and traditions. At I.F. Cox, we focus on ensuring that all children feel welcome and have a true sense of belonging. We would like to learn more about your traditions and celebrations during the holidays. In order to better understand the wide range of traditions that the families in our area celebrate, we will be asking families to share what they do.

As the winter holidays approach, I would like each student to reflect on their holiday traditions and describe the parts of the season that are most meaningful to them. We will be sending home a document later in the month to help collect your ideas. I hope this project can be completed at home by the whole family. Students will then present their ideas to their class so we can all learn together. I hope you will enjoy this project and see it as an opportunity to reminisce about your family history, traditions, and values. I'm excited to learn more about our families!!

SCHOOLWIDE ACTIVITY

We will be sending this document home with all of our students.

We ask that families complete the task together by adding pictures, words or both. If you need more space, feel free to add a piece of paper or send pictures for us to share.

Each class will then share the family traditions in their own classroom. Teachers will choose 1 or 2 students to share their traditions with the rest of the school over the morning broadcast.

Stephen Covey tells us that we must "seek first to understand", so we are all going to listen very carefully to learn about how other people celebrate the holiday season.

MY FAMILY TRADITIONS		
OUR FAMILY CELEBRATES:	OUR FAVOURITE TRADITIONS	OUR FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DISH
OUR FAVOURITE HOLIDAY BOOK OR MOVIE	OUR FAVOURITE HOLIDAY ACTIVITY	OUR FAVOURITE HOLIDAY SONG





From Ashton - Family School Liaison Worker

December Already?!

My role includes offering school based social and emotional counselling and support to the classrooms, students and families at I. F. Cox School. All counselling support for students is provided at school, during the school day. All support is free and confidential. Parents/guardians can refer a child by talking with their teacher or contacting me directly.

Small group counselling will begin again in the New Year. If you are interested in any of the following groups, please contact me as they fill quickly: Anger Fire Fighters, Banana Splits (Separation and Divorce), Grief and Loss, Lego Social Skills, Friendship Group or Worry Warriors.

Also, The Santa Claus Fund is taking intake appointments, see information below regarding intake dates.

Take care,
Ashton Goehring BSW, RSW
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SANTA CLAUS FUND
2022 INTAKE DATES
3257 Dunmore Road SE
(Inside the Medicine Hat News)

NOVEMBER 28 4PM-7PM	NOVEMBER 29 10AM-2PM	NOVEMBER 30 4PM-7PM	DECEMBER 1 10AM-2PM
DECEMBER 5 10AM-2PM	DECEMBER 6 10AM-2PM	DECEMBER 7 10AM-2PM	DECEMBER 8 10AM-2PM
DECEMBER 12 4PM-7PM	DECEMBER 13 10AM-2PM	DECEMBER 14 4PM-7PM	DECEMBER 15 10AM-2PM

PLEASE BRING:

- PHOTO ID
- HEALTH CARE CARD FOR ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY
- PROOF OF INCOME (AEI STATEMENT, AISH STATEMENT, BANK STATEMENT & PAY STUB)

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY | FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: 403-528-9900 | WWW.MHSANTAFUND.COM



CAUGHT BEING GOOD

Staff are on the lookout for students that are doing a good job of listening, being a friend, trying hard or going above and beyond. Students will receive a small certificate and get to enter their name into a draw. We will draw a name from each grade every two weeks. All the names then go back into the draw boxes for larger draws at the end of the year.

We would like to thank Doc Braces, Medicine Hat, for sponsoring this program again this year. It's with their generous donations, that we are able to give out the prizes we do.



Congratulations to our
November winners:
Merrick JK, Claire K,
Shannon IA, Wrightkin 2B
and Lucas 3C



TOONIE TREAT TUESDAY

For just a toonie, your child can enjoy a treat prepared by our volunteers. Funds raised help school council support our school in many ways. Past initiatives have been iPads, holiday meals, crazy carpets and helping I.F. Cox families in need.



Here are your payment options:

1. Buy sheets online or at the office: 10 coupons for \$20.00 to use as you please.
2. Have your child bring a toonie on Tuesdays.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

We are so excited to be hosting our first Christmas concert since 2019!! There will be two performances on December 8th. The afternoon performance, at 1:00 pm, will occur in the gym at I.F. Cox School. Kindergarten students that only attend school in the morning are invited to return to the school for 12:30 if they want to be in the afternoon show. The evening show will be at 6:00pm and will be located in the theatre at the Medicine Hat College. We would like all students to attend the evening performance, if possible. Children can arrive at 5:30 and go to their assigned room. If your child will not be attending the evening performance, please make sure their teacher is aware. We will be accepting cash donations at the door to help cover the cost of the theatre rental. Any excess funds will be donated to the Medicine Hat Food Bank. Tickets for the afternoon performance were sent home Monday, Dec. 5 and tickets for the evening show will be sent home on Tuesday, Dec. 6.



MILK TICKET SHEETS FOR SALE

1 sheet of 10 milk tickets = \$10



Purchase these at the school office or through School Cash online.
Students can also just bring a loonie on the day they want milk.

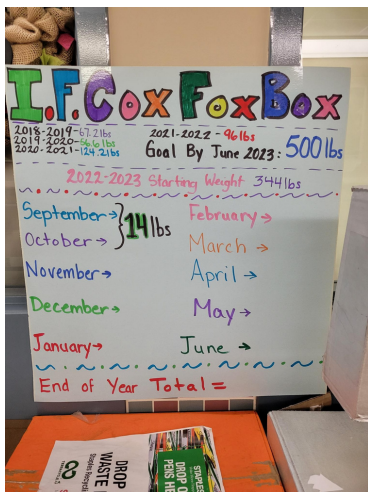
White milk Monday-Thursday
Chocolate milk on Friday only

WE ARE COLLECTING CAN TABS

2B is collecting can tabs again this year. They will be donating the money from the recycling of the aluminum tabs, to the SPCA. Please remove your can tabs and bring them in to help contribute to the collection.



WE ARE ALSO COLLECTING OLD BATTERIES AND WRITING INSTRUMENTS



Every month we weigh our Fox Box and Ms. Martin delivers the materials to Staples where they collect and send them to be recycled into items such as benches, flower pots and picnic tables. We have attached a list of items that can be recycled and would love your help in reaching our goal. If you have any items to recycle, please send them with your child to the school. This group of grade three students set a goal when they were in grade one to collect 500 pounds of recyclables by the time they completed grade three. Currently, the total is 358 pounds. Please help them reach their goal!!

We have also partnered with a teacher in Medicine Hat who will be collecting dead batteries. There is a collection box in Ms. Martin's room.

Thank you so much for your support in helping us create a cleaner environment!



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

CLASSES RESUME ON MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 2023



1
MEAT AND
CHEESE PLATE

2
MAC & CHEESE
& CHICKEN
NUGGETS

5
BREAKFAST
WRAP

6
CREAM OF
CHICKEN SOUP

7
ASSORTED SUB

8
MEAT & CHEESE
PLATTER

9
CHICKEN
ALFREDO

SKATING 2A/C

"ELF" PLAY AT
THE ESPLANADE
(1A/B/C, 3C/D)

SKATING 3A/B
CHRISTMAS
CONCERT
1:00 AND 6:00

"ELF" PLAY AT
THE ESPLANADE
(2A/B/C/D, 3A/B)

12
TACO WRAP

13
TOMATO
MACARONI
SOUP

14
CLUB SUB

15
TUNA PLATE

16
PANCAKES &
SAUSAGE

SKATING 2C/D

SKATING 1A/C

19
PIZZA WRAP

20
CHILLI

21
ASSORTED
SUB

22
TURKEY LUNCH

23
HOT DOGS

CHANNEL YOUR
FLANNEL

SKATING 2B/D
FESTIVE
HAT/SOCKS

HOLIDAY
SWEATER

FORMAL DRESS

PJ
DAY



2:00 DISMISSAL