

# Khowhemun Elementary School

We are grateful to be learning together on the traditional and unceded territory of the Coast Salish People.



### Happy Holidays

Khowhemun's staff would like to wish students and their families a happy holiday and all the best in 2024. We extend our gratitude to you for your endless support and for sharing your children with us each day. The last day of classes is Friday, December 22nd, 2023. Khowhemun will reopen on Monday, January 8th, 2024. Have a safe, relaxing and cheerful holiday!

#### Winter Spectacular - December 20th



Please join us on Wednesday, December 20th, at 12:30 pm or 6:00 pm for a celebration of the season. This year Khowhemun is welcoming the return of the winter performance. Students in Divisions 4, 6-16, and some intermediate students will be putting on a short "Winter Spectacular" for families to enjoy. Preparations and rehearsals are underway. On the evening of the performance, please have your child in his or her classroom at 5:45 pm. All students will be participating in the finale at the end, and can be picked up from classrooms afterwards. We look forward to seeing the Khowhemun Elementary School community at the performances.



#### Winter Luncheon

Khowhemun's annual winter luncheon will be hosted on Wednesday, December 13th. During the winter luncheon, the classrooms turn into festive settings and students and staff come together to enjoy a delicious turkey lunch together. Once again, we extend a huge thank you to Nourish Cowichan and the volunteers who prepare and provide the meal for Khowhemun. We also thank Khowhemun's Indigenous Education Department and the staff for helping in to make this day a huge success.

# UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS:

Monday to Friday
Dec. 11-15
Winter Market

Tuesday, Dec. 12 Christmas Sweaters and Festive Wear

Wednesday, Dec. 13
Winter Luncheon

Thursday, Dec. 14
PAC Winter
Raffle Draw

Tuesday, Dec. 19 Festive Headwear

Wednesday, Dec. 20 Winter Spectacular 12:30 pm & 6:00 pm

Thursday, Dec. 21 Pajama Day

Friday, Dec. 22 Last day of classes before winter vacation

> Dec. 25 - Jan. 5 Winter Break

Monday, Jan. 8 Schools reopen

#### **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2023**



#### Family Groups

This month's theme for our family group work is "Share what you have." This topic will be explored while our school families worked together to create winter decorations to display around the school. Next time you visit the school, check out the work that has been done. The theme of "share what you have" will be a topic that is explored throughout the month of December in our classes and assemblies too.

#### Inclement Weather Information

In the event of inclement weather and a school closure, information will be posted to our school Facebook site, communicated through e-mail, and shared through Cowichan Valley School District platforms. Local radio stations and broadcasters including The Q! (100.3 FM), SUN-FM (89.7), CBC (90.5 FM) and TV stations, CTV Vancouver Island, Global BC, and CHEK News will also be informed. Student safety is always the first priority.

#### **Annual Door Decorating Challenge**

This year's door decorating challenge begins next week. The theme is "Snow Much Fun." Khowhemun students and staff enjoy this friendly competition every year. Staff and students are beginning to create festive representations of the theme, adding Christmas spirit to the halls of Khowhemun. Judging takes place later next week and a new class will have the honour of being Door Decorating Champions. Stay tuned for pictures of the decorated doors.

#### **PAC Update**

Our first PAC fundraiser of the year the annual Holiday Gift Card Raffle is under way! Tickets will have come home with your children this week. We do want to remind you that ALL tickets, both sold and unsold, must be returned by Monday, December 11th so they can all be counted and accounted for. We will hold the draw and announce the winner on December 14th. Best of luck on being 1 of 4 lucky winners!

We want to welcome you to attend the next PAC meeting on January 26th at 6pm in the Library.

PAC meetings are open to ALL parents and guardians. We have been happy and excited to see some new faces at some of the first meetings of the year, and hope to see more in future meetings in the new year.

We hope to encourage you to follow us on Facebook for upcoming events and updates. Easily found on Facebook by searching Khowhemun School PAC.

Have a safe and happy holidays!

~ Khowhemun Elementary PAC.











# Friendly Reminders!



## Winter weather is here.

Please send your child with warm clothing for outside free time. We go outside in all weather!



## Time to check inside shoes!

Please check to see if your child has appropriate footwear at school for indoor use.



#### **Lost and Found!**

Please take a moment to check the lost and found for any missing clothing or belongings.