

# Hans Helgesen Elementary Newsletter

December 3rd

**Moon: SIS,ET - The Elder Moon**

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## Winter Concert

What an incredible day it was on Friday with two performances of our winter concert, "When Scrooge Met Greta". A full house audience enjoyed both shows. Thanks to all the students for their hard work, whether performing, helping with staging, or greeting families. Thanks to the families for coming out to support the event. Thank you to Chief Russ Chipps for welcoming us all to Scia'new Nation territory. And finally, a big thank you to our music/drama teacher David Epp for all the creative energy and patience that went into organizing, writing and planning the winter concert.

## Goldstream Food Bank Donations

This year we will be participating in the Christmas Hampers for the Goldstream Food Bank. The school will be taking non-perishable items until Monday, December 16th. Students can take them directly to class. Here are some ideas:

- Pasta and sauces
- Canned meats or meat alternatives
- Canned
  - beans, soups and stews
  - Milk or powdered
  - Vegetables
  - Fruit
- Whole grain cereals
- Cookies and crackers
- Jam, honey, syrup
- Infant foods
- Bathroom tissue and diapers
- Personal hygiene products



## Seasonal Store

For information about the Seasonal store, please look at this link:

<http://hanshelgesen.web.sd62.bc.ca/2019/12/02/pacs-seasonal-gift-store/>

## Pancake Breakfast & PJ Day

On December 16th will be the annual Pancake Breakfast. Don't forget to wear your pyjamas!

## Author Visit

We were honoured to have this year's TD Grade One Book Giveaway author, **Monique Gray Smith**, share her book, ***My Heart Fills With Happiness*** with our K's and 1's. The book, in English and Plains Cree, inspires the reader to connect to moments that are shared and those in our own lives. The K's and One's were eager to share what fills their hearts ("cuddling with my parents", "going to the beach", playing with my cousins"...). The students were surprised to hear how many years it takes for a book to be published. Thank you, Monique!



## Winter Weather

As true West Coasters, we will be outside in all types of weather. Please ensure your child is wearing Sooke weather appropriate clothing (boots, rain coats or winter jackets, hats, mittens/gloves) to ensure they are comfortable in the elements.

With the possibility of snow this Winter, please take a look at our weather procedures. Schools remain open if at all possible, including during snowfalls. It is ALWAYS up to the parent to decide whether or not to send their child to school during inclement weather.

## [Weather-Related Closures & Cancellations](#)

For instant updates and information posts, please follow us on social media:

- Facebook: [School District #62](#)
- Twitter: [@SD62\\_Sooke](#)

We will also post to the SD62 Website: <http://www.sd62.bc.ca/>

## Upcoming Events

**Dec.16** - Pancake and Pajama Day

**Dec.21-Jan.5** - Winter Break

**Jan.6** - School reopens

With respect and friendship,

**Cathy and Jon**