



## Parent Memo

### November 22 to December 22

**Thank you for supporting our Students!** Recently, our school has hosted both a Diwali celebration assembly and solemn Remembrance Day ceremony. At both events, our parent turn out was amazing. We even had to scramble last minute to put out extra chairs as more parents attended than last year! Thank you to all parents and caregivers who came out to support the students and participate in either/both gatherings. It is so wonderful to see parents celebrating their children's hard work. When parents are committed to attending these events, it raises the bar set for performance excellence and we have all the more wonderful opportunity to celebrate learning together. We appreciate you, our parents as educational partners.

**The Virtue of the Month for December is: Generosity!** Each month, our school celebrates a different virtue. We learn about them in class, showcase examples around our school, and honor some students who reflect these virtues at our student of the month assemblies. For the month of December, the virtue is generosity. One of the ways our school is going to explore this virtue is by hosting a King Traditional Food Drive! For most of December, we are hoping to collect as much food as possible to donate to the Abbotsford Food bank in support of those who might need a little extra support during the holiday. Students can bring in as many food donations as they want and place them in the hallway on their house tables. To raise the stakes, each of our 4 house teams will be competing to see which school house can bring in the greatest donations. Points will be award for Non-perishable items (food that does not need to go in the fridge or will not go bad such as canned or dry items). The team with the most items wins house points for their team and will be that much closer to winning the House CUP at the end of the year! We will be sending home a separate letter with suggestions of items to donate soon! Thank you in advance for supporting families in our local community.

**It's almost time for Report Cards!** This year, report cards have undertaken a whole new look as the district embraces a change in reporting platform and process. They even have a new name! Moving forward, schools across the province will be calling our report cards 'Learning Updates' in term 1 and 2 and 'Summary of learning' in term 3. Our hope is that parents will find the new reports clearer in their ability to communicate student progress and understanding. In the





Abbotsford School District, the first term 'learning update' (report card) will be going home December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**A note on dropping off students:** At the beginning of the year we sent out a brief document that outlines our expectations around student drop off. It contained a map of our school, and explained how drop off works at each of the various locations around our campus. Today we would like to highlight the **Bus Lanes**. Please remember that vehicles should **not** be entering our bus lanes. These lanes are for Bus use only, and vehicles should not be entering them to drop students off, **even once the buses leave**. This is because many students and their parents utilize the crosswalk that crosses our bus lanes, and we do not have a crossing guard to watch this location. The safety of our students and parents should take priority over convenience, and everyone is safest when they do not need to worry about parents entering the bus lanes and driving through this crosswalk.

Most of our families understand not to enter this area for safety reasons, but sometimes friends and extended family such as grandparents drop students off who may not understand these rules. If you are having someone drop your child off other than yourself, please take a moment to remind them not to enter the bus lanes, and explain how best to safely drop your child off at school. A reminder that we do have a wonderful, safe drop off lane located on the other side of our building. This drop off lane is much less busy, has a proper sidewalk, and does not require anyone to cross a busy road. Please consider using this side of our campus to drop students off at rather than parking near the busses (which is off our property and at times can be very busy!). Thank you for considering this suggestion and for helping to keep all of our children as safe as possible. The drop off lanes by the parent parking lot are available to all families, regardless of grade, and are supervised by one of our staff members each day.

**It is starting to get a little cold out there!** As the weather changes, so too does the need to dress for it. It won't be long before the frost, cold wind, and maybe even snow find their way onto our campus. When this happens, please take a few extra moments in the morning to make sure your children are dressed for success! When students are dressed to stay dry and warm, their days are much more comfortable and enjoyable. Weather appropriate coats, gloves, hats, and especially footwear are important to keep in mind. No one likes to sit in class with soggy socks! Thank you for helping to ensure your child stays comfortable and ready to learn while with us at King Traditional.

**Purdy's Fundraiser:** Just a reminder, the King Traditional PAC is doing a Christmas Purdy's Chocolates fundraiser this year. A link to ordering has been emailed out, but can also be found below. A portion of all sales (25%) comes back to our school and directly pays for extra/special opportunities for our students such as rollerblading lessons, rock climbing, and of course our





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Bhangra instructor! If you place your order by December 3rd, the chocolates will arrive on December 16th which is great timing for Christmas events and gifts. The link can be found here: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1804789-111870>

**King Traditional Christmas Concert** It is that time of year again! Now that Diwali and Remembrance Day are behind us, the students and staff at King Elementary are hard at work preparing for our Christmas Concert. This year, our Christmas Concert will take place on **December 7<sup>th</sup>**. There will be an **afternoon show** (starting at 1pm) and an **evening show** (starting at 6:30pm) so that we can offer enough seats for everyone interested in attending. Tickets are completely FREE and will be available Monday online. Keep your eyes open for a separate email both on concert details, and ticket ordering.

Please begin to think about which show you may wish to attend! As was the case last year, we want to make sure that ticket distribution is as fair to our families as possible. After all, our gym can only hold 350 seats. To help us with ticket distribution, families will be soon invited to log into 'schoolcashionline' to claim 2 tickets for either the afternoon show (1pm) or the evening show (6:30pm). This initial limit of 2 tickets per family is just our way of making sure everyone had an opportunity to attend who wants to. On Friday at the end of the week, all left over tickets will be offered up to those families who would like to have more on a first come first serve basis (again using schoolcashionline). When all tickets are claimed, the given show will be sold out as seats are limited. Last year our evening show sold out. We can not go over our max capacity as this is a safety thing!

In the days just before the concert, all tickets requested will be physically sent home with students so that you can present them at the gym door. Again, more information will be shared on Monday about the concert and ticket ordering. We just wanted to share this information ahead of time so that families can begin to think about attending one of our two show options.

**Regarding student participation in the Christmas concerts:** The Christmas concert is a very important event and we would appreciate if all the students involved were committed to participating in both the afternoon and evening performances. The students and staff work hard on their pieces, and committing to showing up for both concerts ensures the classes are successful. We recognize that dropping students off to perform for the evening show requires time and flexibility, but students will be in the good hands of their teachers, and be learning the importance of working together as a team.

**Coming up in the next few weeks:**





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**November 22:** Volleyball (away game) at MEI after school

**November 24:** PAC hot lunch day, also No Uni for a Toonie Fundraiser

**November 27:** Tickets available on schoolcashonline for Christmas Concert (2 per family to start)

**November 29:** Volleyball (away game) at Dave Kandal

**December 1:** Ticket limits removed on schoolcashonline, extra tickets available all weekend for those who need them (as quantities last).

**December 1:** Student of the Month Assembly at 9am

**December 4:** December PAC meeting, 6:00 in our Library.

**December 7:** Christmas concerts today (1pm and 6:30pm)

**December 8:** Term 1 report cards (now called learning updates) go home today, also Hot Lunch Day!

**December 14:** Intermediates go on field trip to Burnaby Village

**December 15:** Grade 5 fundraiser: Bakesale

**December 22:** Last day of school before Christmas Break (2 weeks). Also Christmas Themed dress up day! Wear Red, White, Green and Black.

**January 8:** School reopens after Christmas Break

**January 17:** New Parent Information Night (For new parents interested in registering for King in Kindergarten next year)

