

DREAMS PROGRAM

With the cooperation of the Redcliff FCSS, and the Youth Centre, we were able to offer the "Take the Time" program to the grade five through eight students. This support and that of the forty parent and community volunteers allowed our students to reflect on their and others actions and hopefully gave them the will and skills to reduce bullying.

The community support has been further shown by the business response to the grade 4-9 R U ABOVE IT? campaign. I would like to thank the ABC Restaurant, Broadway Beauty and Tanning, CIBC, Cocoa Bean, Convenience Store and Sandwich Junction, Home Hardware, Pharmasave, Pizza Palace, Redcliff Bakery, Redcliff Food Fair, Sizzling House Restaurant, Tangles, Trukker's Restaurant, Tim Hortons and Video Vault for their support of our weekly and monthly draws. This continued support allows us to recognize and reinforce the good choices of our students.

Many students do not access supports they need for mental health related issues. The DREAMS Team is here to support and improve mental health in children and youth in the community of Redcliff. Please contact us if you have any questions, concerns or are in need of support. 403-502-1878.

Bob Wickens

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our annual bottle drive will run from Dec 1-3. The truck will be parked at school. Please do not send your bottles with children on the bus. If you're not able to bring in your bottles, call Noreen 548-6157 for pick up, or drop off at Shamrock Bottle Depot on Altawana and say it's for IF Cox Parent Council. If we raise \$500 the whole staff will dye their hair, \$1000 the whole school gets a movie and popcorn afternoon, \$1500 and we will have a concert put on by Hannah Montana (or a facsimile thereof).

Watch for our 'Tree of Hope', You can just take a tag for certain gender/age child and drop off unwrapped toy under tree. All donations must be made by Dec 11.

LIBRARY CORNER

Well, I have done it. The Christmas books started going on the shelves last week and they are flying home. I have also been talking about writing notes to Santa. In case you didn't know you can mail them free of charge to the North Pole XOX OXO and you will get a reply. I am going to start a book club soon. I am putting up posters and will be having an information meeting this Wednesday, Dec 2nd during the noon hour to see how many are interested and how they would like to organize it. I will keep you posted.

Frances Barnes



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

December is always an exciting month for anyone who spends time with young children. They are all anxiously awaiting the holidays and all of the customs and traditions that their families celebrate.

At the school we also have many activities planned. Many classrooms are writing letters to Santa and preparing wreaths to give to community businesses. The Mennonite families will have a special Christmas program on December 4th. Our school will be singing carols in Veterans Park on the 11th.

December 15th will be our family evening and our traditional Christmas dinner will be held at noon on December 17th. We will end this year on the 18th with a special pajama day. Notes will be sent home for these events with further information.

We hope to see you at many of these events and wish you a joyful Christmas with your family.

Melissa Gogolinski

THANKS

A special thanks to everyone who helped with our moves. Some of you just offered a hand, or opened a door when you saw help was needed. We appreciate these small acts of kindness. Other parents, without being asked, worked tirelessly to help move items from one end of the school to the other. To you we are deeply grateful. It is so nice to know that help is available when needed.

COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMS

Holiday Stress - Doing More with Less

Wednesday, December 9, 1 - 3 pm

Redcliff Library

No Charge

Holidays can be very stressful at the best of times, but if you're dealing with job loss, family breakup or bereavement, it's even more difficult. There will be discussion on grief and loss; "wants and wishes" vs "needs"; the pitfalls of credit--learn to bring back the joy of the holidays.

Autism - The Musical

Wednesday, December 9, 7 - 9 pm

Redcliff Library

This DVD follows five children with autism, their parents, and the extraordinary acting coach Elaine Hall as they improbably and heroically mount a full-length original stage production. Through trial and error, tears and laughter, these incredible families learn to communicate their feelings in song and performance, finding solace and joy in the act of creating. Discussion to follow.

Please call Community Services at 403-548-3232 by December 4 to register for these free sessions.

Olympic Torch Relay

January 16

6 pm

Broadway Avenue, Redcliff

Come out to cheer on the runners as they bring to Olympic Torch to Redcliff!!

PARKING AND ENTRANCES

All of children (except JK) are now in the classrooms they will be in for the rest of the year. It is a bit confusing for everyone right now, but we hope to have all of our new routines well established in the next few weeks.

Our main office is now located at the North West side of the school on 3rd Street. This will also be the main entrance for Junior Kindergarten students. Our secretary, Mrs. Pegg has her desk by this door. As the cold weather begins, each time these doors open, she will feel the cold. We ask that all students in K-3 do not use these doors unless they are arriving late or being picked up early by parents. Also, please do not allow your children to push the handicapped buttons, unless it is necessary for wheelchairs or full hands. This will help keep Mrs. Pegg as warm as possible.

Now that the north east entrances are being used by grade 1-3 students, parents who are picking up their children may want to park along 3rd avenue or the north end of 4th street. There is an opening in the fence at the north east corner and it might be a shorter walk. Also, it will keep children and vehicles clear of the bus zone. Kindergarten parents may want to park along 4th avenue at the south of the school. If you have difficulty with directions, and need help deciding where to park, or which entrance to use, please call the school and we'll do our best to help.