



# Sedley School

Kindergarten – Grade Eight

*“A Community Learning Together”*

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Principal: Ms. Sarah Kennedy

## December 2011

**Tuesday, December 20** – Christmas Concert 7:00 pm

**Tuesday, December 20** – Kindergarten’s last day of classes before Christmas Holidays

**Wednesday, December 21** – Grades 1 – 8 last day of classes before Christmas Holidays

**Wednesday, December 21** – Pyjama Day

**Thursday, January 5, 2012** – Classes Resume



### Attendance

All students must be accounted for by a parent/guardian phone call, note, or email. An unexplained absence by a parent/guardian will result in a phone call home from the school.

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**Sedley School is a “Nut Management” School** We kindly ask all students, staff and visitors to refrain from bringing items that contain “nut” products, may contain “traces of nuts,” or items made in a facility where “nuts are processed”, into the Sedley School. Thank you for your cooperation!

Please advise the classroom teacher if you are bringing any classroom treats to the school for special occasions.



### Head Lice

Please continue to check for nits or head lice regularly. If your child is infected, the school should be notified. Remind children not to share combs, hats, or any head gear of any sort. Any further questions can be directed to the Public Health Nurse, Louisa Eastuke @ 766-7517.



## Principal's Message

Welcome December!

I can't believe that November is now behind us! It was a very eventful month here at Sedley School. Our students and staff members were all hard at work. Our report cards were sent home on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of November. They provide a summary of your child's learning progress for the first term of the school year. Then, we held three-way conferences on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Each teacher helped their students prepare for conferences where they can share their achievements and challenges from the first term. Many students also identified their own academic and behaviour goals and set plans to help them achieve their goals. The conferences were very successful. We had a very high parent turnout. Thank you to parents, students and staff for making them such a success. We will be holding conferences again at the beginning of April. However, please feel free to contact your child's teacher at any time during the school year if you have questions or concerns.

The arrival of December is bringing some festive sounds and sparkle to our hallways and classrooms. Our Christmas Concert will be held on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The students have just begun preparing for this exciting evening. Our students will be presenting a Christmas musical called *Survival Santa*. In this production, Santa has a big problem. He finds that he is over his Christmas budget by one million dollars. The only way that he thinks he can solve his problem is to win the money by becoming a contestant on *Survivor*. Will he be successful? You will have to join us on December 20<sup>th</sup> to find out! The evening will also feature our band students playing some holiday selections. We are sure that it will be a joyful evening.

Finally, I would like to officially welcome Charity Ziegler to her position as half time Educational Assistant. Charity has been filling this role on a substitute basis since October. We are pleased that she will be able to continue in this role on a more permanent basis.

Happy Holidays and Happy Shopping!

Sarah Kennedy



## Library News

To make reading a part of your holiday traditions, try some of these fun literacy activities:

- Encourage your child to create bookmarks to enclose in a gift book or to mark the place in your own book where you leave off during read-aloud time.
- Ask your child to help with holiday shopping. Have him or her write out the list and then read the items aloud as you peruse the aisles together.
- Give your child a companion book to traditional holiday gifts, such as a book on juggling and several brightly coloured balls; a book about fossils and a bag of plaster of Paris, or a book about stamp collections and a stamp album.
- When it is time for holiday baking, ask your child to read the directions aloud to you. While the cookies are in the oven, read a short book together.
- Help your child make his or her own holiday gifts for family and friends by following the directions in a how-to-book.
- Ask your child to help you write out gift nametags. Use extra large gift tags for tiny hands!
- Encourage your child to volunteer to read to residents in a local retirement home or hospital or to a neighbour's child or young relative.
- Give a bookstore gift certificate as a holiday present so your child can select a new book on his or her own. Read the book together.
- Visit the library and pick out some holiday favourite for festive family reading all season long.
- Play board games, card games and such – many of these include both literacy and numeracy skills.
- Listen to music and sing songs.
- Borrow an audio book from the library to listen to during holiday road trips.
- Have a safe and happy holiday season!

**Thank you families and students for the tremendous support for our school Book Fair! The funds raised allow us to buy many new resources for our library!**

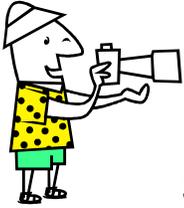
Tracy Aulie,  
Itinerant Teacher Librarian



## **Sedley School Website**

Please check the school website regularly. It is a great source of information.

[www.pvsd.ca/school/sedley](http://www.pvsd.ca/school/sedley)



## **School Photos**

The retake proofs have been sent away, and should be back in approximately three weeks.



## **Christmas Concert**

Sedley School's annual Christmas Concert will be on Tuesday, December 20 at 7:00 pm in the Sedley School Gymnasium. Please come and join us for a wonderful evening and a great performance of "Survival Santa."



## **Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences**

Thank you to all parents and guardians for your attendance at the Parent/Student/Conferences on November 22 and 23. If you were unable to attend and would like to meet with the teacher, please phone the school and make appropriate arrangements.



## **Book Fair "Reading Is Out of This World!"**

Thank you to everyone for another successful book fair, Sedley School will receive approximately \$1,152 of free resources for the Sedley School Library.



## **Flu Prevention**

Suggestions from the following website: [www.publichealth.gc.ca](http://www.publichealth.gc.ca)

You can play an active role in staying healthy and preventing the spread of the flu virus. Follow these simple steps:

### **Wash your hands frequently**

Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds to help remove bacteria and viruses. Wash before and after eating, after you have been in a public place, after using the washroom, after coughing and sneezing and after touching surfaces that may have been contaminated. An alcohol-based hand sanitizer is also effective in killing viruses.

### **Keep your hands away from your face**

In most cases, the flu virus enters the body through the eyes, nose or mouth.

### **Cough and sneeze into your arm, not your hand**

If you use a tissue, dispose of it as soon as possible and wash your hands.

### **Keep common surface areas clean and disinfected**

Doorknobs, light switches, telephones, keyboards and other surfaces can become contaminated with all kinds of bacteria and viruses. Regular cleaning and disinfecting of these surfaces with normal household disinfectants can help. Viruses can live on hard surfaces for up to 48 hours.

### **If you get sick, stay home**

If you think you have the flu, you should stay home from school or work until your symptoms are gone. If your symptoms get worse, call your health care provider.



## **STOP -- LOOK -- SEE**

### **“SHARING THE ROAD WITH SCHOOL BUSES”**

In cities, towns and villages bus drivers are required to activate their red flashing lamps and extend the “STOP” arm when loading or unloading children; except where a bylaw by that community prohibits their use. When approaching a school bus, begin to slow down as soon as the flashing red stop lamps come on, so the bus driver can see that you are going to stop. If you are behind the bus you may not pass once the flashing lights are activated. If you are approaching the bus from the opposite direction and you are too close to stop you may pass the bus if you do so before the stop arm is extended. Once the stop arm is out you must stop. The single greatest threat to the safety of children who ride school buses is motorists who pass the bus when children are loading or unloading.

When approaching a bus that has its stop arm out and its flashing lights activated, as a driver:

- You must stop no closer than 5 m. (15 ft.) from the front or back of the bus;
- You must not advance your vehicle until the bus driver turns off the flashing red stop lamps and deactivated the stop arm; and
- Before moving, check to see that all children have safely crossed the roadway.

Passing a school bus with flashing lights is a serious offense and will result in a minimum fine of \$360.

NOTE: Drivers do not have to stop for a school bus if you are travelling in the opposite direction on a divided highway; also, you are not required to stop for buses displaying the four-way hazard lamps.