



# THE PRO-ACTIVE POST

## January, 2012



GEORGE DAVISON – "A 7 Habits School" - Developing highly effective people.



### Christmas Concerts - Two Nights of Fun!

All grades in the school performed in Christmas Concerts on Tuesday, December 20 or Wednesday, December 21.

After much practice the final dress rehearsal for Wednesday's concert was held that afternoon. Picture above, the audience of students and some parents, enjoy the show. Pictured far right, students from Mrs. Bradbury's Grade 5 class and Mrs. Robinson's Grade 5/6 class enact the Santa Court. The jolly Santa hats were sported by Mrs. Crawford's and Mrs. Nichol's Grade 1/2 class as they sang 'Jingle School Bells'.



A big thank you to all parents and families who came out to see the concerts, to all students who performed so beautifully, the staff, and to Mrs. Cote for her wonderful piano accompaniment.



### Santa Paws Fundraiser 2011 was Another Huge Success!

As of December 21, 2011, the students of George Davison School raised over \$1400 with the Santa Paws campaign. \$500 was donated to Save Old Souls (S.O.S.) and almost \$900 was given to the S.P.C.A. This money will be used to sponsor kennels in George Davison School's name. Remaining funds collected will be donated to Persian Dreams cat rescue. Thank you to all students and families who donated \$1 to buy a paw. Pictured to the right: Daryl-Anne Walker and William Baird present a cheque to a delighted Mrs. Stegen, S.P.C.A. volunteer, on Wednesday, December 21, 2011.

Mrs. Sadownik

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**Council Corner**  
Happy New Year to the families, staff, and students of George Davison School. There was no School Council meeting in December. We will be looking for some great ideas for the staff appreciation this year and would welcome more people to the next meeting to plan and help with this project. If you can't attend the meeting please send your ideas to the school and they can be placed in the School Council mailbox.  
  
Thanks to all the volunteers that have dedicated their time this school year already; what you do is appreciated!!  
We hope to see you at the meeting on Monday, January 23, 2012 at 7:15p.m.  
  
School Council Co-Chairs  
Nikki Grunwald and Treva Heron

**An Alpaca for Christmas**

The Grade 3/4 classes at George Davison School are studying, or will be studying, the country of Peru as part of the Grade 3 Social Studies curriculum. For Christmas, the students purchased an alpaca for a family in the Andes Mountains of Peru. The students raised \$350 which covered the cost of the alpaca. Thanks again to those classes who participated in this fundraiser and made spreading Christmas cheer possible.  
Pictured above Paige Alexander and Kieran Croucher from Mrs. Spruyt's Grade 3/4 class with the donation tin and poster.  
Mrs. Spruyt, Mrs. Sadownik, Mrs. McDougall, Mr. Ziel, Mrs. Steiner, Miss Leffler.

**Library News**

Welcome back to all of our students and families and best wishes for the New Year! I hope you found some great reading over the holidays. I enjoyed a few books during the break and am very excited to get reading with our students this term.

The following excerpt is taken from the January 2012 newsletter of Alberta Health Services regarding Family Literacy Day:

**Celebrate Family Literacy Day January 27**

*On Family Literacy Day Canadian families are invited to spend at least 15 minutes a day reading and learning. This could be reading a storybook together, playing word games, singing, writing to family or friends, or assisting with writing out simple things like a grocery list.*

*Reading aloud helps children learn listening, vocabulary and language skills, as well as developing their imagination and creativity. Time spent reading together increases a child's reading skills, increases their sense of security and gives them a sense of being worthwhile.*

*To encourage a lifelong reader parents should read to their child daily, have lots of books around, and let your child see you reading.*

*For more activities families can do to make learning a part of daily life go to [www.FamilyLiteracyDay.ca](http://www.FamilyLiteracyDay.ca).*

We will be doing our part at school that day by offering a wide selection of books which students may borrow for reading aloud at home. As well, please check the Medicine Hat Public Library website for activities taking place on this day. The address is [www.mhpl.info](http://www.mhpl.info).

The MS Read-a-thon, to support the Multiple Sclerosis Society, will be taking place in our school. Please watch for details from your classroom teacher.  
Happy Reading! Mrs. Rogers



**Smiling Graffiti Artists!**

Students in Ms. Hoffarth/Storlien's Grade 5 class created a Social Studies Graffiti Wall. The students pictured above are, from the top left, clockwise: Caitlin Newton, Hunter Patrick, Chance Davis, Tina Nguyen and Jayla D'Amour.

**Grade 6 Volleyball Tournament**

Grade Six students took part in the volleyball tournament hosted at George Davison School on Saturday, November 26, 2011. There were enough players present for two teams to participate. Thank you to Dr. Hauserman for coaching one of the teams. The Grade Six students had a blast and had particular fun with the 'anything goes' rules. It was great to see such teamwork!

Pictured to the right, back row L-R, Marina Wang, Zach Hammerschmid, Aiden Miller, Tasha McGraw, Mrs. Robinson. Front row L-R, Madison Claypool, Melanie Fisher, Tyler Paull, Lauren Miner.

Thank you to parents who came out and cheered on the teams.

Mrs. Robinson.



**Patroller News**

The December patrollers did an excellent job helping students and families cross the snowy street safely. The cold weather finally arrived and it was important for the patrol students to dress accordingly. Congratulations to Zachery Hammerschmid for being recognized as December's Patroller of the Month. Zachery arrives on time and is willing to fill in if someone is away for the day. Zachery indicated being a patroller is fun and he enjoys helping other people. Keep up the good work Zachery, and the George Davison School Patrol Team! Mr. Edwards and Mrs. Lamarche.

**January Schedule:**

**January 9-13:**

Chantel Chartier  
Kara Robinson  
Sara Hinkley  
Alyssa Johansen

**January 16 – 19:**

Josh Gooding  
Kinley Brown  
Chance Davis  
Tina Nguyen

**Ski trip days:**

**Jan. 18:** Gooding, Kinley Brown,  
Dane Weiss, Keana Shearer  
**Jan. 19:** Chance Davis, Tina Nguyen,  
Koby Page, Kortlyn Suberlak

**January 23 – 27:**

Dakoda Eddy  
Colwyn Evans  
Sandy Yim  
Micheala Dietz

**Jan. 30 – Feb. 3**

Kya Trekofski  
Jayla D'Amour  
Reese Gill  
Kyle Giesbrecht

**Lunch Time Events 12:20 - 12:45p.m. (or at time listed)**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Intramurals	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grades 5/6	Grade 1	Grade 2
Choir	Grades 1/2				
Library Club				Grades 4-6 Library	
Scrapbook Club			Grades 3/4 Room 3		
PAL Action Team				Grades 5/6 Library	
Chess Club 11:55a.m.-12:45p.m.	Grades 4-6 Room 11				
Choir Practice 3:15 - 4:00p.m.		Grades 3/4			Grades 5/6

**Skating Sessions**

All classes will be skating during January and February. Details of this month's sessions are on the calendar on page 4. For all dates and times go to the Calendar link on the school web site - see next page for the web address.

# January 2012

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<b>Upcoming Events:</b> February 3 - Special Food Day February 10 - Hot dog Day February 14 - Valentine's Day parties p.m. February 17 - P.D. Day - No School.		February 20 - 24 No School February 27 - School Council Meeting 7:15p.m.		Skating sessions are all at Kin 2. Time A - 9:00 to 10:30a.m. Time B - 10:30 to 12:00noon.		
1	<b>George Davison School Ski Trips 2012 to Hidden Valley, Elkwater</b> On Wednesday, January 18, 2012, the following classes will be skiing or boarding: Lamarche, Van Ham, Hoffarth, McDougall, Sadownik, Leffler. On Thursday, January 19, the following classes will be skiing or boarding: Robinson, Bradbury, Steiner, Spruyt, Ziel. Information has already been sent home for students in these classes to sign up for their day.					7
8	9 Classes Resume.	10 Skating A - BRA, LAM. B - NIC, MOO.	11	12	13 Special Food Day - theme 'Wacky Hair' Day.	14
15	16	17	18 Ski Trip VAN, LAM, HOF, MCD, SAD, LEF.	19 Ski Trip ROB, BRA, STE, SPR, ZIE. Hot dog money due.	20 P. D. Day - No School.	21
22	23 School Council Mtg. 7:15p.m. Library	24 Skating A - ADB, WAI. B - WEI, STA, PED.	25 Skating A - ROB, HOF, VAN.	26	27 Hot Dog Day. Money and form due for Feb. Sp. Food.	28
29	30	31 Skating A - STE, ZIE, SPR. B - WEI, STA, PED.	For details of skating times and classes and other upcoming events in February see the Calendar link on the George Davison School website. <a href="http://www.georgedavison.ca/Calendar.php">http://www.georgedavison.ca/Calendar.php</a>			

February 20 - 24 No School: Family Day and Teachers' Convention Week