

# Skwo:wech Newsletter

From the Office of  
Skwo:wech Elementary

December 13 - 17



January Fuel Up!  
menu coming soon!

Order by noon  
Sunday, January 2  
for our first day back  
at school!

## *Skwo:wech's Holiday Food Drive*

**Monday & Tuesday are the final days!**  
**Thank you everyone for your contributions throughout the 10 Days of Giving!**

**Report Cards are now available on MyEdBC!**  
For information about how to log in, please refer to our website under "[Parents – Notices & Information – MyEducation BC Family Portal](#)"

We encourage all families to download and save a copy of their child's report card.

## 2021/22 DECEMBER/JANUARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13 <b>10 Days of Giving</b>	14 <b>10 Days of Giving</b> Thank you so much for your generosity!	15		16 <b>School Spirit Day:</b> <b>Red, White &amp; Green Day</b> Last Day of School Before Winter Break
20	21	22 Winter Break (School Closed)	23	24
27	28	29 Winter Break (School Closed)	30	31
3 New Years Day (observed) (School Closed)	4 School re-opens 8:50am	5	6	7



### Mark Your Calendar



**December 17**

**School Spirit Day:**  
**Red, White & Green Day**

**December 20 to**

**January 3**  
**Winter Break**  
**(School Closed)**

**January 4**

**School re-opens 8:50am**

**January 17**

**Programs of Choice**  
**Application Window Opens**



Dear Skwo:wech families,

Over the past two weeks at Skwo:wech our students and staff have appreciated and celebrated student learning in so many forms. Today, you will be able to access your child's report card on [MyEdBC](#). The report card represents a snapshot of your child's learning journey over the first term. We hope that you have an opportunity to pause and celebrate your child's learning journey together with them. It is a wonderful time to connect and consider together the next steps in learning for your child.

This past week we have been honoured to welcome Shyama Priya as our artist in residence. Shyama worked with all our students to share cultural teachings and taught our students Pow Wow dances, including traditional Pow Wow dance steps. The children learned new steps each day which culminated in a grade group performance on Friday. We will be sharing highlights of the dances next week in our final Newsletter of the year. I asked several children what messages touched their hearts, one child shared that their understanding of the importance of the Drum stood out for them 'the drum represents the heartbeat of Mother Earth and the Pow Wow, it helps us honour ourselves and Mother Earth.' We want to share our deep gratitude for the generous support from our PAC who have funded this inspirational week of learning for our students.

Warm regards,

Kathleen Chad



We are bidding farewell to two long serving staff members, Ms. Lange and Mr. Sumaculub, who will be retiring at the end of December. Ms. Lange has served in our District since 1999 and will be deeply missed from her key role as our music teacher and leader of the High Notes choir. She generously supported the musical aspirations of so many students over the years and shared her love of music. Ms. Lange plans to enjoy travelling once it is safe to do so. Mr. Sumaculub (or Mr. Jessie as he is known by our students) is looking forward to spending more time with his family. We thank you both for your commitment and service to our School District and to the students and families of Skwo:wech Elementary and wish you the very best in your retirement!

We are pleased to let you know that Ms. Kentel, an experienced music teacher from Howay will be replacing Ms. Lange in January.



Ms. Lange graciously accepts our newest Kawai piano donated to Skwo:wech by Mike and Marta Sattler, a former Richard McBride family. As we offered our gratitude to the Sattlers for this very kind gift to the school, they commented:

*'We promised our neighbour who taught our son to play piano and who gifted us this piano some years ago that we would find a great home for it and we knew the music program here at the school would no doubt be that place'.*

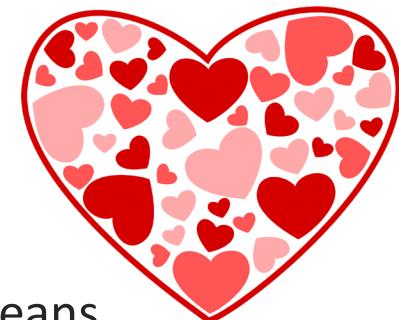


# *Skwo:wech's Holiday Food Drive: 10 Days of Giving*

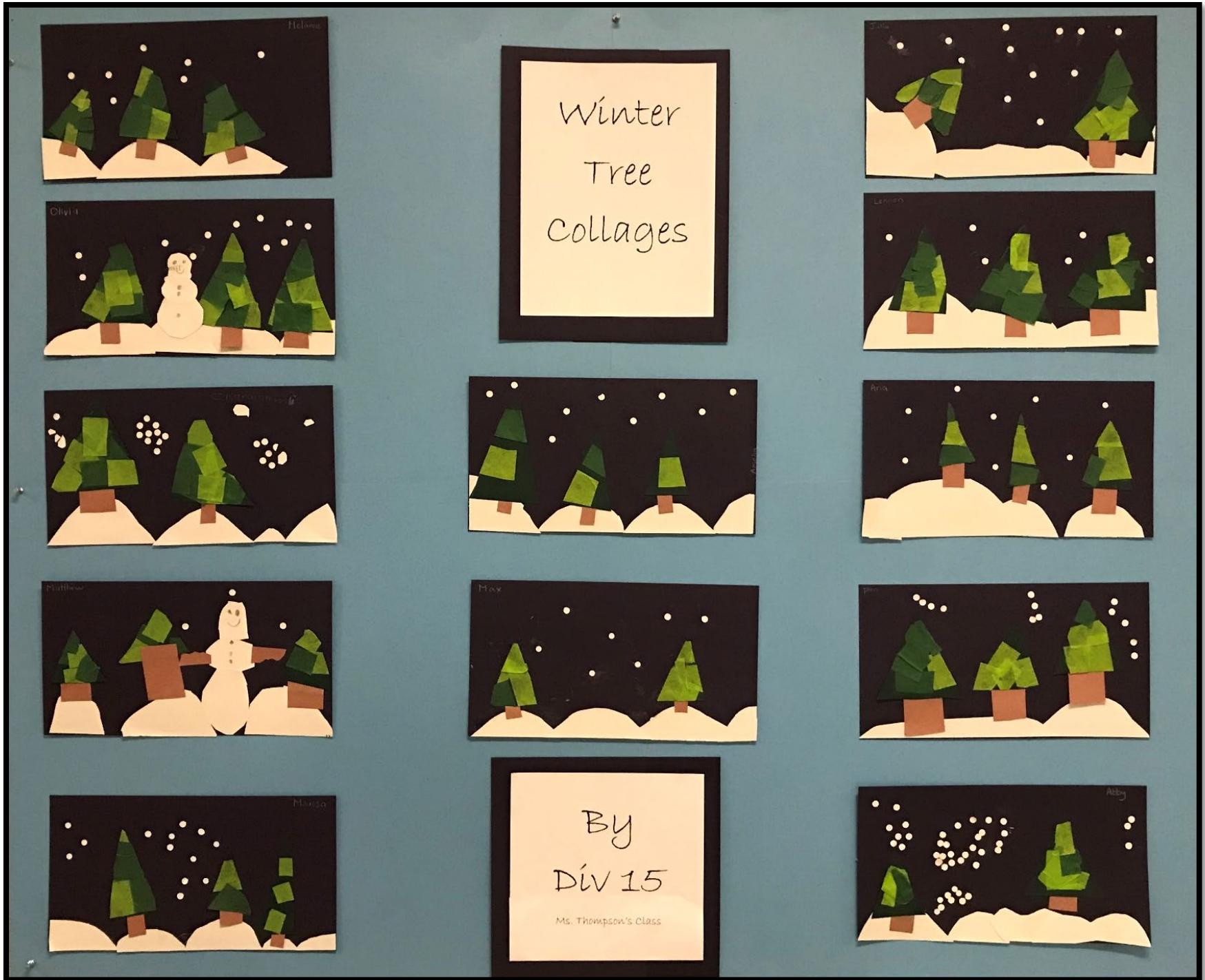
## *December 1<sup>st</sup> - December 14<sup>th</sup>*

Our school community will be helping families in the New Westminster Community by collecting non-perishable food items for the holiday season. Please see below for daily theme ideas.

*A warm thank-you for your generosity and care*



<b>Date</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Ideas</b>
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Breakfast	Cereal, Oatmeal, Pancake, Beans
December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lunch	Almond/peanut butter, jam, honey
December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dinner	Chilli, meals in a can, soup,
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Baby	Baby Cereal, baby food
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Fruit/Veggies	Canned fruit/veggies
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Meats	Tuna, Spam, canned meats
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	Pasta	Pasta, pasta sauce,
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Snacks/Dessert	Granola bars, chips, crackers, cookies, cake, sweets
December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Keeping Warm	Hot chocolate, soup, crackers, chilli, Kraft Dinner
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Grains/Starches	Quinoa, Rice, Pasta, Oats, Potato
<b>Final Day</b>		



Division 6 wishes everyone a merry and bright holiday season!





We made the most of our first snow day!



## Lost & Found

We have several jackets, hoodies, gloves, hats and other assorted items in the lost and found. Parents are welcome to sign in at the office after school (once all classes have exited the school) to come check the lost and found.

We also have a lost and found for smaller items, such as glasses, jewelry, toys, and assorted house keys (not pictured here). If you are missing a smaller item, please feel free to call or email the office to inquire, or to stop by after school. Some of the smaller lost and found items kept in the office were found over the last few years, so older siblings who are at middle school now may recognize items as well!

Please remind your child to check the lost and found for their belongings!



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# Information and Support

For families and caring adults who  
are parenting a child or youth with  
mental health challenges.

Every month, we host events for families called 'in the know'. We come together and share experiences and strategies that help in the hard moments. We help focus on strengthening our understanding and connection with our kids.

## Holidays Can Be Hard

We get it, there can be a lot of expectations around the holidays. Come join us and let's talk about how we can get through the hard spots, celebrate the small things, and find a bit of space to breathe when we need it.

Communities: [Burnaby/New Westminster](#)

Cost: [Free of Charge](#)

Date: [December 22, 2021 at 6:00pm](#)

Registration Required:  
[familysmart.ca/events](http://familysmart.ca/events)

Events are facilitated by Parent Peer Support Workers.