

Holiday Newsletter

December 20, 2023

Hello Steves Families,

The last day of school before Winter Break is this Friday, December 22nd.
The first day back will be Monday, January 8th, 2024.

Note that term 1 report cards will be published this Thursday, Dec 21st. Paper copies will not be sent home. Please use the MyEd Parent Portal to access your student's report card. If you are having trouble, please email MyEdParentPortal@sd38.bc.ca.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Annual Food Drive. Ms. Corneil and two students from division 4 delivered the donations to the Richmond Food Bank this week. This year we fed approximately 17 people for two weeks.

Last week Ms. Paiger's class welcomed a cluster of salmon roe. These eggs will be hatched and cared for by division 11, then released back into the wild. I will include photos in our weekly collage as they hatch and grow.

On Thursday we will celebrate the Winter Solstice by taking part in a morning Community walk around the neighborhood. All students and staff will be taking part. Please ensure your child has the proper attire, in the event it is raining.

Note that there will be no Breakfast Club this Friday, December 22nd.
This Friday will be Pajama Party Day. Students are welcome to wear their favourite pajamas to school. Friday will also be our last hot lunch of the year.

Division 10 made the news this week! Please see the link below:

<https://www.richmond-news.com/in-the-community/gingerbread-houses-inspected-for-air-leakage-by-richmond-city-workers-7985312>

Save the date! Grade 6 and 7 students have two upcoming field trips in the new year:

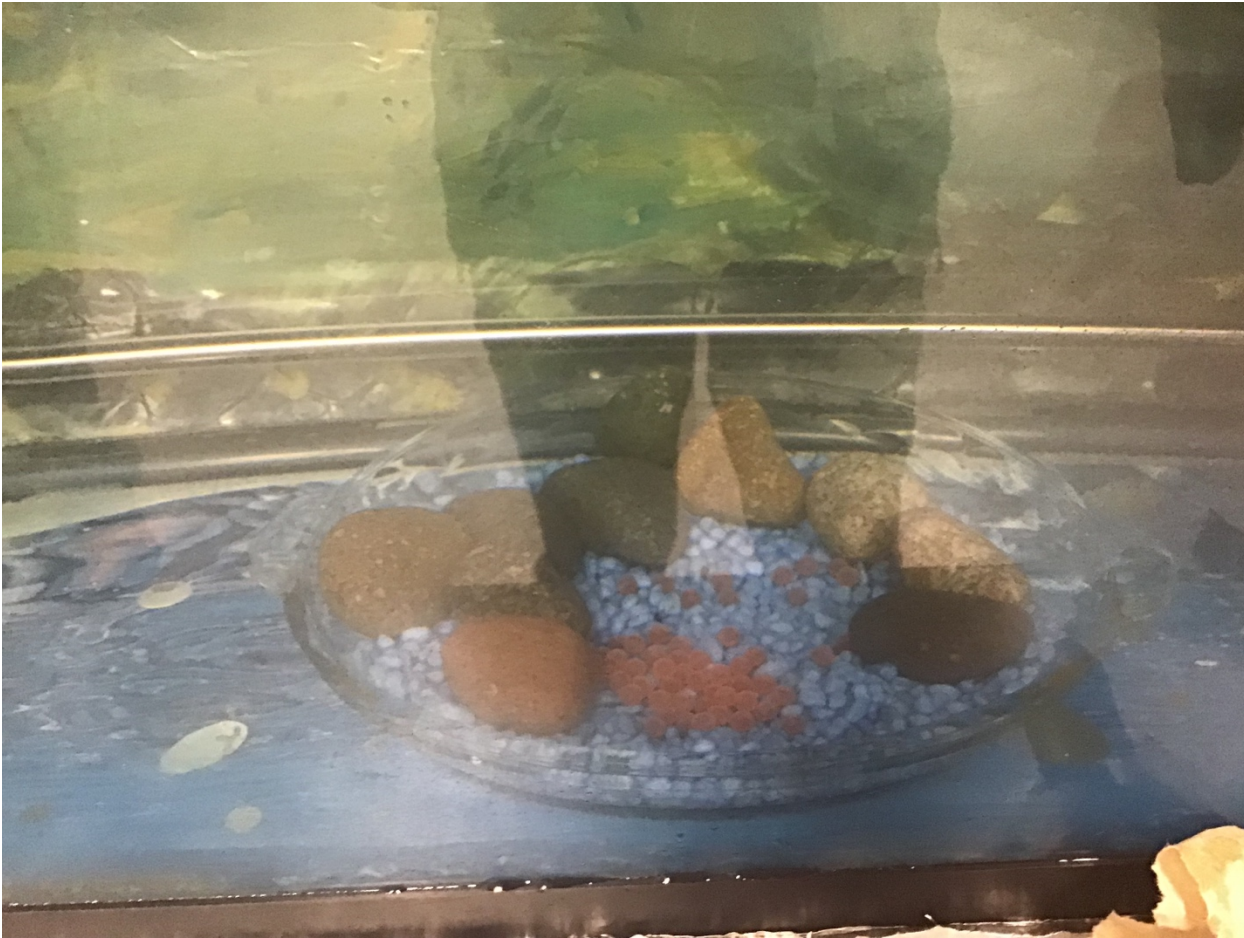
January 18th: Cypress Mountain Snowshoe tour and tubing

February 9th: Cypress Mountain Skiing / Snowboarding

Further details will be sent to families directly.

Our staff wish all of you a wonderful Holiday Season.





School Story in Action 2023-2024

December 22, 2023

We would like to highlight our Library Learning Commons where we have a thoughtful and deliberate collection of diverse and inclusive books that reflect our school and greater community. Many of these books are available at our local public library and you may be interested in checking them out over the winter break.

“When there are enough books available that can act as both mirrors and windows for all our children, they will see that we can celebrate both our differences and our similarities, because together they are what make us all human.” Source: By Rudine Sims Bishop, The Ohio State University.

This links to our [School Story](#) focus in the following way:

Learning is embedded in memory, history, and story.

Learning requires exploration of one’s identity.

(First Peoples Principles of Learning)

STEVES LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS



CHILDREN NEED BOOKS THAT ARE

MIRRORS THAT ALLOW THEM TO SEE THEMSELVES AND THEIR OWN EXPERIENCES

WINDOWS THAT THEY CAN LOOK THROUGH TO SEE OTHER WORLDS THAT THEY CAN THEN COMPARE TO THEIR OWN

and

SLIDING GLASS DOORS THAT ALLOW THEM TO ENTER OTHER WORLDS

Elementary **ADVENTURE**