

NEWSLETTER

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November 2020

November 25 & 26
Early Dismissal
1:55 pm

**November
25 & 26 are
early
dismissal
days.
1:55 p.m.**



The high volume of covid 19 information has snuck its way into a classroom Thanksgiving project. Mr. Wilkinson's Grade 3 artists created 'turkey disguises' in order to save the poor creature from its dinner demise. Looking at two of the above photos, you can see the 'influence of the mask'. 😊

~ Proper Winter Clothing ~

* There is no bad weather, just bad clothing *

The outdoors in winter is enjoyable when children are dressed properly.

In winter, the best idea is to stay warm and dry.

Too little outerwear OR too much clothing - both may create problems.

Excessive clothing results in sweating, creating moisture.

In chilly temperatures, being damp is uncomfortable and causes body heat loss.

Please ensure your little ones are bundled up appropriately !!



Winter Weather - Snowpant Season





Please cut out and return to the teacher.

**Yes, I have read the
November 2020 Newsletter.**

Signature of Parent/Guardian.

Name of Student(s).

Name of Teacher(s).

The class with the most returns for 3 months
(not consecutive) wins an Ice Cream Cake.

Remembrance Day 2020

Nechako School celebrated Remembrance Day on November 10th with three small assemblies. All assemblies began with "Oh Canada". Sparks, Brownies & Girl Guides from our student body participated in the Flag Parade. Mr. G. Judas and Mr. T. Scott offered a short message. Several Grade 6's and Grade 4's, in different assemblies, read "In Flanders Fields". Some Grade 3 students read little stories they had written about the importance of Remembrance Day.

Students who walk to Nechako School.
PLEASE ask your child(ren) to use the
sidewalks; **not** to walk across Bus Zones.

~ Student Buses and Drop Off/Pick Up ~
Please remember that the Bus Zone is for bus students only.
Parents dropping off OR picking up your children
should always do so at the Skateboard Park.
** We appreciate your understanding
and cooperation with student transportation. **

SCHOOL BUS

Dental clients are using the same parking lot where our buses park.
Students will always be directed to the Skateboard Park to wait for their parents.
Parents will ALWAYS be directed to wait at the Skateboard Park for student pick-up.

~ Holiday Gift Shop ~
Extended to November 22.



<https://myhgs.ca/>

~ Christmas Concert ~

When and How

are still to be
determined.



Christmas
Hamper
Drive

Please see
separate page
enclosed in this
Newsletter.

~ Xaisla Words/Phrases Learned in November ~



g̃as means "Come here."
'nna means "Yes"
k'uu means "No"
'eng^was means "Who is there?"
"Who are you?"
nug^wa means "It is me."
gáx̃łc means "Come in."
éłkas means "Stop"



Please provide plastic cutlery
for your child's snacks
and/or lunch.

~ Book Fair ~

November 25 & 26

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COME TO OUR
BOOK FAIR!



Parent / Teacher Interviews - Early Dismissal.

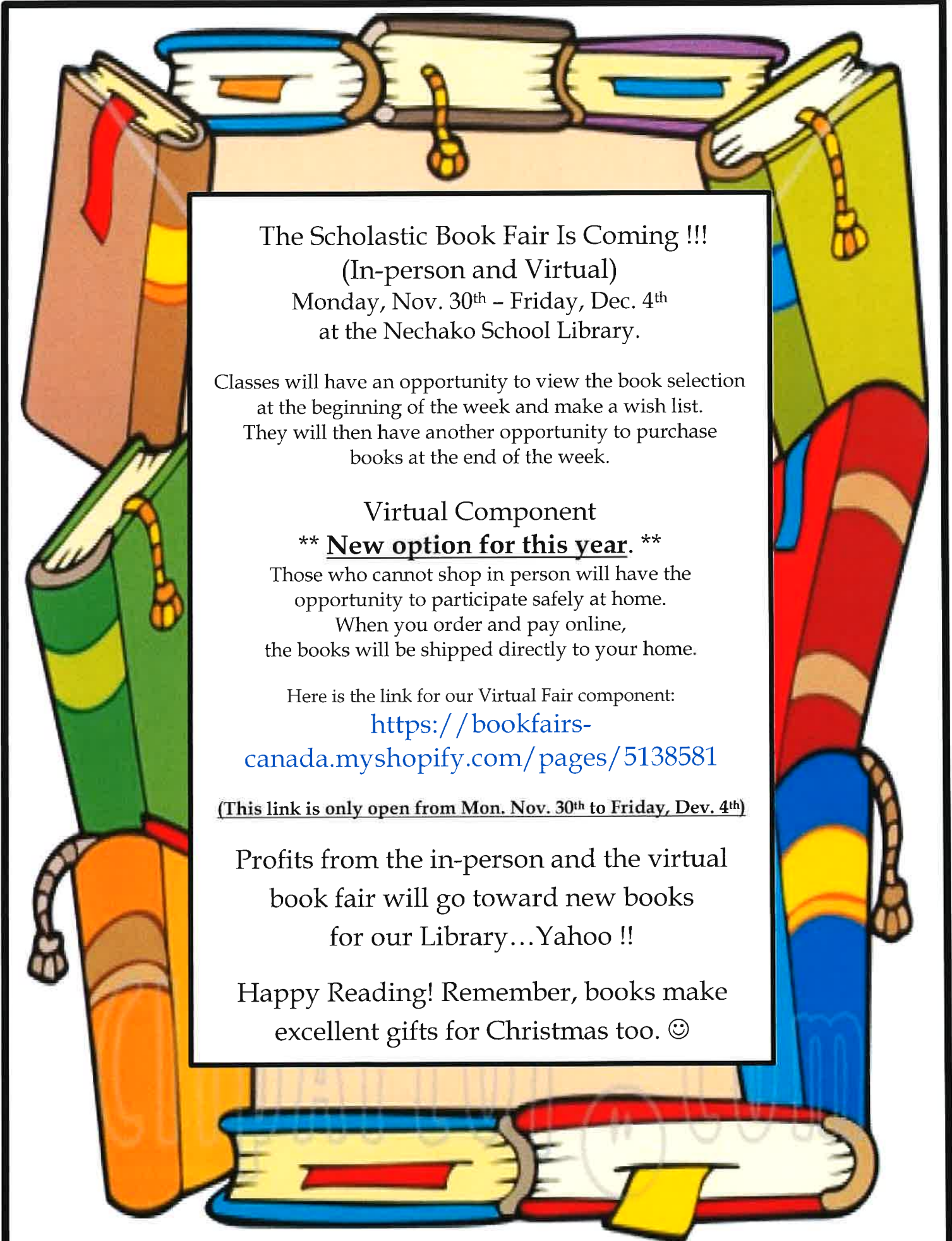
~ By telephone only. ~

Wednesday & Thursday - November 25 & 26

From 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm (with exceptions)

Phone the office to book the phone interview with your child's teacher(s).

It will be imperative that times are strictly adhered to.



The Scholastic Book Fair Is Coming !!!
(In-person and Virtual)
Monday, Nov. 30th – Friday, Dec. 4th
at the Nechako School Library.

Classes will have an opportunity to view the book selection at the beginning of the week and make a wish list. They will then have another opportunity to purchase books at the end of the week.

Virtual Component

**** New option for this year. ****

Those who cannot shop in person will have the opportunity to participate safely at home.

When you order and pay online, the books will be shipped directly to your home.

Here is the link for our Virtual Fair component:

<https://bookfairs-canada.myshopify.com/pages/5138581>

(This link is only open from Mon. Nov. 30th to Friday, Dec. 4th)

Profits from the in-person and the virtual book fair will go toward new books for our Library... Yahoo !!

Happy Reading! Remember, books make excellent gifts for Christmas too. 😊

KITIMAT CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

Kitimat Food Bank Society
Box 20, Kitimat, B.C. V8C 2G6

Dear Fellow Citizens:

November 2020

Christmas 2020 is fast approaching and the Kitimat Christmas Hamper Appeal is once again underway. In 2019 the citizens of Kitimat, Kitamaat Village, the business community, industry and Canadian Tire generously donated \$41,000 enabling us to fill 288 Christmas hampers and to continue assisting the less fortunate in Kitimat throughout the year. We received boxes of food, gifts and toys thanks to all of you. We also received donations of food from the various churches, local organizations and businesses throughout the year, although due to COVID-19 these have been limited to some extent. An extremely successful food drive was held in September by the Latter Day Saints, with the assistance of the RCMP and LNG, bringing in over 7000 pounds of non-perishable food and approximately \$1300 in cash donations.

The Christmas Hamper Appeal is under the auspices of the Kitimat Food Bank Society. Our organization is run entirely by volunteers and the majority of the donations are used for the needy with a small portion going for operating expenses. We are the **only** organization distributing Christmas hampers in Kitimat and Kitamaat Village.

Christmas hampers include a cash voucher and food items as well as gifts for children. **NEW toys** are included for children 12 and under. We include gifts for all teens and appreciate receiving gift certificates for music downloads, swim/skating passes, phone cards, toiletries, restaurants or other gifts suitable for teens. Gift certificates from local merchants are a wonderful idea as this enables recipients to purchase something they would enjoy as well as supporting the local economy. We do not give clothing as gifts, apart from mitts, gloves, toques etc. as sizing is a problem. **We would appreciate receiving new unwrapped items as we have a Gift/Toy Committee who wrap and mark gifts;** this makes it easier for us to know how many gifts we have for each age group.

This year, due to COVID-19, we will not be delivering hampers but instead having those requesting hampers pick them up at the Food Bank between Monday, December 14th and Friday, December 18th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We would appreciate receiving donations of food and gifts by **DECEMBER 4th** so they can be sorted, wrapped and packed prior to pick up. **Hamper requests must be completed and dropped off at the Food Bank (through mail slot if Food Bank is closed) by Thursday, December 3rd.** **Phone requests are not accepted and late forms will go on a waiting list. Hamper request forms can be picked up at the Food Bank Tuesday and Thursday, Social Services Office, Food Share and Horizon House during their regular office hours.**

Envision Financial Credit Union will once again be setting up a Christmas tree in their office and donations of cash, gifts and non-perishable food items may be dropped off there during regular business hours (Monday – Friday 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.). The Henny's Sharing tree, located at Kitimat Insurance Services upper level of City Centre Mall, will also accept donations of non-perishable food and gifts. As we are obligated to follow the Food Safe Rules for B.C. we are not allowed to accept home canned fruit, vegetables, fish, etc. Cheques may be dropped off at Envision Credit Union, the Food Bank or mailed to Box 20, V8C 2G6. Receipts are issued for donations of \$10 or more for income tax purposes. If you wish further information please call 632-6611, leave a message and someone will contact you.

Thank you all for your ongoing support - we could not continue to function without your generosity.

Sincerely

Luella Froess, Publicity Chair, for
Marjorie Phelps & Janet Scrivens, Co-chairs/ Christmas Hamper Appeal