



## BOWEN ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL E-BULLETIN

### ***BICS This Week for Families***

*For the week of December 2 - 6*

#### **Monday** (December 2)

- Guest speaker Cari Wilson, District VP of Innovation and Technology, will be with intermediate students teaching Google Read & Write
- 12:10 Student Council meeting

#### **Tuesday**

- Squamish Elder Saplek will be visiting with classes today
- Division 1 field trip
- 12:10 Callbacks for the musical. Students who are invited to callbacks will be talked with at school and families will receive an email. It is possible to get a singing or speaking role in the musical and not have a callback. (What's a callback? It's when the directors want to hear students sing together so they can make good decisions about casting.)
- 12:10 BICS Volleyball teams vs IPS exhibition game
- 12:55 Choir
- 5:00 pm Parent Education Night and PAC Meeting:
  - The Science of learning to read and ways you can help your child with reading at home
  - Babysitting is provided. We hope many parents and guardians will attend to support our school-wide reading goals.

#### **Wednesday**

- 12:35pm Grade 6/7 Band

#### **Thursday**

- 12:35 pm Grade 6/7 Band
- 101 Dalmatians musical cast announcements

#### **Friday**

- 12:55 Choir
- Hot lunch

#### **UFLI Reading instruction:**

We are excited to have all primary students (K-3) participating in targeted reading instruction using the University of Florida Literacy Institute (UFLI) foundations program. UFLI is an explicit and systematic program that teaches students the foundational skills necessary for proficient reading. It follows a carefully developed scope and sequence designed to ensure that students systematically acquire each skill needed and learn to apply each skill with automaticity and

confidence. Students may be working with a variety of staff members to consolidate their skills and may bring home additional games or resource materials in their home reading bags. Please reach out to your child's classroom teacher with any questions and plan to attend our rescheduled parent evening on December 3<sup>rd</sup> to learn about the science of learning to read and how to best support your child at home.

**Upcoming dates:**

December 2-13<sup>th</sup>: Bring in donations for Candy Cane Lane (Garage sale -see below)

December 13<sup>th</sup>: Term 1 Learning Updates go home

December 18<sup>th</sup>: Candy Cane Lane Garage Sale

December 20<sup>th</sup>: Family Winter Singalong at 11:15am and 12:10 dismissal

**Candy Cane Lane**

BICS Student Council will be holding a Holiday Garage Sale called Candy Cane Lane on December 18th with proceeds going to the Bowen Island Christmas Hamper. Student council members need your help! Please clean out your house and look for new or gently used items that you can donate for our sale. Bring donations of toys, stuffies, games, books, kitchenware and housewares, decorations, jewelry, scarves/mitts, and gift bags/wrapping paper to the office (in a box or a bag) between December 2-13<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be needed – see below for more information. On December 18<sup>th</sup>, each student can purchase one or two items to give to family members. The cost is by donation with a suggested amount of \$1 - \$2 per item

**The BICS PAC needs your help!**

We have a number of events and fundraising initiatives coming up, but we can't do it without more help from the rest of the PAC... If you're the parent or guardian of a BICS student then that means you!

**The Craft Fair**

[Click here to book photos with Santa!](#) Once you have secured a spot, please send an e-transfer for \$40 to [bicspac@wvschools.ca](mailto:bicspac@wvschools.ca) or bring cash on Sunday for payment.

[Click here if you can help at the craft fair](#) - we still need help in order to pull this important Bowen tradition off!

**Other important things we need help with:**

-[BIRD Shifts](#): grab a friend and make a morning of it! If we don't have enough people to help we are at risk of losing our spot in future, so please help if you can.

-[Hot Lunch](#): this is the PAC's most important fundraiser, and we know it is just as important to everyone who hates making lunches. Please consider helping out even one time to avoid making lunches every Friday, this program will not continue to run without reliable volunteers.

Our next PAC meeting is coming up on Tuesday, December 3 following the Science of Reading presentation by Mary Parackal at 5pm. Babysitting will be available. Please join us if you can, to learn ways to support school initiatives, connect with other families, and help PAC events continue in the new year.

**Opportunities for activities in West Vancouver**

Please [click here](#) for extra-curricular activities available for students.