

Eagles News

English Bluff Elementary School
December 1, 2023



Highlights

It has been a busy month of learning and events. This past Professional Development Day, our staff was invited to learn with the teachers at Southlands Elementary School in Vancouver, also an IB PYP school. Our students are well into their own units of inquiry and are completing self-assessments for their upcoming report cards. Thank you to all the families who were able to join us for our Remembrance Day Assembly and also to the parents who joined the conversation at our first 'Tea on Tuesday' where we discussed the EB Code of Conduct and use of SOAR reports. Our next Tea will be in the new year. This month had us celebrating **National Indigenous Veteran's Day, Remembrance Day, and Diwali**. Many of our **clubs** are also in full swing, including our choirs, Kids Helping Girls Around the World, Art Club, Spirit Club, Volleyball and a Math Club. Thank you for shopping at the **Scholastic Book Fair**. We raised over \$3000, which will be used to fund new library resources. Last week **Rocks & Rings** taught our students how to curl - the kids had a blast! 'Zero Heroes' performance group inspired our K-5 kids to take action and change the way they think about garbage. This ties in well with the onset of our **Green Team** initiatives.

Upcoming Events

December will surely be a festive month. We are kicking it off with our **Food and Winter Clothing Drive**. The food will be donated to the Delta Food Bank and the clothing will be donated to

Things to Check Out

Our School Website - Find out more:

<https://eb.deltasd.bc.ca/>

For current updates on what's going on at school

To order Hot Lunch: (every 2nd week, next is Dec 7)

<https://englishbluff.hotlunches.net/admin/>

Contact the PAC: chair.ebpac@gmail.com

Family Learning & Survey

In partnership with The Ministry of Education and Childcare's *erase* strategy, they are offering an additional "Social Media Awareness" Family Session on December 5th at 6:30pm. This 60 minute session will be held virtually via zoom.

To register for this session please click on the link:

[Family Session: Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities Tickets, Tue, Dec 5, 2023 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

The Ministry of Education and Child Care is conducting a **parent survey** to better understand the regional and provincial demand for school age child care. Your participation will help the Province plan for future school-aged child care expansions. Please click on the following link to complete the survey. The survey is available in 18 different languages:

<https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull3/minofed/main/SchoolAgeParents.asp?SchoolNumber=761>

organizations in our community. On **Monday, Dec 4th** students, whose families purchased wreaths, will be **decorating** for this PAC fundraiser. **Report cards** will be available to view on Parent Connect on **Dec 13th**. **Happy Hanakkah** to those who celebrate on December 7th. We invite family members to join us for our **Holiday concert on December 14th** at 6:30. This will be hosted in the gym.

Our **pancake breakfast** will be on **December 19th**. Tickets are \$5/person and will be available to purchase on Parent Connect on Dec. 5th

**ANNUAL EB FAMILY PANCAKE BREAKFAST
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH - 8:00-9:00 a.m.**



The **week of December 18th** will also have a festive theme each day (thanks Spirit Club!)

IB News - Taking Action

A focus for English Bluff staff this year is to encourage students to take action to change their world in ways they think are important. Student action is about young people making positive choices based on their learning (whether big or small). **The PYP categorizes student action into five types:** participation, advocacy, social justice, social entrepreneurship, and lifestyle choices. Staff are working on noticing and creating opportunities for student action, as well as modelling the action process for the students. One example of action that teachers are undertaking is the **EB Winter Clothing Drive**. Many of the teachers here at EB have worked at other Delta schools where children do not have the warm clothing they need to be able to enjoy time outside during the winter. So, teachers have taken action to collect warm outerwear and will distribute this to other schools where there is a need. Not only can students participate in this action by donating clothes from home, but hopefully, they may also be inspired to take action themselves if they notice a concerning issue in their world.

Our **Student Action Board**, in the hallway, showcases student action as it arises during the school year. We would love to recognize and celebrate action students are taking outside of school as well. Has your child taken action recently outside of school? If you would like to share an example to be posted on the action board, feel free to email Laura Leroy, the school's PYP Coordinator, at lleroy@deltaschools.ca.

For more information regarding **Delta School District initiatives**, check out the website:

<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/>

PAC Bake Sale & Market

On Friday, **December 15**, our PAC is hosting a **Bake Sale** in the foyer of the school. Students will have an opportunity to purchase a baked treat that morning for **\$1 - \$2**. There will be also be larger and multiple items available for sale (costs vary). Parents, you are welcomed to come in to make a purchase from **10:00 to 3:15 (but avoiding the times of 10:20-10:35)**

Please return your bake sale forms for the Dec. 15 Bake Sale & Market



Hold the Date

Please be sure to pay your IB fees. The next installment will be due Jan 31, 2024.

Now to Dec 12: Food & Clothing Drive

Dec 4: Wreath decorating

Dec 7: Hanukkah begins

Dec 7: Hot Lunch

Dec 13: Reports available on Parent Connect

Dec 14: Holiday Concert 6:30

Dec 15: PAC bake sale

Dec 18: Festive colours day

Dec 19: Pancake Breakfast & PJ day

Dec 20: Festive hats & Jingle Bell run

Dec 21: Festive socks & Hot Lunch

Dec 22: Festive sweater day & last day

Jan 8: School back in session



*Thank you,
Ms. T. Carleton Gaines*