



December 14/2025

Ey Swayel Prince Charles Families:

I am pleased to inform you that schools will be open this week. Please take extra care when driving to and from school, as road closures may still be in effect for tomorrow.

As for this last week, the PC Holiday Treasure Shop was a huge success! A heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Pawliw, the Grade 5 Student Council, and our amazing PAC for organizing this wonderful event. The Holiday Treasure Shop brought so much joy as students had the opportunity to purchase gifts for their family members for just \$1.00. Seeing all those happy faces was truly special! We're proud to share that all proceeds will be donated to the Cyrus Centre, supporting an important cause in our community.

A huge shoutout to the PAC for providing a delicious Staff Appreciation Lunch on Wednesday. Thank you so much!

Lastly, Happy Hanukkah to our Jewish families. Hanukkah, Jewish Festival of Lights, starts at sundown on December 14th and lasts for eight nights. It's a time of celebration, family traditions, and reflection. It's a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge and honor the diversity within our school. A brief history about Hanukkah is it commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem over 2,000 years ago, after a small group of Jewish fighters reclaimed it. According to tradition, a single day's supply of oil miraculously lasted eight days, which is why lighting the menorah is central to the holiday.

Warm regards,

Mr. Paul Allanson
Principal of Prince Charles Elementary School

Here are some things for you to know as we head into **Week #16 at Prince Charles Elementary:**

- 1. Learning Updates:** Learning updates will be sent home on December 17th. Please take some time to review these with your child(ren), celebrate their successes, and engage in a positive discussion about areas for growth. Your support and encouragement play an important role in their learning journey.

2. ****Hot Lunch****: NO HOT LUNCH TOMORROW. Fuel Catering Hot Lunch has been moved to Thursday, December 18.

3. **Spirit Week**:

Monday, Dec 15: *Holiday Hats Day*: Wear your favorite festive hat!

Tuesday, Dec 16: *Red, White & Green Day*: Show off those holiday colors!

Wednesday, Dec 17: *Festive Wear Day*: Dress in your most cheerful holiday outfit.

Thursday, Dec 18: *Winter Wonderland Day*: Classes are making snowflakes and snow people.

Friday, Dec 19: *PJ, Stuffy & Movie Day*: Come in your pajamas, bring a stuffy, and enjoy a movie!

4. **Christmas Concerts**: We are excited to invite you to our upcoming Christmas Concerts on **Wednesday, December 17th**. The theme this year is Christmas Wishes. There will be two performances:

- Afternoon Show: 1:15 PM
- Evening Show: 6:15 PM

To ensure all families have an opportunity to attend, **each family may claim up to four tickets**. Tickets will be available to reserve at no cost through School Cash Online starting Monday, November 24.

Please note that seating is limited, and we appreciate your understanding as we work to accommodate everyone within our capacity. This is always a highlight of the year, and we look forward to celebrating together!

5. **Annual Canned Food Drive**: From December 1 to December 17, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for donation to Archway. This is a great way to support families in need during the holiday season. The class that brings in the most items will win a pizza party in the new year! Thank you for helping us make a difference in our community.

6. **PC Swag:** We're excited to offer Prince Charles Elementary swag for students and families! To order a Prince Charles Elementary hoodie, zip-up, or t-shirt, please click on the link below:
<https://sapphirecreative.com/product-category/apparel-program/prince-charles-elementary/>

Orders typically take about two weeks to arrive. Once your items are ready for pickup, Ms. Smith will contact families directly.

Show your Royal pride, we can't wait to see our community rocking their PC gear!

7. **Upcoming Dates:**

January	
Monday, January 5	Schools reopen
Tuesday, January 6	Virtue Assembly – Resiliency
Friday, January 9	Spirit Day – Jersey Day
Monday, January 12	PAC Meeting

8. **Information from the PAC:**

Fuel Catering Hot Lunch is being moved to Thursday, December 18.

Created by Kids art has arrived, pick up in the Multi-purpose Room from 2:15- 2:45 Monday, December 15th. Any items that are not claimed will be sent home with students on December 16th.

Our PAC is on the lookout for two amazing volunteers to help bring fun (and food!) to our school community:

Hot Lunch Coordinator – Help organize and run our popular hot lunch program.

Family Fun Night Coordinator – Plan and lead unforgettable nights full of games, laughs, and community spirit.

These roles are a great way to get involved, meet other families, and make a real difference for our kids.

Interested or want to learn more? Reach out to the PAC and join the fun!

Next PAC Meeting is: Monday, January 12th @ 7:00 in the library.

Playground Project Fundraiser!



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HELP MAKE OUR DREAM A REALITY!

We are aiming to raise \$100,000 to create this vision.

Our plans include:

- ✓ Installing a rope climbing structure in the upper field playground.
- ✓ Adding two small spinning play structures.
- ✓ Replacing the old wooden monkey bars with metal climbing bars and a small climbing wall.



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