

December 2024



Students in Grade 5 enjoy the mobile planetarium presentation from Telus World of Science

CG Cares - December Fundraisers

December proved to be another bustling month for our #CGcares initiatives. We successfully ran our Angel Tree campaign to support the Salvation Army's gift drive, and once again, we received an incredible response, filling a cube truck with hundreds of gifts for families in need.

Additionally, during our Christmas concerts, we auctioned VIP parking spaces, raising \$220 for the SPCA. We also held a raffle for the Best Seat in the House, which brought in \$1,785 for the Center of Hope.

We also made a sizeable donation to the food bank as well!



Our atrium was overflowing with hundreds of gifts for the Angel tree campaign in December

Telus World of Science

Students were treated to an out-of-this world presentation this month with a visit from Telus World of Science.

A range of programs were offered including the mobile planetarium for grades 4-6, as well as robotics for grades 2-3. Grades ECDP-Grade 1 even got to make ice cream with liquid nitrogen!

This program was wholly sponsored by our Christina Gordon Fundraising Association. They have lots of volunteer opportunities available if you'd like to help support this and other important school initiatives please check their Facebook page!



Reindeer art from early learning

Upcoming Dates

Dec 20- Jan 5 - Holiday break
 Jan 6 - students return to class
 Jan 9 - vista ridge grade 4
 Jan 9 - popcorn money due
 Jan 10 - vista ridge grade 5
 Jan 10 - popcorn day
 Jan 15 - grade 6 vista ridge
 Jan 20-30 Alien Inline Skating
 Jan 28 and 29 Alien Inline Family Nghs 5-7
 Jan 24 - PLF no school for students
 Jan 27 - book character day,
 Jan 28 - semester 1 report cards released
 Jan 30 - scrabble spirit day
 Jan 31 - PD Day - no school for students

Spirit Week

Our second Spirit Week of the year ran during the last week of December with themed days such as winter hat, red/green, winter sweater and pj day. The next spirit days will be in January for Literacy Week.



Students show off their winter hats (above) and red/green colours (below)



Leader In Me Highlight

Habit 2 emphasizes the importance of Starting With the End in Mind. This principle teaches us how crucial it is to establish goals and plan ahead in order to achieve them. It encourages us to reflect on both our short-term and long-term aspirations.

At CG, we inspire students to identify meaningful goals for themselves, whether related to their home, community, or school. We recognize that everyone has areas for growth, such as improving focus in class, remembering to turn off lights when you leave a room, or showing more kindness to siblings. Each person can select one specific thing they wish to improve.

Begin taking steps towards that goal, and before long, you will notice the positive outcomes!



Grade 2s made pointsettia art in December

Choir Showcase

In a now annual tradition, our choir once again performed at the Festival of the Trees in November. The talented bunch of singers performed 2 songs, and had a delightful time showcasing their talent, while also taking the opportunity to admire the beautiful trees on display.



Volleyball

The season has wrapped up for our girl's and boy's volleyball teams, with tournaments recently taking place. Both teams played with heart and strength and represented the Cougar team spirit amazingly. The girls won 2nd place overall in their tournament, while the boys placed 5th overall. Congrats to all players and coaches!



5/6 volleyball teams for the 2024 year



7 Sacred Teachings

The majestic Bear symbolizes courage, embodying strength and resilience in the face of challenges. Much like a mother bear who bravely confronts larger foes to safeguard her cubs, true courage involves resisting fear and passionately defending what we hold dear.

While fear is a natural instinct, it is essential for us to analyze it, reflect on our genuine fears, and discern whether this fear serves us positively (by keeping us safe) or negatively (by preventing us from seizing opportunities).

Beyond fearlessness, the Bear also imparts lessons on love and acceptance. Bears embrace everyone warmly, yet they stand firm against any threats to protect what they cherish most.

Christmas Concerts

Last week was certainly a busy one, with a total of 4 Christmas concerts! If you were unable to see them in person, or if you have family from away who would like to view them, the videos are posted on our facebook page!