## DECEMBER 2020 HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER

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# Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the entire staff, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Holiday Season. I know that celebrations will look differently this year – no doubt they will be much smaller than we are used to, and that's ok for this year. Likely there will not be as much socializing outside of our immediate households and gatherings will be significantly smaller and perhaps fewer. However, one thing remains important and that is that we all stay safe and healthy and follow the guidelines put in place. The Holiday Season is a time for family and this year it is even more important to stay close and do things together as a family.

I also want to thank everyone for their understanding and cooperation throughout the fall. I know there were a great number of changes so far this school year. Constant updates to information we had just sent out. New versions of guidelines. Changes to previous policies and procedures, etc. Together, we managed to stay on top of it all and provide a very stable educational environment for our students, your children, here at Stoney Creek Community School. We could not have done that without all of you – parents, and staff. My thanks to everyone for all the hard work so far and the continued hard work and cooperation that no doubt will be needed in the new year.

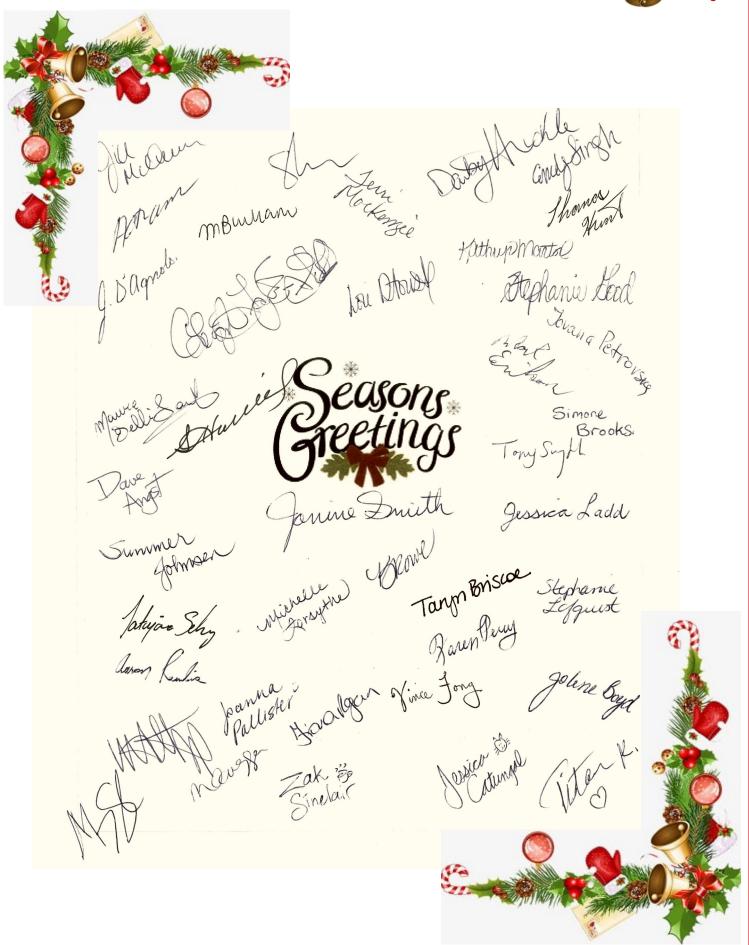
Once again, from the staff to each and every one of you – Happy Holidays and all the best in the New Year. I think all of us are looking forward to putting 2020 behind us and hoping for better things in 2021!

Sincerely,

Mr. W. Hiltz









### Dates to remember ...

#### School re-opens on Monday, January 4th

Lunch Program envelopes for the January I I - February 5 cycle are due back to the school on January 4th





#### **Creekside News**

Over the Winter Break, Creekside will open for preteens on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3-5 pm. Pre-registration is required and can be done by phoning the main line (604-297-7607) and booking your spot 24 hours in advance.

The computer/video game times normally held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, will resume in the new year.

### Virtual Community Council Meeting Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 6:30 pm

For all parents, guardians & Community members. Everyone is welcome to attend!



#### **Literacy Week**

During the week of January 25—28, 2021 Stoney Creek will be busy celebrating "Family Literacy Week".

We will be having **virtual Guest Readers**, a **Book Trivia Slido** and more! More details to come out in January.



Happenings in the Library





### **Virtual Pancake Breakfast!!**

We had a delightful Virtual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, December 5th! It was wonderful to see families with their children busy making and eating breakfast, and of course, an exciting surprise visit from Santa.



THANK **YOU**FOR SHARING YOUR
COMMUNITY SPIRIT and
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!







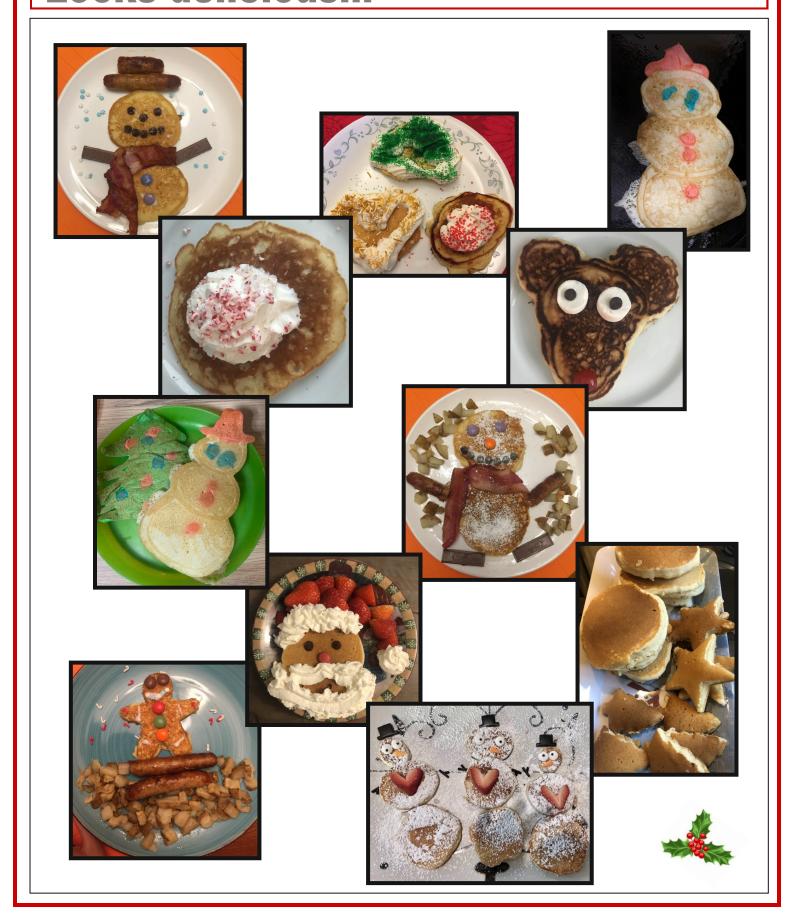








### Looks delicious!!!



### Creek Gallery



Div. 2 **Stained Glass Art** 







Div. 7 Exploring

Div. II Snow **Globes** 



**Perspective** 



Div. 9 Forests inspired by the novel "Poppy"











# Calling parents and youth in BC!



#### **COVID-19 and Youth Mental Health**

Since COVID-19 was declared a pandemic, many public health responses have been implemented including social distancing measures and school closures.

These measures may have an impact on the mental health of children and teens, and we need to adjust the type and amount of resources being offered our children.

The MyHEARTSMAP team needs your help to measure how much and in what ways the changes in our lives during the pandemic have affected the social and psychological wellness of our children and youth.

Using the MyHEARTSMAP online psychosocial self-screening tool, children, youth, and (or) their parents, can learn about which aspects of their mental health may be of concern and might benefit from support resources, and where to find them in BC.

Learning about our children's needs will **help guide our provincial mental health resource planning.** 

#### Who can participate in this study?

- Children and youth aged 10-17 in BC
- Parents with a child aged 6-17 in BC

#### What is involved?

- Answer questions about how COVID-19 has affected you
- Complete the MyHEARTSMAP Self-Screening Tool after enrolling, and again in 3 months

If you are interested in learning more and participating, please visit our website at:

MyHEARTSMAP-Pandemic.bcchr.ca





### and finally!!!

