

# Big Lake Elementary School

Wednesday, November 26, 2025

## Holiday Event – Thursday Dec. 18

### **Part 1 – Craft Event and Potluck for families**

Join us for a festive holiday get together on Thursday, Dec 18th starting at **5pm** for families (student household). Please bring an **appetizer** or tray of finger food for the potluck.

There will be stations of crafts and other activities set up for your family to enjoy. This event is a wonderful opportunity to spend quality time together, get creative, and make lasting memories. Come share in the fun, connect with other families, and celebrate the joy of creativity and the holiday season. We can't wait to see you there!

### **Holiday Event – Part 2**

**At 6:30** – extended family members (grandparents, aunts, uncles, special neighbours etc.) and community members are invited to join us as we celebrate the season together. We will start with the students performing a few songs, followed by a joyful whole-group caroling session. And keep an eye out—a very special guest will be stopping by to spread holiday cheer! Ms Heard will be there with her camera to capture these special moments! During this time, we will also enjoy refreshments and visiting. Goodies will be provided.

### **PAC News**

PAC had their meeting on Monday this week to finalize plans for the upcoming auction. Next meeting will be in January. Thank you to everyone who supported us through our Purdy's fundraiser. If you haven't already done so, please pick up your orders at the school.

### **PAC Christmas Auction**

We are excited to hold our PAC Christmas Auction this year on Saturday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 2 pm at the

Community Hall. This is a fun event for the whole community. Lots of wonderful donations to bid on, crafts and baking to purchase and a concession for a delicious lunch. Concession sign-up email was sent out by Shannon Nov 13<sup>th</sup>. All volunteers are appreciated, contact PAC Executive to find out where else you can help.

Spread the news, bring all your friends to enjoy this fundraiser. A BIG thank you to all the individuals and businesses that support our school with auction donations!

### **Citizenship Group**

WOW! Thanks to everyone who supported our bake sale today. The Citizenship Group provided goodies and ran the sale! Lots of addition learning today! Everyone was excited to be able to purchase a special treat or two. Some even bought goodies to take home to their family.

### **Ultimate Day**

The Citizenship Group Presents Ultimate Day! Get ready to go *all out* for the ultimate school spirit day - on Wednesday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>! Our Citizenship group has cooked up a day packed with fun and surprises. Bring your ultimate light or flashlight, rock your ultimate outfit (PJs, costume, favourite dress or shirt, hat etc. - anything that is ultimate to you) and don't forget a stuffie for cozy vibes. We've got games to play, forts to build, and a few secret surprises waiting just for you. Please bring a blanket, sheet, or towel for the fort building. Flashlights will also be handy! Watch for more information in the school agenda. It's going to be epic—are you ready to make it the *Ultimate Day*?

### **Likely Christmas Fair**

The Likely Elementary PAC and Likely Community Association are holding their Christmas Craft Fair and

Silent Auction on Sunday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 2 pm. This is also a fun family event - including many vendors, a concession, silent auction, and a scholastic book fair. This is a CASH only event, come prepared.

### **Hot Lunch**

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who have made hot lunch on Thursdays possible. The kids absolutely love having this special treat each week. Shannon sent out an email to sign up for 2025/26 if you need this link again, please reach out to Cindy at the school. Lots of spots left to fill for 2026. Groceries for hot lunches are paid for by our Feeding Futures funding through the District using a PO system. Parents do not have to pay up front, they just give the cashier the PO. Please note that we have cancelled Dec 18<sup>th</sup> hot lunch as we are asking families to bring an appetizer to the event that evening.

### **Report Cards**

This year, we will again be using "Learning Updates" to report student progress. First update will come home second week of December; it will also be published to the parent portal in MyEdBC. Please make sure you start to become familiar with this as eventually, paper reports will not be coming home.

### **Playgroup**

Playgroup at the Hall on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10 am – 11:30 am has been well attended and enjoyed by all. It is free to all preschool kids from 0 to 5 years old with a parent. It will run till Dec 16<sup>th</sup> then break until Jan 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Winter Break**

Last day of classes is Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. The Staff wishes you all a healthy, happy holiday season and look forward to more fun learning in 2026!