

# Garden City Elementary School

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**Food BANK Donations**—Our Student Council under the direction of Ms. Maurice have been reminding our students to bring in items for the food bank. Each Wednesday they count the items to keep track of how each class is doing. Thank you for your generous contributions.

**Gingerbread House**—Jill Davidson (the mother-in-law of our second admin asst. Barb Davidson) has kindly made and donated a gingerbread house to Garden City. We are inviting students to make a donation of \$2.00 to put their name in to the draw for the Gingerbread House which will be done the last day of school-Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Report Cards

Parents will have received a letter from our superintendent Ms. Sherry Elwood with information about the new Report Card format. The new format does not include work habits for each subject, however, the Garden City staff has decided to maintain the Super G, and intermediate teachers will include a comment in the Term Comments section of the report card regarding Super G (excellent effort in all subject areas).



## Upcoming Events

### December 5

**Pro D-No School for students**

MIND UP Training for staff

### December 6 – 8

Book Fair

### December 7

Band Concert 9:30am –  
(Div. 1,2 & 7 performing)

### December 8

Report Cards go home

### December 9

SPIRIT DAY-Christmas Hats &  
Colours

**Assembly at 1:30:** Super G,  
Sing-a-long, Slideshow and  
draw for Gingerbread House.

Free Winter Wonderland Skate  
@ Minoru

### December 12 – January 2

Winter Break

### January 3

Return to School

### January 27

Talent Show

### January 30

Pro – D - No School

## Talent Show Auditions

Garden City has amazing talent! We will be doing a schoolwide talent show in the new year. Permission forms are available in the office should be handed into Mrs. Serrano by December 9 and auditions will be held on the following dates. Please come prepared with any instruments or props you may need.

Tuesday, January 3 – for Dancers & singers  
Wednesday, January 4 – for musical instruments  
Thursday, January 5 – for MC, Stage Crew, magic, martial arts and other talents.



Are you looking for something new to read over the winter break? Come visit our library's Book Fair before and after school December 6-8. Come see what the hot new books are.



## BAND CONCERT

Parents and families are invited to join us on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> to watch the band performance. Students in Divisions 1,2 and 7 will be performing at 9:30am in the gym.

## WINTER WONDERLAND FAMILY SKATE NIGHT



Garden City PAC presents Winter Wonderland Fun Skate

When: Friday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Minoru Ice Arena  
Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
Cost: Free for Garden City Students and family members.

Come join the fun and celebrate the start of the Winter Holiday Break. Hot chocolate and snacks may be served.

## In Our Community ...

The Longest Night

Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>  
1pm – 4pm  
Richmond Nature Park

Light up the night with lanterns, the rhythm of drums, fire wishes and roasting of marshmallows.  
Admission by donation

## STAFF UPDATE

**Welcome back to Ms. Woo.** After a year at home with her little boy, we are pleased to have her back at Garden City. Mrs. Avendano will be in a job share (Thursday/Friday) with Ms. Woo (Mon/Tues/Wed) starting in January.

We said **good-bye** to one of our EAs at Garden City Ms. Janie Fulton who took a full-time position at Bridge. We wish her well in her new position.

We are welcoming a new EA this week to Garden City, **Ms. Chang.** We are pleased to have her as part of our team.

We also want to thank Ms. Peggy Li who has been filling in for Mrs. Debou during her absence.

## REMINDER: CHECK THE LOST & FOUND



Each term we end up sending clothes to goodwill because children leave them in the lost and found, and without labels we cannot return them. Please label your children's items (clothing and dishes for food) to help us help you get them back!

## PAC NEWS

### “CASH FOR CLOTHES” in January....



Garden City PAC would like parents to participate in their Cash for Clothes fundraiser again this year. Over the break please begin to gather clothes and see the Development Disabilities Association website for more information about what can be donated at <http://develop.bc.ca/donate/ways-to-support-us/>

### Can you help?

The PAC is actively seeking new volunteers and will be having a drop-in information session after school on January 10<sup>th</sup>. If you are curious about how to help and would like to find out more – please join PAC members in the gym. Okay to bring your children as it will be brief.