Hi Parents;

Thank for helping us to be mostly paperless! Emailing my newsletters home seems to be working quite well and I appreciate that parents are receiving them and know what’s happening😊

** Thanks to Mavis Aubichon and Megan Lacourse who were able to help out Halloween Day with our activities. Also, thanks to the parents who transported and joined us at the Hatchery!

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**Remembrance Day Activities** - The students at Cumberland Community School participated in a very nice Remembrance ceremony last Monday. Previous to that, we spent considerable time learning about World Wars I and II and Canada’s role in them as well as other wars and Canada’s long history of Peace Keeping. We talked about sacrifices made and what the ultimate goal was and is with military efforts . . . peace. When I surveyed the students following Nov. 11th, so many of the boys and girls said they participated in Remembrance ceremonies in Cumberland and other communities. Very impressive!

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**3-Way Interviews** - 3-Way (Parent, Teacher and Child) Interviews are Thursday, November 27th. The purpose of this time is for me to give you a synopsis of how your child is doing and for the three of us to set goals. Please follow the link to our new online system (http://cumberlandschool.ca/?p=859) to set your time. If the available times don’t work for you, please email me and we will reschedule it for another day. As a reminder, I will send out a note with scheduled times the day before.

**Report Cards** – Formal report cards will come out on Friday, December 19th.

**Scholastic Book Fair** - This week, our library is being transformed into a book fair. This Scholastic Book Fair is a great fundraiser for books for our library. Stop by Wednesday to Friday, November 19th to 21st and check out some great books!

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**Christmas Concert** – In case you want to mark your calendar and/or make plans . . . Our Christmas Concert takes place Wednesday, December 17th with a show at 1:00 pm and another at 7:00 pm at the ‘Old Jr.’ building gym. The last day of school before the winter break is Friday, December 19th and we are back to school on Monday, January 5th.

**Coast Realty Christmas Hamper Program** – Once again we are participating in the Coast Country Realty Hamper Program. Once we have our family information the boys and girls will sign up for a food item and they will bring a note home. This should happen in a week or so.

**Christmas Crafts** – We will be doing some Christmas/winter crafts in December. If you have any Christmas craft supplies that you are no longer using, i.e. pine cones, bells, ribbons, please send them to school and we would be happy to put them to use.
Neat Guests! - We are fortunate to have interesting guests coming to visit us! Last week we had Sarah, our DFO Salmon Program Educator, come do a demonstration salmon dissection for us. Check it out on the blog. (ourforest.edublogs.org). *Tuesday, November 18th and Wednesday, December 10th we have Dr. Claire visiting our class to discuss ‘body science’ and abuse prevention with the students. **Friday, November 21st we are being treated to ‘Pangea Storytelling on Wheels’. Our time for this performance is 11:00 am in the ‘Old Jr.’ gym.

Socials -- We are working on a unit on ‘Old Canada’ and examining how our previous generations lived and survived in Canada. We are learning about what brought the settlers to Canada and the jobs they performed. We will be looking at foods and how they were harvested and prepared. We will also spend some time looking at traditional games that children played in the ‘old days’. We will learn about Pioneer schools and homes. Next week, we will be examining tools. ** I am wondering if each student might have an older or antique tool that they could bring in to share. The tools could be kitchen tools, carpenter tools or trades tools (i.e. mining). Please label the tool (child’s name and purpose of tool) and wrap it so not to be shared prior to our activity. Send it for Friday, Nov. 28th, please and thanks. We would take very good care of the tools and have them back home at the end of the day. (You could even drop the tool off on 3-Way Interview day.) Email me if you have any questions.

Field Trip - Also as part of our new Socials unit, we will be travelling to the Campbell River Museum to partake in their ‘Pioneer Program’. We will make this trip Tuesday, December 2nd, departing at 9:00 am and returning for 2:40 pm. The museum program is two hours, from 10:00 to noon. We’ll have a quick lunch in their lobby and then travel to ‘Code’s Country Lanes’ in Courtenay for a game of bowling (1:15 to 2:15 pm). If you are able to drive and supervise for this trip please indicate so on the consent form being sent home this week.

Language Arts - We are starting a Literacy Study with a novel titled, Pit Pony. This novel is in correlation with our Socials ‘Early Settlers’ unit and is about coal mining life in the early days in Nova Scotia. The boys and girls will have occasional reading assignments but will always need to have their novel at school each day.

Our Blog - Thank you for checking out the blog occasionally and sharing it with family and friends. Please feel welcome to leave a comment for the boys and girls on any of the posts!

Dates to remember:
Nov. 18/Dec. 9 – Dr. Claire visits
Nov. 19/Dec. 3 – PLC days, 12:30 dismissal
Nov. 21 – Pangea Storytelling on Wheels
Nov. 27 – 3-Way Interviews
Dec. 17 – Christmas Concert, 1:00 & 7:00 pm
Dec. 19 – Reports out and last day before break

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