



St. Patrick's Elementary School
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12 DAYS OF SPEV

Dear Parents,

As we enter this special time of year and begin to celebrate Christmas, it is important to reflect on this past year and recognize that our community has endured some difficult times. In the spirit of Saint Patrick's Elementary School, we must all continue to remember that this is a time of giving and we need to support each other. With this, I am excited to introduce the 12 DAYS OF SPEV! Beginning December 1st, the 12 school days leading up to the start of the Christmas break, specifically chosen groups will come together and be responsible for collecting designated items for local charities. Every item that a student/family donates will earn them a chance to win a one-of-a-kind SPEV Nutcracker in our school wide draw! This one-of-a-kind SPEV Nutcracker is very special as it is the actual Nutcracker that will be featured in our school Christmas Play.

Wednesday, December 1st 2021

On the 1st day of Christmas, the St. Patrick's families gave to thee, toys for the children.

Toy Mountain returns to Guildford Town Centre. To help families in need we will be collecting unwrapped toys. Please bring these to school on December 1st so we can help put smiles on the faces of families this Christmas season.



Thursday, December 2nd 2021

On the 2nd day of Christmas, the Grade 7 students gave to thee, blankets for the local community.



Pacific Community Resources Society (Vancouver youth service) supports the health, growth, and well-being of the people, each other, and families. Please bring blankets and or pillows on December 2nd to fill the Winterfest Hampers.

Friday, December 3rd 2021

On the 3rd day of Christmas, the Grade 6 students gave to thee, Hampers to help our Youth.



This Vancouver youth service provides a one-stop Centre for social, health, education, housing, substance use support, employment, and life skills services for our First Peoples. Please bring any of these items on December 3rd to fill the Winterfest Hampers: earphones, chargers, power banks, scarves, gloves, instant coffee, and feminine hygiene products.



Monday, December 6th 2021

On the 4th day of Christmas the Grade 5 students gave to thee, backpacks full of goodies for the youth.

Covenant House provides love and hope to Vancouver's homeless and at-risk street youth. Please bring journals, note books, adult socks, toques, gloves, deodorant for men/women, chocolate, and or little hotties hand warmers so we can provide to the Christmas backpack program.

Tuesday, December 7th 2021

On the 5th day of Christmas, the Grade 4 students gave to thee, cookies and cards for the elderly.

The Holy Family Senior's Hospital is home to 126 extended care residents. My grandparents always had milk and cookies for me when I came to visit, so on December 7th, please bring store-bought cookies in so the residents can share them with their grandchildren.



Wednesday, December 8th 2021

On the 6th day of Christmas our Parents gave to thee, pajamas for the children at BC Children's Hospital.

The BC Children's Hospital provides care for the most seriously ill and or injured children across British Columbia. On December 8th, please bring new pajamas for children of all shapes and sizes so their stay can be a little comfier.



Thursday, December 9th 2021

On the 7th day of Christmas, the Grade 3 students gave to thee, items for men who are in need.

The Door is Open, a drop-in center for the poor and homeless, provides clothing, food, shelter, recreation and a safe space. On December 9th, please bring in un-opened shampoo, bar soaps, brushes/combs, toothpaste, toothbrushes, warm socks and or men's underwear for men and dads in need.

Friday, December 10th 2021

On the 8th day of Christmas the Grade 2 students gave to thee, toiletries for the women.

Every Wednesday, The Door is Open serves only women with a special day that is dedicated to them. They feed, clothe and provide for them. Please bring in un-opened shampoo, bar soaps, brushes/combs, sanitary products, toothpaste and or toothbrushes so they can sparkle on their special day.





Monday, December 13th 2021

On the 9th day of Christmas the Grade 1 students gave to thee, food for the food bank.

The Greater Vancouver Foodbank needs our help. On December 13th, please bring in non-perishable food items. Pasta and low sodium canned salmon are items that are needed most. Please check the expiration date as expired food will be returned.



Tuesday, December 14th 2021

On the 10th day of Christmas kindergarten gave to thee, toys, treats and food for the animals in need.



The BCSPCA needs petfood and supplies for cats and dogs. On December 14th, please bring in any of the following items to school so we can bring joy to God's creatures. Pet food (dry and wet), cat and dog treats, toys, leashes, collars or harnesses.

Wednesday, December 15th 2021

On the 11th day of Christmas, the St. Patrick's Families gave to thee, welcome gifts for the needy.

The Mount Pleasant Neighborhood House is a community thriving in connection, celebration, engagement and leadership. They are building a healthy and engaged neighborhood by connecting people. On December 15th, please bring new socks, underwear and any winterwear (hats, toques, gloves, mittens, scarves)



Thursday, December 16th 2021

On the 12th day of Christmas, the staff gave to thee, community boxes of Hope for the Christmas Season.

The Wholeway House supports the physical, emotional and financial wellness of our vulnerable seniors and veterans from the downtown Eastside. On December 16th, please bring grocery and gas gift cards, chocolates, cookies, warm socks, gloves, activity books, coffee, hot chocolate and tea for families in need.

"Every Good Gift and Every Perfect Gift is from Above, and Cometh Down From The Father of Lights." James 1:17



Check out the Christmas Concert for a special bonus song performed by students and staff.

Friday, December 17th 2021: Students may come to school in Christmas colors to celebrate the 12 Days of SPEV.



May God Bless You, Diane Sorochuk and the SPEV 100 Year Planning Committee.