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Charles Dickens Elementary Newsletter

*If we move
obstacles
out of
peoples'
way, we also
remove their
ability to get
around
them.*
Luc Shubin

The staff at Charles Dickens wish you and yours an enjoyable holiday season and happy New Year!

Conferences at Dickens

Thanks to all the students, teachers and parents for the positive and informative Goal Setting conference times. It was wonderful to watch all the students sharing their learning and work with their families.

CST Programs

Registration forms will be available to families starting Jan. 9. The Tupper Community Schools Team (CST) will be making a presentation to classes on that day and will give the forms to students.



Tupper Community Schools Team (TCST)
After-school Programs
www.tuppercst.com

Sir Charles Dickens

Winter 2018 January 31– March 7

Wednesdays	Wednesday
Quick Knit	Master Chef
Grades 3 - 4	Grades 5 - 6

New Registration!
The Tupper CST and Charles Dickens will be trying a Lottery Registration system
1 Week to enter Lottery Draw
(Jan 9– Jan 16)
Location of Lottery Box: Main office
Draw to be held: Jan 23rd



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You're never
going to make
a difference by
being like
everyone else.
P.T. Barnum

EMERGENCY CLOSURE

On the rare occasion, school may be canceled due to extreme winter weather conditions. The decision to close a school can only be made by the superintendent of schools. To get information about emergency closures, please go to the district website (www.vsb.bc.ca) or listen to the local radio stations listed below. Announcements on these stations will be made between 6:00 and 8:30 AM.

CBC (690AM, 105.7FM)

CJVB (1470AM)

CKWX (1130AM)

City TV (channel 13)

CFHG (96.1FM)

BCTV/Global TV

DICKENS HAS TWITTER!

In an effort to provide parents with insight into students' days, and a means of communicating with families quickly, we have set up a Twitter account. @dickens_elem We will be sharing ongoing learning and celebrations that occur at Charles Dickens, as well as any unexpected announcements (i.e. snow days, etc). Please follow us.

SECOND HAND PANTS

We go through a lot of our spare clothes here at Dickens. If a child does not have a spare change of clothes and they fall or get wet, we have a small supply of clothes for children to change into. If families have smaller sweat pants or leggings that your child has grown out of, we could use them at school. If your child arrives home with one of our spare pairs, please wash it and return it as soon as possible. Ideally, ensuring your child has a spare change of clothes is the best.

FABRIC DONATION REQUEST

Div. 12 is looking for fabric donations. They will be using them for a quilting project. If you have extra material that you are able to donate, please see Katie in Div. 12, Rm 224.

CST (Community Schools Team) Tupper

We have a great connection with our Tupper Community Support Team. They provide some programming and sports opportunities for Dickens students, as well as helping with the transitions and connections for Grade 7s. Here is their website for more information.

<https://www.tuppercst.com>

**Social
Emotional
Learning
(SEL): Parent
Resources**

Learning to get along with others and solve issues in a peaceful way are needed lifelong skills.

Here is a link that will support parents to support a child's SEL

<https://www.edutopia.org/SEL-parents-resources>

Dates to Remember: Jan. and Feb. 2018

Date	Event
Monday, Jan. 8	First day back after the Winter Break.
Wednesday, Jan. 10	PAC Executive Meeting
Monday, Jan. 15	Fire Drill
Monday, Jan. 29	Curriculum Implementation – No school for students
Monday, Feb. 19	ProD Day – No school for students

Request for Maker Space Supplies

The library has started up a MakerSpace where students have the opportunity to access different materials to design a variety of structures. The MakerSpace will be available starting in January Mondays at lunch. It is also open now to small groups of students from different classrooms to collaborate, design and build at various times during the week.

So far, we have Keva blocks, marble runs, Lego, geoboards and a wooden train set. We would love to build our Lego collection! You can support us by making a donation of Lego. It doesn't have to be new or even a complete set (a small handful would be much appreciated). We are collecting donations from families in a blue tub located just inside the library front door. Thanks to everyone for your ongoing support of the Library!

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