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EDELWEISS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

WELCOME BACK!

THANK-YOU PARENTS

Many thanks to those who donated food for the Food Bank, toys for the refugee families and for all the gifts to Edelweiss staff! It was very much appreciated! We have wonderful generous families at our school!

"The long, long memories are of people who were kind." Helen Exley

BEST PRESCHOOL VOTING

Please help us to be voted the #1 Preschool in Calgary this year! Last year we won Honourable Mention. We encourage you to fill out your ballot online by Dec 31st at:

<http://www.calgaryschild.com/parents-choice-awards>

WINTER SAFETY

Do not allow children to play or touch metal objects especially with their lips or tongues. Always carry a spray bottle of water in one of your inside pockets. This can be sprayed onto the metal object and the body part released. DO NOT pull the body part off the object.

http://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/winter_safety

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

H appiness depends upon your outlook on life.
A ttitude is just as important as ability.
P assion find yours this year!
P ositive thoughts make everything easier.
Y ou are unique, with special gifts, use them.

N ew beginnings with a new year.
E nthusiasm is a true secret of success.
W ishes may they turn into goals.

Y ears go by to quickly, enjoy them.
E nergy may you have lots of it.
A ppreciation of life, don't take it for granted.
R elax take the time to relax in this coming year.



FLAGS IN THE COATROOM

If your home country flag is not flying in our coatroom area, please let us know and we will get one to add to them. Our current student body represents over 25 % of the world!



January Dates To Note

Jan 2	School reopens
Jan 4	3 & 5 Day Mr Rayz Music
Jan 6	Arctic Presentation : Brent Else 5 Day AM & PM
Jan 11	3 & 5 Day First Nations Cultural Presentation: Shirley Hill Award Winning Fancy Shawl Dancer & Lemon the Bear
Jan 13	Olaf visits 3 day JK & 5 Day
Jan 19	5 Day Accordion Presentation
Jan 19	Pre/2 Day JK Penguin Day - wear black & White
Jan 20	Penguin Day for 3 day JrK's & 5 Day- Wear black and white - no uniforms
Jan 25	Chinese New Year Presentation for 5 Day: Wanda Tong
Jan 26	Pre 2 day JK & 5 Day PJ Day
Jan 27	3 Day JK PJ Day
Jan 30	No classes - teachers only in

FOOD BANK DONATION

The drop off of food into the hampers has been a great success! Please keep your donations coming in January as well. The items we are collecting in January is breakfast cereals. It is wonderful to see so many families teaching their children to give to others in need. We thank all the Edelweiss families for continuing to support this worthy cause.

PENGUIN DAY & SNOWMAN DAY

The children will all have a Penguin Day with special activities and a **Penguin Mascot** visiting each class. Children will wear black and white instead of uniforms. On Jan 8 we will have an **Olaf the Snowman Mascot** visiting and children will watch Raymond Brigg's "The Snowman" a special movie without any words - just music for 3 & 5 Day.

"Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value."

- Albert Einstein

Important Upcoming Dates

Feb 16/17	Closed for Teacher's Convention
Feb 20	Closed - Family Day
Mar 23	Teachers only in - no classes
Mar 24 - 31	Closed for Easter/Spring Break

PARENT REMINDERS

SICKNESS: Please remember to not send your child to school if he/she has a fever, coloured discharge, is coughing a lot or has been sick vomiting or has had diarrhea in the past 48 hours. Also if your child has a communicable disease we require that you notify the school about it.



STARTING SCHOOL: Please remember to wait in the coatroom until the teachers come to say it is time instead of waiting at their door. The exception to this is classes that start in the Gym.

Parents & caregivers are required to take the child right to the classroom door and see him/her enter at drop off before leaving.

SNACK TIME: There is to be no pop or candy and **NO NUT PRODUCTS** sent for snack time. Also, foods with choking hazards such a cherry tomatoes and grapes need to be cut into quarters. If you do not pack your child's snack, please communicate this to whoever prepares the snack.

INDOOR SHOES: If you forget to bring your child's indoor shoes, we have some extra shoes to borrow. They are located behind the bathroom doors of both boys and girls bathroom's. Please return them where you got them from when your child is finished class. We do not allow stocking feet or bare feet at school. You can also leave your child's shoes in the cubbie. Make sure you label your child's name on the shoes.