

Thursday, December 13th, 2018,

Hello Parents and Guardians of Division 8 Students.

It’s hard to believe that the holiday break is only a week away, and that we are now officially into our second term. Wow, how time has flown by!

Over the next week we are planning to do a number of Christmas related activities in class, and out of respect for individual, and family beliefs or traditions, I would like to ask for your permission to have your children take part. I will make accommodations for anyone who doesn’t want their children to be participate in the Holiday activities.

One of the activities is a Gift Exchange. I would like to have the students purchase a generic gift for no more than $10 that could be for a boy or girl. Please DO NOT wrap the item(s), but instead please send them in a plastic / paper bag or small box, and I will wrap the gifts. \* I appreciate how overwhelming the holiday season can be, so if you don’t want your child to take part, I will understand. However, if you would like your child to participate, but the expense is a hardship, please simply email me at: [jmain@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:jmain@sd35.bc.ca) and I will make sure there is a gift purchased so that your son or daughter can take part, no questions asked.\*

I am planning for some holiday crafts, and I am looking for a few volunteers to help with the crafting activities. The first activity that I could use some help with will be to baking dough ornaments this Wednesday, December 19th. I will supply all the necessary items, and the students will help create the dough, but I will need a couple of parents to help bake the ornaments (*in the school ovens*) over the course of the day. I am hoping to make about 100 - 150 ornaments, so it could require at least a couple of hours of volunteer time.

Finally we are planning to have a class party on the last day before Winter Break (*Friday, December 21st*), and I am asking that students bring one food or drink item to share. (*The information about which item they volunteered to bring for the party is attached*.)

Thanks a lot for all your continued support in making this the best year possible for our Division 8 students!

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**Holiday Activities Permission Form:**

**Please check and sign below for all that applies.**

**My child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, has permission to take part in the following class activities:**

1. **Christmas related activities YES NO**
2. **Holiday gift exchange YES NO**
3. **Christmas party YES NO**

**I would be interested in helping with Holiday related activities in the classroom on the following dates.**

**Please check all that apply:**

* **Dough ornament help & baking (10:30am - 2:30pm) - Wednesday, December 19th**
* **Christmas party (12 - 2:45pm) Friday, December 21st**

**My child has volunteered to bring \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the Class Party on December 21st.**

**Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Child’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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