

# DECEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

THE GRATITUDE EDITION

## Crawford Bay School



### Principal's Message:

Dear Families,

As December unfolds, we reflect on the growth and accomplishments of our students so far. Your child's progress, highlighted in recent reports and teacher updates, shows how much they've already achieved.

As term 2 gets rolling, we continue to focus on learning while celebrating the traditions that make this season special. We hope you'll join us for our Christmas Concert and support our Santa's Workshop and food drive. This is a season of celebration and gratitude, and despite these tough few weeks for the East Shore, we are moved by the resilience and generosity we witness in our kids, families and communities.

As we prepare for winter break, take time to recharge and reflect on all we've accomplished together. Thank you for your ongoing support, and we wish you a joyful December and a wonderful holiday.

With gratitude,  
Victoria

### *Important Dates:*

- Dec. 4:** Reports sent home- Wolfpack, Otter & Osprey Classes
- Dec. 10:** PAC meeting, 5 PM, in the library or virtually
- Dec. 10-12:** Student-Led Conferences -Grizzly Class
- Dec. 17:** 1:30-3:30 Parent volunteers to bake for the Winter Concerts
- Dec. 18-20:** Santa's Workshop- details below
- Dec. 19:** **Winter Concert - 1:00 PM & 4:30 PM performances**
- Dec. 20:** Last day before winter break
- Jan. 6:** Schools Reopen
- Jan. 20:** Pro. D. Day
- Jan 10-Mr 7:** Film Making Project with Brian Lye through Art Starts
- Feb 11-Mr. 4:** Tuesdays for 4 **Ski & Swim days**



# Join us for our Winter Concert!

Thursday, December 19th  
Two performances!

❄️ 1:00 PM

❄️ 4:30 PM

Crawford Bay School Performance Space  
Last chance to bring your non-perishable food items  
for the Otter Class Food Drive

Chef Rebecca & PAC will be selling Pizza and  
sweet treats!

If you would like to help bake, please  
come to the school on the  
17th from 1:30–3:30





# Santa's Workshop!

December 18-20 2024

## The Schedule

Students' shopping times:

### Dec. 18:

- 10:45- 12:00 Otter Class
- 12:50-1:40 Wolfpack
- 1:40-2:30 Grizzly Class

### Dec. 19:

- 9:15-10:35 Osprey Class
- 10:35-11:55 Catch up for any student who was away

### December 20:

- 8:30-11:30 Preschool and homeschool students can come any time!

## The Plan

Crawford Bay School students will have a form to fill in so we can help them find just the right gifts!

All funds go towards purchasing outdoor learning equipment and to support families when they need it.

Gifts and wrapping donations can be dropped off at the school any time until 9AM Tues. Dec. 17th

## How to Volunteer

**Tuesday, Dec. 17** 10-2:30 PM

Santa's Elves set up.

**Wednesday, Dec. 18** 10:2:30

Help students shop and wrap

**Thursday, Dec. 19,** 9AM-12PM

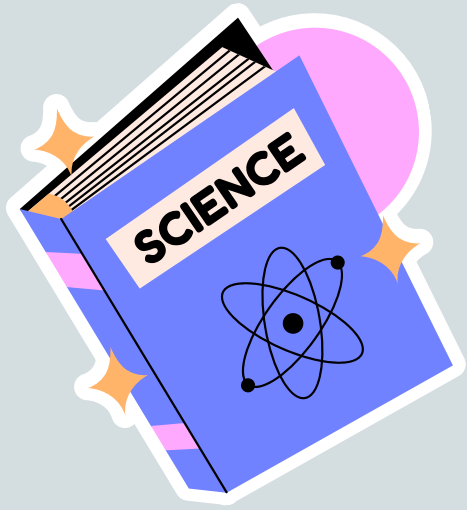
Help with wrapping

**Friday, Dec. 20** 8:30AM-2PM

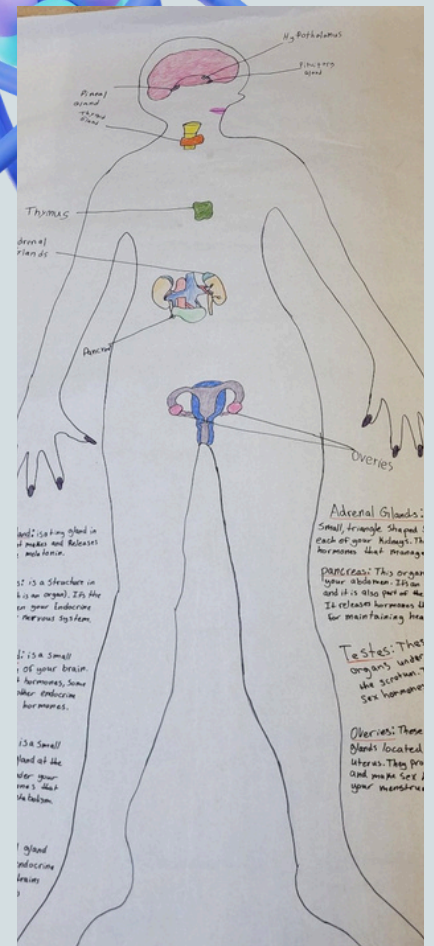
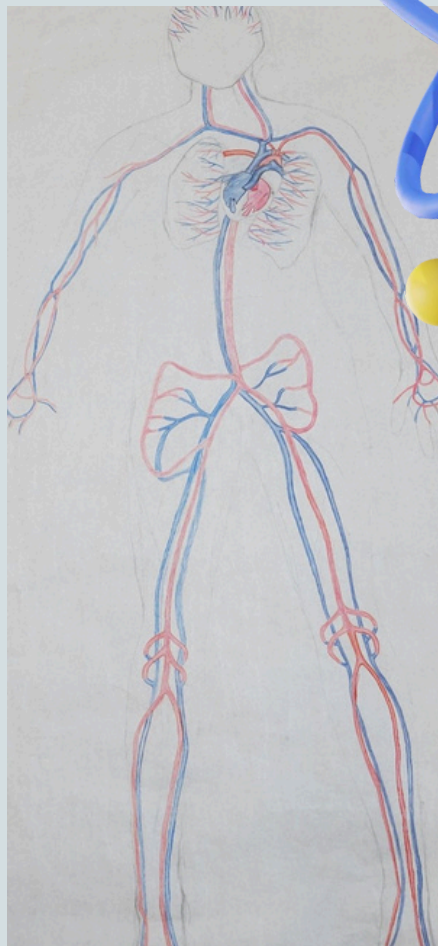
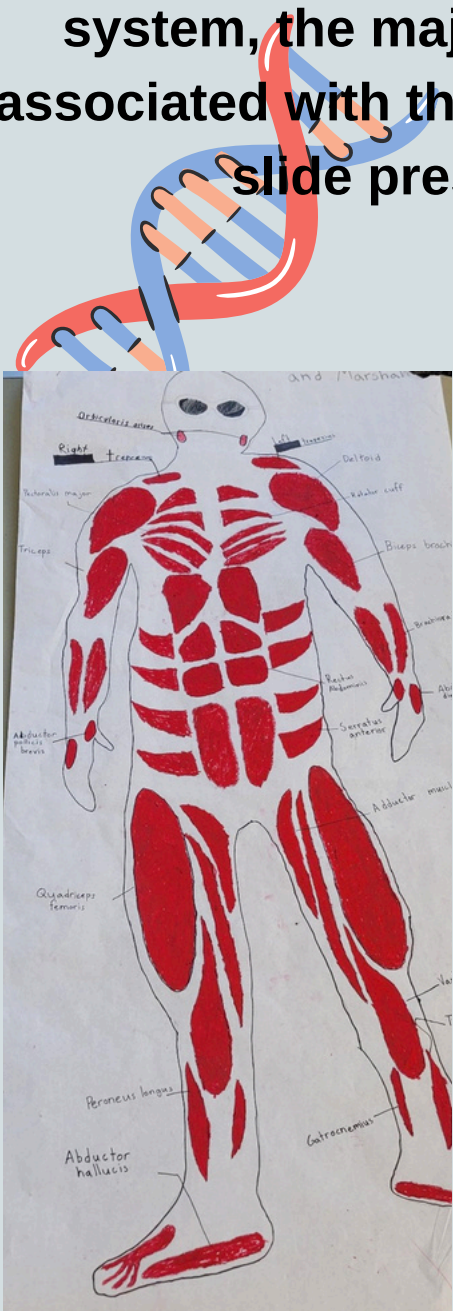
AM: help preschool and homeschool families shop and wrap PM: help Santa take it all down

**Please call the office to sign up for a time: 250-227-9218.**





The Osprey Science class has been learning about Human Body Systems. Pairs of students have researched an assigned body system, the major organs and their functions, diseases associated with the body system, and prepared a poster and slide presentation to share with the class.





# Knights of Columbus

## Coats for Kids Program

“The goal of the Coats for Kids program is to ensure that no child in North America goes without a coat during the winter season.”



Some of our students volunteered to model the coats that we received from the Knights of Columbus. Please let us know if your child needs one.



We are grateful to **Pealows Independent Grocer** in Creston for sponsoring an entire week of Hot Lunch! What kindness



We want to thank the **East Shore Branch of the Nelson & District Credit Union** for their generous donation of \$1000 to support healthy food for kids and families.



Backpack Buddies and the BC Fruit & Veg programs bring perishable and non-perishable food for kids and families to have at home each week. It's great to always have on hand a couple of grocery bags for anyone who requests it

We are grateful to our **Hot Lunch chefs Rebecca and Farley, and the many volunteers!** We thank you for your dedication and hard-work organizing, cooking, serving, and washing up the delicious meals you make for our students & staff. Thank you to Jenn, Chris and Tanya for making the money work out. Your efforts bring joy and connection to our school day after day. You are seen and appreciated.



To our amazing PAC: Your ongoing work to build up our school through fundraising, events, and advocacy is inspiring. You're the backbone of so many wonderful opportunities for our students and happen to be a super interesting and skilled group to collaborate with.

*The time, energy, and generosity of these people and donors remind us of the strength of our community. Together, we create a vibrant and supportive environment for our students to thrive. Thank you for all that you do and give to our terrific school!*



THANK  
you



Do you recognize any of these items?  
If you do, please stop by the school's  
lost and found to claim.



### The Angel Tree!

Families experiencing financial difficulty can call Pam at Newkey's by Dec. 15 for help with Christmas presents for their children. 250-227-6911

Our Community Closet is open for students or families who need extra clothing or items in the moment. Thanks to Ms. Conne for making a place where we can support kids and families in this way.

