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Hello Centre Mountain Lellum Families,

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Communicating Student Learning

It was nice to see so many families visiting the school on Thursday afternoon for the student conferences. As you may be aware, the Ministry of Education and Child Care have published a new reporting document this year and we are working through some of the details. In this document, teachers are encouraged to complete informal learning updates in a variety of ways. Most teachers continued to set up face-to-face conferences, while others used a program called Spaces, or sent home interims, set up phone calls or emailed all families. In any case, you should now have heard from the teacher regarding your child's learning.

To keep the formal reporting procedures consistent in grades 6 to 8 at Centre Mountain Lellum, all teachers will be completing the full written learning updates in the form of a report. Parents will be able to see the written reports once published through the parent portal. These reports will be available on the parent portable by 1:00pm on Friday, December 15, 2023. We will not be sending out hard copy reports.

According to the Ministry of Education and Child Care reporting procedures, English Language Arts and Math must be included on two written learning updates throughout the year and on the summary report. All other subjects may only be included on a minimum of one written learning update throughout the year and on the summary report.

Goldstream Food Bank Donations

Over the next 3 weeks, the staff and students at Centre Mountain Lellum Middle School will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to the Goldstream Food Bank. Each classroom teacher has been given a box to collect these items. On Thursday afternoon on Dec. 14, all boxes will be brought to the multi-purpose room in preparation for the Goldstream Food Bank to pick up on Friday, Dec. 15. If you are able to donate food items, please have your child bring the items to their classroom teacher.

Thank you.

Lost and Found

A huge thank you to our PAC for allocating some funds for us to build a proper lost and found cabinet. Mr. Bedard, with the help of some students, built an amazing lost and found cabinet which now makes it very easy to see all the items collected. We will be donating all the remaining items, if they are not picked up by Friday, Dec. 8, 2023. Please have your child take a look for missing items, or if you would like to have a look at these items outside of school hours, the cabinet is located on the first floor just outside the gym.



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School Clubs

Chess Club is in full swing and will be running December through March. It is every Monday and Thursday in the multipurpose room during lunch hour. All players must abide by the school's Code of Conduct (found on the school's website <https://centremountainlellum.web.sd62.bc.ca/students/code-of-conduct/>).

Ms. Efford is planning on following this with the school's Second Annual Chess Tournament in March and a District Wide Chess Tournament in April. Semi finalists and grand finalists will be invited to attend the Langley Provincial tournament. Last year 4 students attended the weekend long tournament with their families and placed well. One of our grade 8 girls placed top female in BC. Families will need to plan accordingly.

Last year students taught themselves how to record their moves on paper and keep track of their moves. This is a requirement of entering the Provincial Tournament.

Cribbage: Ms. Efford is teaching the card game Cribbage in many classrooms, in her role as a Learning Support Teacher. Please consider dusting off your cribbage boards and helping your child play cribbage and learn the counting. We are having lots of fun: "Fifteen for two and the rest won't do!". Students wishing to practice are welcome to come to chess club and play crib instead. 😊

A reminder of a few dates to mark in your calendars:

Winter Band Concert – Wednesday, Dec. 13th, 7 pm

First Term Reports posted on the Parent Portal – Friday, Dec. 15 after 1:00pm

Last day of school before the holidays – Friday, Dec. 22

First day back after the holidays – Monday, Jan. 8, 2024

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