

**Skeena**

**Middle School**

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Principal – Mr. Phillip Barron  
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**Bell Schedule**

8:40 Warning Bell  
8:45-9:50 Block 1  
9:55 Block 2  
10:10-10:20 Grade 8 Break  
10:20-10:30 Grade 7 Break  
10:30-10:40 Grade 9 Break  
11:05-12:10 Block 3  
12:10-12:58 Lunch  
1:03-2:08 Block 4  
2:13-3:18 Block 5

**Important Dates**

December 21 – January 3  
School Closed  
January 4 – 1<sup>st</sup> day back from  
Christmas break  
January 18 – February 26  
FSA  
January 20 – PAC meeting

**Reminders**

Please use the front parking lot  
for student pick-up and drop off.

Please ensure that your child is  
dressed for the weather when  
coming to school.

Masks – it is important that all  
students respect Covid-19  
policies. All students are  
required to wear masks in  
hallways and common areas.

Please do not bring items to the  
office for your child during the  
school day. We are trying to  
minimize the number of visitors  
to our building.



*Relationships*

*Respect*

*Honesty*

*Responsibility*

*Perseverance*

December 2020 Newsletter

Dear SMS Families,

The long-awaited Christmas break is here. It is hard to believe that we're only a couple weeks away from Christmas and welcoming the New Year. Although 2020 has had all kinds of challenges for many of us, our hope is that you can take some time with your family to reflect on this year and find some things to be thankful for. Please take every opportunity during this Christmas season to rest, cherish moments with your family, create new memories, and stay safe. We, at Skeena Middle School, would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and may the New Year bring good health and better times for us all.

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**Staffing News**

We would like to extend our many thanks to Ms. Emma Kenmuir and Ms. Camille Kunetz for filling in for Ms. Kirsten Mailhot. Starting in January, Ms. Karen Hilchey will be going in as our full time Grade 8 French Immersion teacher until Ms. Mailhot returns. Welcome to Terrace and the Skeena Middle School family Ms. Hilchey!





## Seasons Readings

Did you know that in 1944 at the end of WW2 in Iceland, many commodities were scarce, and the rationing of resources was the practice. However, one commodity that there was an abundance of was paper. Books became a source of hope and a kind of beacon of joy. A new tradition was started, Jólábókaflóðið, roughly translated to English as 'the Christmas book flood'. Since then, a book catalogue is printed and sent to every household to encourage the tradition of book giving. In Iceland, presents are opened on December 24<sup>th</sup> and it is quite common to start your new book and read well into the night while enjoying hot chocolate.

With this in mind, make sure to stop by the library and find yourself a book to read over the winter break. Maybe try a new author or a genre you have never read before. With two weeks of break and the pandemic limiting our social time, 'escape with a book' has never sounded more timely.

### Food Bank

A special thank you to all staff and students who brought food for the local foodbank during the first two weeks of December. As a school we collected 863 items and raised \$63.65. Shout out to Mme. Carter's class who collected the most and won a special prize. Thank you as well to the 178 items donated through the office. Way to go Skeena!



*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Everyone!!!*

"The grade 7 French Immersion students in Mme Carter's class got into the season of giving back! Students wrote Christmas cards for Canadian Armed Forces stationed overseas.



Students also made treats for the dogs and cats at the Terrace Animal Shelter. The animals were so excited!

