




## Happy Holidays from Bench Elementary School Students and Staff

**December Happenings:** We are sure you have heard . . .  Elfred, the elf on the shelf is back.

**“Oh, the weather outside is frightful  
But the fire is so delightful  
And since we've no place to go  
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow”**

The forecast is for cold weather this week! We know students are hoping for a good dump of the white stuff but they must remember to dress appropriately for this colder time of year! For families new to our school community, children are allowed to sled in designated areas on the school grounds. They need to bring their own sleds, wear snow pants, boots and have a helmet (bike helmets are acceptable.)

**Food Bank and Christmas Hamper Drive** - This month students are engaged in a “friendly” class competition to collect **food** and **new toys** for two Merritt families. The families we are supporting have children aged 12 (girl), 8 (girl), 7 (boy), 6 (boy), baby girl (2) and an infant boy. Please also consider adding gift for two young moms and one father. The class that collects the most items will have a special treat! Items are due by **December 12<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Bench Christmas Concert is on Thursday, December 8th**

Dress rehearsal is at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am parents are welcome to attend. Our main performance will be held at 1:15 p.m. on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

December 12<sup>th</sup> – wear your favourite Christmas hat

December 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm MSS – Dr. Christine Perkins is meeting with parents about the new curriculum

December 16<sup>th</sup> 8:00 – 9:00 am - **Pancake Breakfast with Santa!** Families welcome!  
Wear your pajamas to school day.

Best wishes for a joy filled holiday season. See you back at school on **January 3<sup>rd</sup>**.