



# Deep Cove Elementary

## 2012 Christmas Fair Newsletter

Friday December 7, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

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### Take Note

- **Thank you venue coordinators who have already signed up!!**
- **Thank you parents and kids who have already signed up for shifts!!**
- **Thank you donors who have already donated prizes and silent auction items!!**

**Together, we'll  
make this the best  
Christmas Fair EVER!!**

For further information and to volunteer please contact this year's Christmas Fair Coordinator;  
Lesley MacLaughlin  
macjackson@shaw.ca

### Let The Party Begin!

For 11 months we wait. For one month, we work like Santa's little elves. For one night, we party!

Deep Cove School has been holding its legendary Christmas Fair for 34 years now and it is really something to celebrate: in one night of good family fun we manage to do most of our fundraising for the year.

If all goes well we'll raise about \$25,000 for our school and about \$2,000 for Motati, our sister school in Lesotho. Yes! You read that right, the Christmas Fair, with the Raffle and the Silent Auction does raise that much!

The success of the Fair depends upon the concerted efforts of parents, guardians, some older children (including ex-students) staff, and other community members who volunteer to participate in the venues by donating:

- Their time during the Fair to run the venues.
- Their time spent collecting items for the Silent Auction and the Raffle.
- Baking, books, cds, dvds, stuffies, knickknacks Silent Auction items etc.

The night of the Fair is always full of hustle and bustle and every helping hand is much appreciated. If you are unable to come and assist on the night of the Fair there are still plenty of things to do in preparation for the big night, such as baking, selling Raffle tickets or providing Emporium or Silent Auction donations. Setting things up and cleaning up after the fair are also areas in which we need lots of help.

Do I have to volunteer? No, of course not! But we really hope you do. Every year parents who have been very involved at Deep Cove School move on because their youngest child has graduated. It is your turn to step in and replace them. We would love to welcome you on our team.

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**Drop all donations for the fair on  
the stage in the big gym.**



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## How Do I Help?

### By donating items

The main stage in the big gym is now open for donations! At this time you can bring in stuffies (to be used as prizes in the primary games), gently used items for the Emporium (costume jewellery, plant pots, candles, kitchenware, ornaments, etc.), and/or books, games, puzzles, CDs, DVDs for the book sale.

Do you have a bigger item, gift certificate, event tickets (or something else?) that you would like to donate to the Silent Auction? Please leave your donation, name, and phone number with Lori at the main office who will ensure that it is safely stored until the fair.

### Volunteering for the night of the Fair

Soon, a large volunteer sign-up board will be posted on the wall beside the Staff Room. Shifts during the Fair will be listed by times and venue. Parents are asked to write their name and phone number in the hour-long time slot of the choosing.

### ***Please come in and sign up for shifts when you are at the school.***

If you are unable to come in person, please contact Lesley with your preferred time slots and venues, and she will be happy to sign you up for something ([macjackson@shaw.ca](mailto:macjackson@shaw.ca)), or contact the venue coordinator directly. This year, to encourage volunteers to sign up early and keep the venue coordinators serene, everybody who signs up for a volunteer shift prior to Monday, November 26th will be entered in a draw to win a special Early-Bird Prize.

### Sell Raffle tickets

Thanks to our generous donors this year's raffle once again has some fabulous prizes. Thanks to some generous donors this year's Raffle has three fabulous prizes.

**1st Prize:** 2 nights accommodation at Poet's Cove Resort & flights for 2 from Pat Bay to Poet's Cove compliments of Pat Bay Air, Golder & Associates, and Victoria Airport Authority (value \$1100).

**2nd Prize:** 1 night Sea View accommodation at The Sidney Pier Hotel and \$50 Gift Certificate for Haros Restaurant (value \$228) compliments of Sidney Pier Hotel.

**3rd Prize:** 6 month Active Pass at Panorama Recreation Centre (value \$256) compliments of Panorama Recreation Centre.

Raffle tickets will be sent home with each student at Deep Cove School the week of November 19th. There is no expectation that children sell all of their tickets, however, all SOLD AND UNSOLD tickets MUST be returned to the school by Thursday December 6th, 2012. Please return tickets and cash and or cheque (payable to Deep Cove PAC) in a sealed envelope.

There will be a prize for the student who sells the most tickets and all students who sell at least two tickets will be entered in a separate draw for a child's prize.

Last year's raffle was a great success – we raised over \$6400. Lets try to raise that amount again or more this year

For more tickets you can email Simone McClure at [smclure@shaw.ca](mailto:smclure@shaw.ca) or Leann Collins [lmcollins@shaw.ca](mailto:lmcollins@shaw.ca) or Shelley Rebneris at [rsrebneris@shaw.ca](mailto:rsrebneris@shaw.ca) with your name and child's class and tickets will be delivered to you.

# Christmas Fair Highlights

**SILENT AUCTION:** The donations of items or gift certificates are gratefully accepted and can be left at the school office. Helpers will be needed to wrap and display the items on the day before the Fair and to run the room during the Fair.

**FACE PAINTING:** Wearable art and seasonal favorites. Many fun-loving volunteers needed to run this venue. Artistic ability is nice but not essential. This is an ideal venue for older siblings to volunteer.

**CAKE WALK:** Many decorated cakes will be needed for this event that gets both kids and adults going around in circles. Bring your cake in a cake box at the school gym on the morning of the fair. Cake boxes can be picked up at the school office a few days before.

**BAKING AND PRESERVES:** Bakers needed to cover the Bake Sale tables with goodies. All your Christmas Baking can be accomplished for the holidays by a visit to this venue. All baked goods and preserves can be brought to the school gym on the morning of the Fair. Please be sure to label if your baking contains nuts.

**GAMES IN THE BIG GYM:** Many volunteers are needed for this action-packed venue.

**PRIMARY GAMES:** Fish Pond, Toss Across, Tree Toss, there will be lots of games for the younger set in two separate classrooms, with lots of stuffies as prizes.

**BOUNCES:** Two great bounces in the big gym.

**BOOKS, PUZZLES, GAMES, VIDEOS:** Paradise for the bookworms. We are happy to accept all adult and children paperback and hardcover books, comic books, cookbooks, self-help books etc, as well as DVDs, CDs, games and puzzles, all in good condition and not too out of date. Please note that we will not accept magazines or reference books, sorry. Please drop your books directly off on the stage in the Big Gym. Volunteers are needed to help transport boxes of books before and after the fair, as well as to sell books during the fair.

**POINSETTIAS:** Beautiful poinsettias. The plants will be available for pickup before the Fair. Please contact Alison Coley-Donohue at [alisoncd@shaw.ca](mailto:alisoncd@shaw.ca) to ensure that you'll have your gorgeous Poinsettias for the festive season. Additional order forms are available in the racks adjacent to the front office, and on the the school website.

**SNOCONES:** The Christmas Fair is a special event, and with special events come special treats,....

**THE NORTH POLE:** More special treats for those who need to cool down with an ice cream.

**SANTA PHOTOS:** Come and tell Santa what is on your list and have your picture taken too.

**THE SNACK SHACK:** An essential venue with food and drinks to keep us all going. Many helpers will be needed to help set up, run and clean up this venue.

**RAFFLE:** The tickets will go on sale on November 19th and will also be sold on the night of the Fair.

**EMPORIUM:** This is a place where children and adults can buy Christmas Gifts for just a few dollars. Watch the little ones' faces light up as they find the perfect gift for friends and family members. Donations of recycled household treasures are needed, as well as Christmas wrapping paper. Lots of donations are still needed: please drop your donations off on the stage in the Big Gym. Many helpers will be needed on the night of the Fair to help set things up and to sell and wrap items.

**HAIR SCULPTURE:** This is a pretty wild venue and a big hit with the kids. If you would like to have fun creating wacky hairdos then this is the one for you.

**PRIZES:** Volunteers needed in the prize room to help children exchange tickets for prizes.

**HOT CHOCOLATE:** How about a nice warm drink to chase away the cold in the covered area?

**CHRISTMAS IN THE BARN PETTING ZOO:** The petting zoo in the covered area is always a favorite with kids.

**CAFÉ NOEL:** A quiet place for adults to relax while the kids roam the Fair. Coffee, tea and desserts are served in a quiet atmosphere.

**TICKET SALES:** Vendors needed to sell tickets.

**COAT CHECK:** by donation. This room raises funds for the grade 5 field trips and year-end events and is staffed mostly by grade 5 students, with a little bit of adult help.

**LESOTHO ROOM:** All funds raised in this room are sent to help our twin school, Motati Primary School, in Lesotho. Our children will be making crafts which will be sold in this venue. When you visit this venue you will learn more about our twin school and its students, life in Lesotho and the various programs of the Ottawa-based charity Help Lesotho.