

# G. W. Carlson Elementary



November 21, 2025

It's official – *turn on the Christmas music* – it is just 4 weeks until Winter Break! Mark your calendars with the exciting activities planned in the coming weeks.

**Staff Parking Lot** – We kindly remind you that the staff parking lot **is reserved for school employees** and is not open to the public. We have a large staff and all parking spots are assigned. Our staff members need access to these spaces throughout the day, and we are finding that non-staff cars are disrupting their ability to access the building. **If you arrive late**, you may use the lot as a temporary drop-off zone; however, do not park in a stall or leave your vehicle unattended.

**Drop Off and Pick Up** - Please use caution when driving and parking around the school. Our students are small and now with it being dark in the mornings, the risk is increasing. Use the two designated areas to drop students off. One area is near the back, or east end of the school, and the other is on the west end of the school (drop-off lane). Watch for students, follow speed limits, and be extremely cautious. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school safe and efficient.

## Spirit Days!

Every Friday in December we will be celebrating in a different way:

**December 5<sup>th</sup> – Head into the Holidays** - wear something on your head to get into the holiday spirit (caps, headbands, ribbons, or colours)

**December 12<sup>th</sup> – Warm up for the Holidays** - wear a seasonal sweater or shirt

**December 19<sup>th</sup> – Cozy up to the Holidays** - It's Pajama day at GWC!

Save the  
Date

November 28 – Hot Lunch – free for all  
November 28 – Assembly – 12:40 for Ms. Leigh's class  
December 5 – Last day to donate to raffle baskets  
December 5 – Learning Updates coming home  
December 5 - Spirit Day: **Head into the Holidays Day**  
December 8 – Food Drive and Christmas Basket ticket sales begin  
December 12 – Spirit Day: **Warm up for the Holiday Day**  
December 12 – Hot Lunch – free for all  
December 12 – All library books due!  
December 18 – Winter Concerts  
December 19 – Pancake Breakfast in the classrooms  
December 19 – Spirit Day: **Pajama Day**  
December 19 – Last day before Winter Break  
January 5 – Return to School

## Winter Concerts

Our winter concerts will be held **Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Morning performance at 10:15 a.m.**

This special performance is for all the seniors in our community. We are excited to host the elders of our community. This is not open to parents but we encourage all grandparents, senior aunties and uncles to come and join us. We will be offering coffee and treats at 9:30 and then beginning the concert at 10:15 a.m. Please share with any seniors.

### **Afternoon performance at 2:00 p.m. doors open at 1:15 p.m.**

We encourage extended family (grandparents, aunties and uncles, siblings and friends) to attend the afternoon concert as the evening event is always at capacity.

### **Evening performance at 6:30 p.m. doors open at 5:15 p.m.**

The school will be open at 5:15 but staff will not be available to supervise students until 6:00. If you intend to arrive early, please keep your child with you.

### **Evening Concert Reminders:**

- Students should be in classrooms between 6:00 and 6:15
- Students will stay in the classroom for the entire concert and may not go down to the gym with family
- Please remain in attendance for the entire concert. School-wide song ends the concert

## Christmas Basket Fundraiser

Let's fill those boxes! This is our biggest fundraising event of the year and your support is VERY appreciated. You only have until Friday – **December 5th to donate:**

Mrs. Power – Toys for Girls  
Mrs. Smith – Toys for Boys  
Mrs. Gough – Family Game Night  
Mrs. Yeager-Lobb – Hot beverages and treats  
Mr. Bartlett – Gift Certificates  
Mrs. Leigh – Christmas Décor and Gift Wrap



Tickets will be drawn at the end of the evening concert. PAC is looking for a volunteer from each classroom to organize the sale of tickets. Please contact **Angie Pettit at 250-500-3358.**

## Food Hamper Donations

Our December Dene Law focus is: *Share what you have*. During this season of giving, we want to help children understand the importance of sharing with those in need. Beginning December 8<sup>th</sup> until December 19<sup>th</sup> we encourage students to bring in non-perishable items to donate for Christmas Food Hampers. The following food items are needed (but any/all donations are appreciated):

canned vegetables	canned fruit
Canned cranberry sauce	gravy packets
stove-top stuffing mix	instant potatoes
desserts (cake mixes, pudding, etc)	juice

(NOTE: CHECK THE EXPIRY DATES)

## Hot Lunches – free!

PAC has organized two additional free hot lunches, November 28<sup>th</sup> and then again on December 12<sup>th</sup>. They'll need volunteers, so watch the Facebook page for the call for help.

## Pancake Breakfast in the classrooms

We're looking for **two volunteers** for each classroom to make pancakes. We'll have all the supplies ready to go. You'll start cooking at 8:30 and should be done around 9:15 a.m. Please let Miss Kenney or the office know if you can volunteer for this event.



## Pajama Day

At Carlson, we celebrate the last day before winter break with Pajama Day! In the afternoon, students join Miss Kenney in the gym for a special video. We encourage students to bring pillows, stuffies, and even blankets.

## Winter Break

Our break begins at the end of the day Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. We return to school, Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

## Breakfast at GW Carlson December 1 - 19

Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dec 1 - 5	Cereal, Toast Yogurt and Fruit	Scrambled eggs and hashbrowns	Cereal, Toast Yogurt and Fruit	Fruit Cups	Cereal, Toast Yogurt and Fruit
Dec 8 - 12	Cereal, Toast Yogurt and Fruit	Pancakes	Cereal, Toast Yogurt and Fruit	Muffins	Cereal, Toast Yogurt and Fruit
Dec 15 - 19	Cereal, Toast Yogurt and Fruit	Scrambled eggs and hashbrowns	Cereal, Toast Yogurt and Fruit	Bagels and cream cheese	Pancakes in the Classrooms

*May your holidays be full of love, peace, and happiness - and may it continue into the coming year. Wishing you the best of the Season from all the GW Carlson staff.*

