

Thorne Bay School



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Home of the Wolverines!

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This month has highlighted what an amazing team of staff Thorne Bay has been blessed with as they have worked so well and complemented each other's strengths to pull off an incredible night for the town at the community dinner. We are equally blessed to have students who pulled out all the stops in service for the community to make this night so memorable.

Preschool: Our youngest pupils worked with Ms. Aly to make Santa sleighs and other cute art for the walls.

K-2: Mr. J's class sang a few songs, accompanied by his ukelele.

3-5: Ms. Heather's class made decorative snowflakes, prepared poems, and sang carols. They were delightful!

6-12: Ms. Vaughn worked with these students in a special rendition of the *Hallelujah* chorus and the *Snowflake Waltz*. These were definite highlights!

7-12: Mr. White and Ms. Vaughn worked with the students to set up, decorate, and rehearse for the dinner. The gym was transformed into a winter wonderland for the event.

The evening also showcased how much the community supports our school and students. We had so many sponsors donate to the basketball silent auction. We tried to thank them by name at the culmination of the evening, but we were upstaged by the Claus's! We'd like to take a minute to thank:

Angi Near, who donated 3 pairs of earrings from her business, Wild Women;

Cherish Carter, who donated a basket and \$50 certificate from her business, Cherished Tiger;

Log Cabin, for their camping ensemble;

Island Air, for their 2 round trip tickets;

Shannon Silverthorn, for her Scentsy donation;

Mariia Taylor, for her hand painted Russian cutting board set;

Gary & Victoria Anderson, for their gift cards and coffee from The Port

Papa's Pizza, for gift certificates to their establishment;

Shane Williams, for 4 gift certificates for a massage; and

True Value, for their tool donations.

This list of sponsors demonstrates how our community comes together island wide on behalf of our students, supporting them in the pursuit of their goals. We are overwhelmed by such a demonstration of generosity.

We seek to give back in any way we can, from a helping hand to a word of encouragement. Our students have selflessly donated their time at the local library, helping with the packing up of the books and moving them to the new location. They have lent a hand at the monthly food bank and donated time to fundraise on other students' behalf. They have worked to bring others cheer through creating Christmas baskets and caroling. They have supported families in need, whether from family death or house fire, through donating time and service.

Our staff have worked together with Laura Clark of the Thorne Bay Library to bring internet to Davidson Landing, a supportive gesture for South Side and for all community and island residents. Through recent tragedy, staff have contributed food, emotional, and financial support to families in need.

Together, we have created a community that cares, and we are stronger than ever.

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for Thorne Bay School