



# William Cook Elementary School

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## Cook Community

The Week Ahead: December 18 - 23, 2023

Monday	Breakfast Club
Tuesday	Breakfast Club
Wednesday	Breakfast Club Last day for Food Bank Donations in-person and online
Thursday	Breakfast Club Reports Cards Sent Home
Friday	Breakfast Club Last Day and Winter Break starts on December 23rd



### Important Information:

- School Messaging** – The District has now activated the SMS/text messaging communication feature for schools with the goal of improving our ability to deliver time-sensitive information to parents/caregivers, including emergency notifications and important school messages. Please opted-in to receive text messages by sending a text message to the number 978338 with 'Yes' in the body.
- Cook has been collecting **Food Bank** items. The last day for any non-perishable items is Wednesday. We hope that you can help support families in our community that may be in need for food security.
- Lost and Found** – We have several items in our *Lost and Found*. All items will be bagged and sent for donations at the end of the day on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.
- School Pedestrian Safety** - The City of Richmond Community Bylaws have advised our District that their officers have observed an increase in drivers stopping their vehicles on marked crosswalks during pick-up and drop-off times. Vehicles stopped on marked crosswalks create challenges for pedestrians to cross safely, cause sightline obstructions, and make it difficult for drivers of oncoming vehicles to see them, posing a significant safety risk — especially during this time of year with less daylight.

Please show care in pedestrian safety and driver etiquette.

## Did You Know?

### Listening, Speaking, Reading, & Writing

**with music**

- Play Karaoke
- Draw an image to illustrate your favorite song
- List Songs that:
  - make you happy
  - remind you of someone
  - remind you of a time
  - make you feel strong
  - make you feel ...
- Compare 2 or more songs
- Write a recommendation for a song
  - Who do you recommend this song for?
  - Why?
  - With what would you change?
- ASK a family member about songs from the past

**with the television**

- Turn the captions on
- Read the captions
- Compare 2 or more characters
- Write a recommendation
- Draw pictures to illustrate the main events
- List the characters
- Write a summary
- Talk about it with a family member, pet, or stuffed animal

*at home*

**in the kitchen**

- Read a recipe
- Follow a recipe to make a meal
- Compare 2 or more recipes
- Write a recommendation
- Draw pictures to illustrate the cooking process
- Write a "how to" book for this recipe
- Talk about it with a family member, pet, or stuffed animal

**Outdoors**

- Observe the weather over several days & make a graph
- Compare 2 or more leaves, twigs, or insects
- Write a poem inspired by the outdoors
- Take a book outside & read
- Draw & label a picture of what's around you
- LOOK around & LIST everything you - see, hear, smell & write a summary
- Play hopscotch
- Take a walk around your yard, area, or block & pretend to be a reporter - report what you observe

### Upcoming Dates:

- See you back at school on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.
- January 11 – PAC Lunch: Pizza
- January 25 – PAC Lunch: Sushi





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- January 26 – Spirit Day: Dress up like your favorite fictional book character
  - January 26 – Family Teams
  - January 29 – Professional Learning Day (NO SCHOOL)
  - January 31 – 2 Performances for Primary and Intermediate learners, Taiko Drumming
  - January 31 – PAC Meeting
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