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## THANKSGIVING

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We would like to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

This could be the first time for your student to experience Thanksgiving in Canada. Please make sure that your student is aware of any plans you may have for this celebration and be sure to include them in your family traditions.



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## ATTENDANCE

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Students must be in attendance for all classes.

Students are not to miss school for any reason other than being sick. If there are reoccurring absences due to illness, take your student to the doctor.

If your student will be missing school, phone the school office to report their absence.

If you received automated phone messages from the school indicating your student has missed class(es), please report to their School Coordinator.

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**October 12** – Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)

**October 23** – Professional Development Day (schools closed)

**November 11** – Remembrance Day (schools closed)

**December 18** – Last Day Prior to Winter Break

**January 5** – School Re-Opens After Winter Break

**February 12** – Professional Development Day (schools closed)

**February 15** – Family Day (schools closed)

## LADEFOGED FAMILY (LFMSS)

Here is the Ladefoged family, keeping busy on a Pro-D Day, playing a game of Monopoly with their students Melody Cao and Charlotte Ni (both from China).



## OLSEN/ARMSTRONG FAMILY (BSS/LFMSS)

The Olsen/Armstrong Family took their students, My Anh Vuong from Vietnam and Kyoka Arishiro from Japan to Manning Park.



## HALLOWEEN

**If/when planning a Halloween event, keep group sizes small; please follow the Provincial Health Officer's guidelines.**

### Rules and expectations pertaining to weekend and special event parties (Halloween)

District Homestay families and students must ensure the following:

- Students must make prior arrangements with homestay parents and the International School Coordinator.
- Homestay families must make sure there is adult (25 years and older) supervision in the home, please call to confirm.
- Remind your student that the use or possession of alcohol and/or drugs is in direct violation of their program rules and may result in dismissal from the program.
- Ensure your student has a safe travel plan to return home – pick up by you or another District homestay parent (Please confirm this plan with the other homestay parent).
- The student will return by curfew –\* If there are specific activities it could be extended at the discretion of the homestay family **in consultation with** the International Student Coordinator.





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## OCTOBER PHOTO CONTEST **WINNER**

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The Aya family took their student, Haruka Nagasawa (DWP) from Japan, to Bridal Falls and to Harrison Hot Springs for an overnight stay at a hotel



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## TOMIC FAMILY (ACSS)

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The Tomic Family took their student, Manuel Fernandez Rodero from Spain, to the Sunshine Coast.



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## LOOKING FOR PICTURES

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Keep sending us your pictures and stories of your current hosting experience.

A random draw will be held monthly and the winner will receive a \$10 coffee card. The winning story will be in the next month's newsletter! Please email your picture/story to your Homestay Coordinator.

