

December 17, 2021

Happy holidays to all students, families, and our fabulous staff,

As another unforgettable year comes to an end, we hope you will have time over the break to relax, spend time with family and friends (in a COVID safe manner), and recharge for the year ahead. We wish you all peace and offer a warm welcome to our International students as many are spending their first Winter with their host families in Canada. To our host families, thank you. We could not offer these amazing experiences without you.

Whether you are celebrating Hanukkah, Krampusnacht, Santa Lucia, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Eid, we know that around the world, all our Winter holidays are tied together, by decorations, food, family, friends, and love. We celebrate our entire community in all its' diversity.

Believe it or not, we have lots of staff who continue to work over the holidays, and I want to close by thanking those who have kept our buildings safe for the last two years and beyond...our custodians and *enhanced cleaners*. Your work and care for all of us has not gone unnoticed. Thank you for keeping us safe and healthy.

Please take a moment to listen to our holiday radio message attached to this email.

From all of us at School District 22 (Vernon), we wish you, and yours, lots of love.

Sincerely,

Dr. Christine Perkins | Superintendent & Chief Executive Officer

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