



# STIX 'n PUX

BMHA Newsletter

February 2021

## BMHA PICTURE ~~DAY~~ ICE TIME - Photos Coming to Your Ice Time!

Thank you all for your patience as we worked through how to make sure that our BMHA players and members have a treasured keepsake of this very unusual season of hockey. Although our regular "team picture" won't be possible this year, due to ongoing safety and health restrictions ... we will be able to provide all of our players with an individual picture and a montage of their team ... a collection of individual shots brought together in a creative way.



As many of you know, in "normal" times we would have teams assemble in the lobby of Kensington arena in "organized confusion" and have all of our individual and team pictures taken on the same day. The day was always busy and the rink lobby was bustling with activity! **This season, we will be coordinating with our photographers to come to you and mostly use existing game and practice times to take pictures of all of your player. We will be contacting the Team Manager/Coach to let them know of the team's "Picture Ice Time" – tentatively sometime between February 13 to 28.** Although there may be the need to make some alternate arrangements with some teams, we hope to be able to do pictures in a quick, efficient and safe manner ... with little need for special preparation.

Again, because of the current situation and restrictions, we will not be able to make many adjustments to the times that are going to be used and it may be very difficult to schedule "retake" picture days for players who miss the original picture session.

To start, the photo order forms are in the process of being distributed to Team Managers/Coaches and they will be distributing these to their players as soon as possible:

- Every player must complete an order form with their name/phone number/team info (e.g., U9MinorC1)
- BMHA provides each player a complimentary "memory mate" (which includes individual photo and team photo) – if you are not ordering any additional photos, you can leave the "package" blank
- For this season, **completed photo order forms must be returned to manager before the scheduled picture ice time. Please return your completed forms ASAP and do not wait until the ice time to hand it in.**

And because of the restriction not allowing changing at the rink, the photos will be taken in "full gear" – and a reminder to not have any "green" (e.g., green tape or green laces).

With this "new reality" that all of us have been forced into ... we are asking for your utmost cooperation and understanding in getting this job done. This small bit of inconvenience will be something that everyone will appreciate ... especially when they look back on their picture in years to come!

## WILDCATS CHRISTMAS - Celebrating Covid-Style!

One of the most challenging parts of playing hockey during COVID has been finding ways for new teammates to get to know each other off the ice. For the newest Wildcats, the lobbies at Burnaby Lake and Bill Copeland rinks have traditionally been the location of spontaneous play dates while parents chat after practices and games. This holiday season, the Wildcats managers tapped into their creative sides and found innovative ways for their players to bond and celebrate the season in fun-filled fashion.

Some managers facilitated distanced gift exchanges and then hosted zoom sessions for the players to take turns opening their presents at home. Others organized take-home craft kits for the players to do together over zoom. During these online sessions, the girls enjoyed games (including some intense bingo with coveted prizes), hot chocolate, lounging in cozy socks and even sing-alongs! Perhaps what is most impressive is both Wildcats U7 team managers' abilities to entertain 4 to 6 year olds for 90 minutes on zoom! The U11C2 team received beautiful hand made hockey puck picture frame ornaments courtesy of the Thorpe family!

The social aspect of sports cannot be underestimated. Many BMHA players have found their best friends through hockey. Hockey is special, as an indoor sport, it provides many opportunities for players to get to know each other off the ice. While players were not able to have time in the change rooms or on the benches between shifts this year, the creativity and innovation of our managers allowed players to enjoy team bonding in a new way. The Wildcats would all like to express our gratitude to the team managers for keeping the BMHA community spirit strong on their teams and all the Wildcat families for their continued dedication to hockey this year.

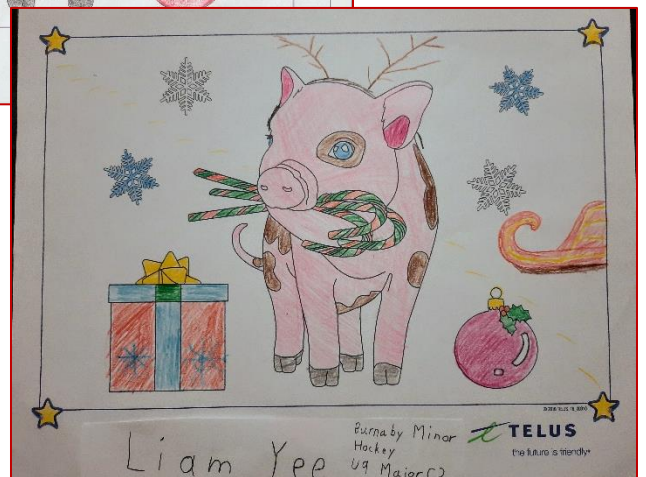
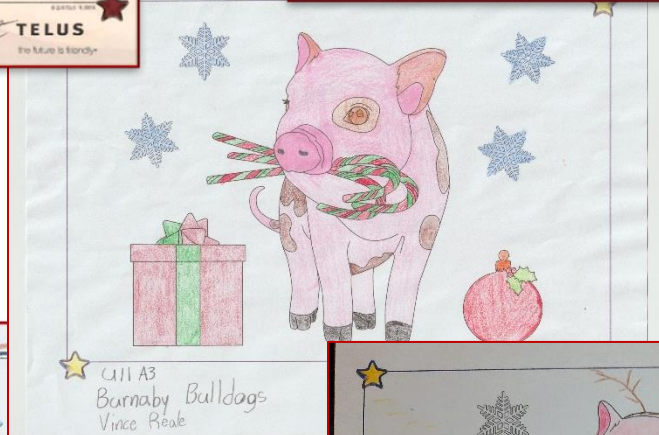
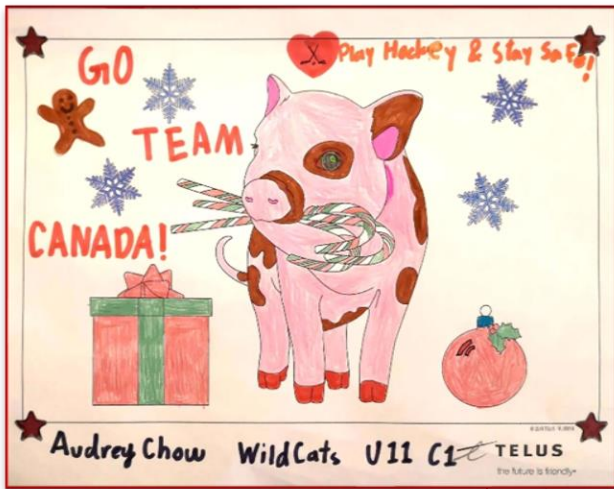


## TELUS COLORING CONTEST - Wow!

Thanks to everyone who submitted your works of art! They were all fantastic and made it tough to select. But ... gift packages will be going to:

- Audrey C. (Wildcats U11C1)
- Jacqueline L. (Pre U7)
- Aiden S. (U7 Major)

With honourable mentions to Liam Y. (U9 Major C2) and Vince R. (U11 A3)!



DATES TO REMEMBER - **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

- Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> – Scotia Barn
- Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> - Kensington, BLA & Copeland

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