



# News

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**MONDAY Oct. 2**

- **Truth and Reconciliation Day – Schools Closed**

**TUESDAY Oct. 3**

- Boys Soccer Game @ Sardis Elem.

**WEDNESDAY Oct. 4**

- Girls Soccer Game (Location TBD)

**THURSDAY Oct. 5**

- Boys and Girls Soccer Practice after school
- Cross Country Run @ Fairfield Island Park

**FRIDAY Oct. 6**

- **Professional Day – Schools Closed to Students**



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## Upcoming Dates:

Oct. 2	Truth and Reconciliation Day (Schools Closed)
Oct. 6	Professional Day (Schools Closed to Students)
Oct. 9	Thanksgiving
Oct. 19	Early Dismissal (students dismissed at 11:06)
Oct. 20	Professional Day
Oct. 24	PAC Meeting @ 7PM
Oct. 27	Photo Retakes
Oct. 31	Pumpkin contest

## New Absence Reporting Instructions

We have a new system on how to report a student absence. Please [visit this link](#) for instructions on how to register and use the new system.

There are three ways to report an absence:

1. School messenger app (directions on how to download at the link above)
2. School messenger website
3. A new phone number (not the school's phone number)

Thank you for your attention to this change in procedure.

**Bell Schedule:**

8:06	Warning Bell
8:11	Morning class begins
10:27 – 10:42	Recess
10:42	Mid morning class begins
12:02 – 12:17	Eating Period
12:17 – 12:42	Outside Playtime
2:02	Dismissal

**Students arriving at school after the 8:11 bell will need to check in at the office for attendance.**

**ST. John Ambulance Therapy Dog coming to East Chilliwack – Passive Consent**

We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to welcome a team from St. John Ambulance Therapy Dogs. “Buck” and his handler Julie will be coming into the school to visit students and classrooms on Tuesdays on an ongoing basis. If you do not want your child to participate in this program, please reach out to Mr. Chater to excuse your child.

The therapy dogs go through intensive testing before being certified to work with people. Buck currently works in Fraser Health hospitals, senior centers and the University of the Fraser Valley. We are excited to welcome them next week.

**Coupon Books:**

We are once again selling the popular “Great Little Coupon Book” for Chilliwack/Sardis or Abbotsford/Mission. They are \$15 and a percentage of the money raised stays here at East Chilliwack to benefit our students. They are available for sale at the office. Several new businesses have been added this year to the books!

### School Supplies:



We received some good news regarding our school supplies. We will be able to continue to offer the purchase service from previous years. You are now able to start sending the \$60 fee for school supplies to your child's teacher and teachers have ordered the supplies for the students.

Our planners didn't fair so well in the warehouse fire and were lost. The company is reprinting them for us and they will be made available to us in about 6 weeks. The \$60 for school supplies includes the purchase of the planner.

### Parking Lot:

The parking lot is incredibly busy with buses, students and cars. If you drop off or pick up your child, please familiarize yourself with how the parking lot works. **There is no exiting or leaving your vehicle unattended in any of the lanes.** This stops the flow in the parking lot and paralyzes it. We need your cooperation to keep this a safe place.

All traffic is one way moving from the west to the east.

There are 3 lanes in the parking lot, the lane closest to the school is for Busses Only (Lane #1). (Unless directed to use it by staff)

Lane 2 is the Drop Off Lane - Drivers may not get out of your vehicle or leave it in any lane unattended.

Lane 3 is a Drive-Thru Lane - there is no stopping in this lane either. There are times before school when staff will start to direct vehicles into this lane if traffic is backing up on the road. Please remind your child to look both ways before crossing the parking lot.

After school you may wait in your vehicle in lane #2 and #3 prior to the bell so we don't back onto the road but please **do not leave your vehicle unattended in the lanes.**

And finally, please be patient and allow others to merge in and out of the parking lot. ECE has very few spots for parking, and as our school grows your patience and cooperation will make a difference in the mornings and after school. We all want our kids to be safe.