



# News

**October**  
**9 - 13 2023**

## MONDAY Oct. 9

- **Thanksgiving – Schools Closed**

## TUESDAY Oct. 10

- **Boys Soccer Game @ Little Mountain Elem.**

## WEDNESDAY Oct. 11

- **Girls Soccer Game @ Watson Elem.**
- **Explorations After School Program (Grade 4/5) 2:00 - 4:00**

## THURSDAY Oct. 12

- **Cross Country Run @ Sardis Sports Complex (Twin Rinks)**

## FRIDAY Oct. 13

- **Hot Lunch – Hotdogs**



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## Upcoming Dates:

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.**

### **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.**

Several parking spots by the north-east corner of the school are controlled by staff at the end of the day and are marked by signs. That corner is very busy with students, parents and staff. You must wait for the buses to leave before you will be allowed to exit the parking lot.

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.

**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!