



PARENT / STUDENT EDITION

# News

November - December

27 - 1 2023

**MONDAY** Nov. 27

**TUESDAY** Nov. 28

- Therapy Dog Visit

**WEDNESDAY** Nov. 29

- Zumba guest instructor in PE classes
- Explorations After School Program (Grade 4/5) 2:00 - 4:00

**THURSDAY** Nov. 30

**FRIDAY** Dec. 1

- Coffee Talk – 8:15 – 9:15 (see brochure below)
- Hot Lunch – Popeyes
- Red & Green Spirit Day



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## Upcoming Dates:

Nov. 24	Professional Day
Dec. 1	Coffee Talk
Dec. 7	Christmas Concerts 9:00am and 6:00pm
Dec. 15 & 18	Christmas Store
Dec. 18-22	Learning Updates (report cards) go home
Dec. 22	Last day of school before Winter Break

## Christmas Concert:



**Thursday, December 7**  
**9:00 AM and 6:00 PM**



We look forward to seeing you in our gym for our annual Christmas Concert. Classes will be performing for friends and family.

This will be a ticketed event as we must adhere to capacity limits. Each family will receive 2 tickets to the morning show and 2 tickets to the afternoon show. We know this limits the number of family members that can attend, and we apologize. You are welcome to trade tickets with friends and neighbours.

### **Neufeld Farms Fundraiser:**

Hi East Chilliwack Families,

We are excited to have our Neufeld Farms fundraiser again this November to stock up on food and goodies for the holidays! You can now order on the link below. It's simple and easy to use, please have your orders in by November 26th end of day. Pick up will be at East Chilliwack on December 5th, 2023 at 4:00pm. Payment options are credit card, cash or cheque. Please feel free to share with link with family and friends! Happy shopping!

If you have any questions please email Andrea Pomeranz at [tapomeranz@hotmail.com](mailto:tapomeranz@hotmail.com)

**[Click this link to check out all the options and place your order!](#)**

### **Christmas Store:**

We will be running our Christmas Store again for students. The store is open to students to purchase donated items we collect from our families. The idea behind this is students get the chance to purchase a Christmas gift for their parents or siblings. We wrap the item for the student and the money raised goes towards charity in our community that our grade 5 students will choose. All items in the store will be sold for \$2 each.

**We need your gently used items for the store as well as any wrapping paper, gift bags, ribbons, bows or small gift boxes you may have hanging around from last year.**

So, do an early spring cleaning and bring those gently used, clean items in for our store! We will start accepting donations on Monday, Nov. 27. The store will be open on Dec. 15 & 18.



### **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.



EAST CHILLIWACK ELEMENTARY

# Coffee Talk

Join the school counsellor Brad Klok, the Child and Youth care worker Shaelyn Woods and East Chilliwack parents and caregivers, to connect over coffee and snacks.

Topics that may be discussed

- Friendships
- Resilience
- Anxiety
- Problem solving
- Emotional Regulation



December 1st 2023 from 8:15-9:15  
East Chilliwack Library

Please email [shaelyn\\_quickfall@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:shaelyn_quickfall@sd33.bc.ca) or [brad\\_klok@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:brad_klok@sd33.bc.ca) to add topics you would like to learn about!

### **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.

### **Dress for the weather:**

With fall arriving, please make sure your child is coming to school prepared to be outside. Proper footwear, a good coat, gloves and a toque will become necessary very soon. We try to go outside most days and we want the students to be properly dressed for the conditions.





## INCLEMENT WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSURE GUIDELINES

### *Information for Parents and Students*



Inclement weather conditions such as freezing rain, significant snowfall or high wind can occur during the fall and winter months. In such conditions, decisions on the opening or closure of school district facilities are made by the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with management and supervisory staff who have checked first-hand on the driving conditions, walking/sidewalk conditions, and general condition of buildings and accessibility to sites. *For more details on how this is done, [click here](#).*

While service to students and parents is a priority and schools will be kept open as much as is reasonably possible, student and staff safety is the primary consideration.

In the event of extreme weather conditions, parents are urged to check the **School District website** [www.sd33.bc.ca](http://www.sd33.bc.ca) or tune into radio stations **STAR FM (98.3 FM)** or **JR COUNTRY (89.5 FM)**, to receive up-to-date information on school closures and information on bussing. Reports will start after 6:00 a.m. and will be repeated often. There is no need to call your school, the School District Office or the radio station.

When there is extreme weather and schools remain open, student attendance is the parent/guardians' decision.

A **Transportation Snow Plan** is in place for students who rely on travel by school bus and live in higher elevations such as Chilliwack Mountain, Little Mountain, Majuba Hill, Ryder Lake and some areas of Columbia Valley and the Eastern Hillsides. An announcement will be made should travel in these areas become challenging due to slippery road conditions.

All inclement weather announcements will be posted on the District website [www.sd33.bc.ca](http://www.sd33.bc.ca)