



PARENT / STUDENT EDITION

News

November
6 - 10 2023

MONDAY Nov. 6

TUESDAY Nov. 7

WEDNESDAY Nov. 8

- Explorations After School Program (Grade 4/5) 2:00 - 4:00

THURSDAY Nov. 9

- Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let Us Forget

FRIDAY Nov. 10

- Professional Day – Schools Closed to Students



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Upcoming Dates:

Nov. 9	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 10	Professional Day
Nov. 13	Remembrance Day Long Weekend
Nov. 17	Family Movie Night
Nov. 24	Professional Day



Chilliwack
School District

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 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 Hillside. 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

Fundscrip Fundraiser:

Fundscrip order forms will be coming home soon! The fundraiser will close on November 10th. This will be a quick turnaround time, to ensure they arrive by the end of November.

This fundraiser works by buying gift cards from the order form for stores you already frequent. For example, if you purchase a \$25 gift card to Starbucks, you will receive a card to Starbucks with \$25 loaded on it. The school receives a percentage from the fundraising company. Please know that the percentage the school receives does not come off your card of \$25.

The money raised from this fundraiser will go towards the grade 5 celebration at the end of the year.

Thanks for your support!

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.

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.

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.

'intheknow' Connect and Learn

For families and caring adults who
are parenting a child or youth with
mental health and/or substance
use challenges.

EVERY MONTH, WE HOST EVENTS FOR FAMILIES CALLED 'IN THE KNOW'.
WE WATCH A VIDEO AND SHARE EXPERIENCES AND STRATEGIES THAT
HELP IN THE HARD MOMENTS. WE HELP FOCUS ON STRENGTHENING OUR
UNDERSTANDING AND CONNECTION WITH OUR KIDS.

Emotion Regulation

Young people face many different stressors in today's world. This can often lead to feelings of overwhelm and dysregulation. This event offers support to parents and caregivers with information and strategies to cope with emotion dysregulation and will talk about the critical role that parents and caregivers play in creating the environment for positive change for their young people especially when things can be the most challenging.

Come together with other families to watch this 35 minute video presentation followed by a 40 minute facilitated discussion by a FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Worker.

Cost: Free of Charge

Date(s):

Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 6:00pm (PST)

Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 6:30pm (PST)

Thursday, November 16, 2023, 12:00pm (PST)

Tuesday, November 21, 2023, 6:00pm (PST)

Thursday, November 23, 2023, 6:30pm (PST)



FamilySmart
Together-Centred

Registration required:

www.familysmart.ca/events





Supporting Your Family After a Mental Health Crisis

“Really filled the gap where it was most needed by way of information and moral support. I feel this workshop nailed the exact questions and concerns I as a parent was having.”

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- How to support a safety plan at home
- How to take care of yourself and family after a crisis
- How to find the resources you need

THE WORKSHOP IS OFFERED FOUR TIMES EACH MONTH FOR B.C. FAMILIES:

- Wednesdays: 9:30am - 11am (2 weeks)
- Tuesdays and Wednesdays: 12pm - 1pm (2 weeks)
- Thursdays: 12pm - 1pm (4 weeks)
- Thursdays: 6pm - 8pm (2 weeks)

The workshop is free and offered online. Registration required.



familysmart.ca/workshops

