



PARENT/STUDENT EDITION

News

December
11 - 15 2023

MONDAY Dec. 11

Food Drive – Keep bringing in those non-perishable food items!

TUESDAY Dec. 12

WEDNESDAY Dec. 13

THURSDAY Dec. 14

FRIDAY Dec. 15

- **Hot Lunch – Whitespot**
Christmas Store – Bring \$2.00



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Upcoming Dates:

Dec. 15 & 18	Christmas Store
Dec. 18-22	Learning Updates (report cards) go home
Dec. 19	PAC Student Pancake Brunch (complimentary)
Dec. 22	Last day of school before Winter Break

Spirit Week Dec. 18 – 22:

- Monday – Christmas Hat / Headwear
- Tuesday – Pajama Day
- Wednesday – Sparkle and Shimmer Day
- Thursday – Christmas Character Day
- Friday – Christmas clothing day (sweaters, shirts, suits, shoes, socks, hats)

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On behalf of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, we are sharing the survey information below to help inform the Province's [ChildCareBC](#) initiatives:

This is a friendly reminder to complete the 2023 School-Aged Child Care Demand Parent Survey by December 14 to help inform the Province's planning for future expansion of school age child care. Thank you to the parents who have already completed this survey. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

While we know school-aged child care is a vital service families rely on to ensure their children have a quality, affordable, and inclusive place to be during a parent's full work day, we do not yet have regional or provincial data to understand the demand.

By completing this survey, you can help the Province to better understand your community's needs for school-aged child care. The survey will take 10-15 minutes and the results will help inform future ChildcareBC initiatives.

To complete the survey, please follow this link:

<https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull3/minofed/main/SchoolAgeParents.asp?SchoolNumber=509>

Please do not share the link with anyone else.

If you have any questions, please contact ChildCareBC.Engagement@gov.bc.ca. If you encounter any technical difficulties, please contact the web survey provider (AWIS) at support@awinfosys.com.

If you have already completed the survey, thank you and please disregard this note.

We greatly appreciate your input and thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

Ministry of Education and Child Care

Christmas

Make it a Merry Christmas for everyone.



EAST CHILLIWACK ELEMENTARY
ACCEPTING DONATIONS:

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ACCEPTING UNEXPIRED CANNED AND NON- PERISHABLE FOODS

OUR SCHOOLS' FOCUS:

Condensed soups, pasta and
macaroni and cheese.

DROP-OFF AREA:

Bring to your classroom. It will then be collected &
stored in the Hawks Nest.

PARTY FOR THE WINNING CLASSES !!!!!

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. This year, we will be supporting Hungry For Life. 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.

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.

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.

Please respect our neighbours. Please do not block driveways or park on their lawns.

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.



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