



PARENT/STUDENT EDITION

# News

January - February  
29 - 2 2024

**MONDAY** Jan. 29

**TUESDAY** Jan. 30

- Boys Tripleball game @ Central Elem.

**WEDNESDAY** Jan. 31

- Girls Tripleball Game @ East Chilliwack

**THURSDAY** Feb. 1

**FRIDAY** Feb. 2

- Mrs. Andersen / Mrs. Ratzlaff – Skating field trip
- Floor hockey game at East Chilliwack



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## **Upcoming Dates:**

Jan. 26	Pro D Day – School Closed to Students
Feb. 16	Pro D Day – School Closed to Students
Feb. 19	Family Day – Schools Closed
Mar. 1	Early Dismissal – Students Dismissed at 11:06
Mar. 18 – April 1	Spring Break & Easter Weekend

## **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 winter 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.

# EAST CHILLIWACK COFFEE TALK

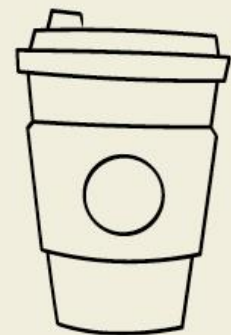
EAST CHILLIWACK LIBRARY

**FEBRUARY 9TH**

**8:05-9:05**



Come and join the school counsellor Brad Klok, the Child and youth care worker Shaelyn Woods and other East Chilliwack Parents and caregivers as we connect over coffee and snacks.



The focus for this session will be big emotions, strategies to manage big emotions and why big emotions happen.

**Email [shaelyn\\_quickfall@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:shaelyn_quickfall@sd33.bc.ca) or [brad\\_klok@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:brad_klok@sd33.bc.ca) for more information**

### 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](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 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](http://www.sd33.bc.ca)**