



Friday, September 6, 2024

A message from Mrs. Ingham ~ Principal

Ey Swayel East Chilliwack Families!

We had a wonderful week being back at school and seeing all the students! Today we ended our week with a Welcome Assembly and our Hawks demonstrated SOARS behaviour! We were able to set classes yesterday and students have enjoyed getting to know classmates and teachers. Teachers will be communicating with parents/guardians to give you more information about themselves and class routines. We are looking forward to a fabulous year! We are also looking forward to meeting our families at our Meet the Teacher (and new principal!) BBQ on Sept. 19!

Staffing News:

We would like to welcome:

Ms. Ashley Nelson – Grade 3

Ms. Ashley Munro – counsellor

Ms. Karah Garden – Child and Youth Care Worker – in for Ms. Woods

Ms. Shelby Patrick – PE - Wednesdays

Ms. Amber Harbridge – Kindergarten - in for Ms. Paula Odermatt

Week at a Glance:

Monday, September 9

- Kindergarten students in attendance 8:30-11:00 / Cross Country practice for Gr. 3-5

Tuesday, September 10

- Kindergarten students in attendance 8:30-11:00

Wednesday, September 11

- Individual Photo Day
- Kindergarten students in attendance 8:30-11:00



Thursday, September 12

- Kindergarten students in attendance 8:30-12:50

Friday, September 13

- Kindergarten students in attendance 8:30-12:50/ Wear your spirit wear!



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Upcoming Dates:

Sept. 11	Individual Photo Day – please see attachment
Sept. 19	Meet the Teacher BBQ – 5:00 – 6:00 pm
Sept. 20	Terry Fox Run 10:45 – 11:45
Sept. 24	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
Sept. 26	Orange Shirt Day / Truth and Reconciliation Day at school
Sept. 27	Professional Day (Schools closed to students)
Sept. 30	Truth and Reconciliation Day (Schools Closed)
Oct. 14	Thanksgiving (stat holiday – no school)

Bell Schedule:

8:06	Warning Bell
8:11	Morning instruction begins
10:27 – 10:42	Recess
10:42	Mid morning instruction begins
12:02 – 12:17	Eating Period
12:17 – 12:42	Outside Playtime
2:04	Dismissal

Students arriving at school after 8:11 need to check in at the office for attendance.

School Supplies:



This year, all elementary schools are switching to online payment for school supplies. Families should have received an email this week regarding access to the online payment system; however, we are still experiencing some glitches. We are hopeful that the online payment should work by next week. You will be able to pay the \$60 fee for school supplies online and teachers have ordered the supplies for the students. Just a reminder, please do not send any money to your child's teacher. All payments, not online, should come to office.

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 our students safe.

All traffic is one way moving from the west to the east.

There are 3 lanes in the parking lot:

Lane #1 is the lane closest to the school is for **Buses Only**.

Lane # 2 is the **Drop Off Lane**. Drivers may not get out of their 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.**

Please be patient and allow others to merge in and out of the parking lot. ECE has very few spots for parking, and your patience and cooperation make a difference in the mornings and after school. We all want our kids to be safe.

Fair Notice:

The Chilliwack School District and community partners are committed to making our schools safe for students and staff. As a result, schools will respond to all student behaviours that pose a potential risk to themselves, other students, staff and members of the community.

Gym Shoes:

Please send inside gym shoes with your child. With the nice weather, we have many students arriving to gym class in flip flops and sandals. We want to make sure everybody has a safe gym experience.

Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) Voluntary Insurance:

The Chilliwack School District or Schools Protection Program (SPP) does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities.

Parents/Guardians are responsible for these expenses.

iA Financial Group offers a comprehensive accident insurance plan with a critical illness component designed for the whole family.

The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan is ideal for supplementing costs not covered by your provincial health insurance or existing employer extended health and dental plans. Regardless of the size of your family, all eligible family members can be insured under one set monthly rate.

To apply or to find out more, visit: <https://specialmarkets.ia.ca/aonbc/home>

Student Accident Insurance

The Chilliwack School District or Schools Protection Program (SPP) does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities. **Parents/Guardians are responsible for these expenses.**

For your convenience, we have provided a link for families to voluntarily purchase optional student accident insurance through the Family Accident Reimbursement Insurance program, underwritten by Industrial Alliance and Financial Services Inc. This is one of several options in the province.

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Terry Fox Run:

We will be doing our Terry Fox run on Sept 20 from 10:45 – 11:45. More information will come home next week about fundraising for this important event.

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.

Hotlunch:

We will be offering hot lunch to our students again this year. Online ordering will be open on Tuesday, Sept. 10. For our new families, go to the MunchaLunch website to register: [MUNCHALUNCH](https://www.facebook.com/groups/37026050978)

Any new parents interested in volunteering their time to help with hot lunch, please make sure you have completed a volunteer form and criminal record check. These can be obtained at the office.

For more information about the PAC, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/37026050978>



