



Friday, October 11, 2024

A message from Mrs. Ingham ~ Principal

Ey Swayel East Chilliwack Families! This is the perfect time of year to pause and reflect on what we are thankful for. Hopefully we can all find gratitude this weekend and throughout the year. At East Chilliwack Elementary, we are thankful for our students, staff and our school community. We wish you and your family and Happy Thanksgiving!



Week at a Glance:

Monday, October 14

- **Thanksgiving stat holiday – no school**

Tuesday, October 15

- **October assembly about Self Aware and Safe**
- **Boys' soccer game @ Bernard**

Wednesday, October 16

- **Apple Barn FT (Gr. 3)**
- **Girls' soccer game @ Promontory**

Thursday, October 17

- **Earthquake Drill @ 10:00 am**
- **Parent/Teacher conferences / Open House from 2:30 – 5:30 (please see information from your child's teacher on their format for this afternoon/evening)**

Friday, October 18

- **Spirit Day! Wear your ECE Hawks spirit wear or school colours!**
- **Early Dismissal @ 11:05 am**



News Cont...

Upcoming Dates:

Oct. 22	PAC meeting @ 7:00 pm
Oct. 25	Professional Development Day – no school for students
Oct. 28 – Oct. 31	Scholastic Book Fair in the library
Oct. 30	School Photo Retakes
Oct. 31	Halloween / Pumpkin Carving Contest
Nov. 1	Assessment and Evaluation Day (no school for students)
Nov. 5	Lockdown Drill
Nov. 7	Remembrance Day assembly
Nov. 8	Non-Instructional Day – no school for students
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day – no school



Cross Country:

The cross-country season has wrapped up for now. Congratulations to all our students who participated in the meets! Special thanks to Ms. Solheim and Ms. Lyon for coaching!

WITS

At ECE, we are teaching our little Hawks to use their WITS to solve problems:

Walk Away

Ignore

Talk it Out

Seek Help

Halloween ~ October 31st

Thursday, October 31st is Halloween and students may come to school dressed in costumes or wear orange and black. Costumes should be appropriate for school (i.e. no violence, gore, face masks or weapons), and that students bring a change of clothes if needed.



Pumpkin Carving Contest:

Carve or decorate your pumpkin at home and bring to display at school on Oct 31st. Jack-o-lantern drop off will be in the Hawk's Nest between 7:40-8:10 am. Have fun and be creative! Please include your child's name, Grade, teacher's name on or with your jack-o-lantern. Show your spirit and generosity and bring a donation for the Chilliwack Food Bank. Students will be bringing home their jack-o-lanterns the same day.

Please see the attached flyer for a great and accessible family Halloween activity in our community hosted by Chilliwack Restorative Justice.



From the Office:

- If you haven't already done so, please review your child's Student Verification Form. Make any changes in pen if needed, sign and date the form. Please have your child return the form to their classroom teacher as soon as possible.
- Just a reminder that all field trips can be paid online. **Payment must be completed to submit permission forms for field trips.** Please remember if you want to volunteer on a field trip that all volunteers must complete a criminal record check.
- School supply fees are due. Fees are payable online using Student Quick Pay.
- If you are signing your child(ren), in or out of school when the office is closed during lunch, please record on the form outside the office window, unless you have entered it in the SafeArrival app.
- If you are signing in as a volunteer, we also have identification tags for you to wear.

Parking Lot:

Thank you for following our parking lot routines and lanes. Please only enter at the crosswalk by the front of the school and exit the parking lot according to our signs. This is for everyone's safety. **There is no exiting or leaving your vehicle unattended in any of the lanes.** This stops the flow in the parking lot. We need your cooperation to keep our students safe. If you are dropping off your child in the morning, please make sure they are not running in front of any cars that are moving and encourage them to make eye contact with drivers.

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.

****News from the PAC****

If you are interested in helping to hand out for hot lunches on Fridays, please ensure you have a current RCMP criminal record check completed (see Ms. Deputan in the office for the forms). This criminal record check is required every 4 years.

PAC Meeting minutes can be found on the ECE Facebook page, and the next meeting will be **October 22 at 7pm** in the library.

We are always looking for volunteers!! If you are interest in being involved in events or odd jobs throughout the school year, please reach out to Emily Poirier, PAC Chair, or Lindsay Martin, Vice Chair, at emilyspoirier@gmail.com or via the ECE Facebook page.

Coupon Books:

We are still 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.

Hot lunch:

Hot lunch for November is now open please get your orders and payment in. Hot lunch for November will close **October 15th**. Each month, for the following month's hotline orders, we open the 1st Tuesday and close the 3rd Tuesday. (**NOV orders are open Oct 1- Oct 15**).

For November, we have a new pizza place on the menu. Remember if you would like to volunteer for hot lunch just follow the directions on munchalunch. The criminal record check papers can be found at the front office of the school.

See this link here: [MUNCHALUNCH](#)

For more information about the PAC, visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/37026050978>