



Friday, October 18, 2024

A message from Mrs. Ingham ~ Principal

*Ey Swayel East Chilliwack Families! It was wonderful to see so many families attend our Open House and conferences yesterday! What a special way for your child to share their learning so far. Our school goals are to prepare our students to be proficient in literacy and numeracy. We celebrate diversity and embrace inclusion, so our students foster skills to build healthy relationships and a sense of belonging. Our students are learning to be flexible and critical thinkers. Thank you for your support of your child's learning! We look forward to watching them grow and learn this year!*



## Week at a Glance:

Monday, October 21

Tuesday, October 22

- Boys' soccer game @ Stitó:s
- Girls' soccer - BYE
- PAC meeting at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 23

Thursday, October 24

Friday, October 25

- Professional Development Day – no school for students

## Emergency Drills

**School Safety:** Throughout the year, we hold safety drills to ensure that our students know how to respond in a variety of situations.

- **Earthquake Drill:** On Wednesday, ECE students participated in the Great BC ShakeOut. Students practiced “drop, cover and hold on” under desks or tables.
- **Lockdown:** On **November 5th**, we will have a Lockdown Drill. This protects students and staff from a threat inside the building such as an intruder when it may be more dangerous to leave the building than to stay in a secured room. When an announcement is made, staff lock all doors and shut off all lights. Staff and students move to a designated location in the room and stay silent. Please let your children know that this is a practice, and it is to keep them safe.



# News Cont...

## Upcoming Dates:

Oct. 28 – Oct. 31	Scholastic Book Fair in the library
Oct. 30	School Photo Retakes
Oct. 31	Halloween / Pumpkin Carving Contest/ Diwali
Nov. 1	Assessment and Evaluation Day (no school for students)
Nov. 5	Lockdown Drill
Nov. 7	Remembrance Day assembly 10:30 – 11:30
Nov. 8	Non-Instructional Day – no school for students
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day – no school



## **Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Multicultural Awareness**

We are privileged to be a diverse community at East Chilliwack Elementary. We strive to strengthen the connections in our community by learning from each other, and one way we can do this is by recognizing important dates throughout the year. We will share special dates typically found on our Canadian calendar, but please let us know of any we might miss. We want to build a culture of belonging, kindness and acceptance at ECE!

[Equity, Inclusion and Diversity Calendar 2024 - 2025](https://sd33.bc.ca) (sd33.bc.ca)

## WITS

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

**W**alk Away

**I**gnore

**T**alk it Out

**S**eek Help

## Halloween ~ October 31<sup>st</sup>

Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> is Halloween, and students may come to school dressed in costumes, wear orange and black or Hawk's spirit wear. 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.

**Remembrance Day Assembly:** We would like to extend an invitation to any veterans, present military, or law enforcement to attend our Remembrance Day assembly on Thursday, November 7 as our guests.



Important

### 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.

### 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.** 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\*\***

ECE PAC will be hosting our first Family Movie Night of the Year in November, stay tuned for the details.

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

### 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.

For more information about the PAC, visit:

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

### Hot lunch:

Hot lunch for November is now closed. Each month, for the following month's hotline orders, we open the 1st Tuesday and close the 3rd Tuesday.

For November:

15<sup>th</sup> – White Spot

22<sup>nd</sup> – Ricardo's

29<sup>th</sup> – Hot Dog Day

