



Friday, October 4, 2024

A message from Mrs. Ingham ~ Principal

*Ey Swayel East Chilliwack Families! Happy October! Fall is officially here with the cooler and more unsettled weather. We are beginning to see our Lost and Found growing. Please label your child's hoodies and jackets so we can find their rightful owners. We will have our Lost and Found display out during our Parent / Teacher conferences on October 17.*



## Week at a Glance:

### Monday, October 7

- Grade 1s at Petey's Pumpkin Patch field trip

### Tuesday, October 8

- Boys' soccer game @ Sardis Elem.

### Wednesday, October 9

- Bus evacuation drills
- Girls' soccer game @ Cheam Elem.

### Thursday, October 10

- Cross Country Meet at Twin Rinks/Sardis Sports Complex 3-5:00 pm

### Friday, October 11

- Spirit Day! Wear your ECE Hawks spirit wear or school colours!
- Kindergarten Pumpkin Patch field trip



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## Upcoming Dates:

Oct. 14	Thanksgiving (stat holiday – no school)
Oct. 17	Earthquake Drill; Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:30 – 5:30
Oct. 18	Early Dismissal at 11:05
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 Cut and Carve
Nov. 1	Assessment and Evaluation Day (no school for students)
Nov. 7	Remembrance Day assembly

## **School Matrix and Code of Conduct**

As members of the East Chilliwack school community, it is our responsibility to learn and practice appropriate behaviour. It is important that a positive and supportive learning environment is promoted throughout the school: one that encourages mutual respect and expectations to guide conduct in the classroom, the school, and school functions. For more information about our Code of Conduct please visit our website at: <https://eastchilliwack.sd33.bc.ca/>

We encourage our Hawks to follow our SOAR matrix behaviour:

**S**elf Aware and Safe  
**O**rganized  
**A**wesome Attitude  
**R**espect

## **Before School**

If you are driving and dropping off your child, **please do not arrive before 7:45** as we do not have adequate supervision before that time.

## **Weather preparedness**

We have seen the beginning of colder temperatures and the rainy season, so please ensure your child is dressed for wet weather with boots, raincoats and possibly umbrellas as we will have very few “inside days” at recess and lunch. We have a covered area on our blacktop, so if it is raining before school, your child can use this area to stay dry until the bell rings at 8:06.

### From the Office:

Classroom teachers handed out your child's Student Verification Form today. Please review the form and make any changes in pen if needed. Please sign and date the form and have your child return the form to their classroom teacher on **Monday, October 7.**

Just a reminder that all field trips can be paid online. Payment must be completed to submit permission forms for field trips.

School fees are payable online using Student Quick Pay.

### Parking Lot:

Thank you for following our parking lot routines and lanes. Our 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. 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.

### Feeding Futures:

The Ministry has allocated over 70 million dollars in dedicated multiyear funding to school districts to increase food security and address the immediate need of feeding hungry students in a stigma and barrier-free manner. At ECE, if a student needs breakfast, lunch or a snack because they are hungry, we can provide this for them. If you have any other questions, please contact Mrs. Ingham or your child's teacher.

## **\*\*News from the PAC\*\***

ECE hot lunch Fridays will begin tomorrow! Thank you to all who ordered. If you are interested in helping to hand out 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:**

Hello, ECE families,

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>

