



Friday, September 20, 2024

A message from Mrs. Ingham ~ Principal

*Ey Swayel East Chilliwack Families!*

*Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Meet the Teacher BBQ last night! Special thanks to our ECE PAC for providing the food and to our teachers for their help serving! It was a wonderful evening!*

*Thank you to all our ECE families for their generous support of the Terry Fox Foundation for cancer research. Our school community raised **\$1580.10** through our coin drive this week! Amazing! Special thanks to Ms. Brooks and her class for collecting and counting the money! We had a terrific Terry Fox Run this morning!*

## Week at a Glance:

### Monday, September 23

- Cross Country practice at recess

### Tuesday, September 24

- Fire Drill
- PAC meeting at 7:00 pm in the library

### Wednesday, September 25

- Sas and Massey to Greendale Acres

### Thursday, September 26

- **Orange Shirt Day / Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day) Assembly**
- Cross country practice at recess
- Cross country meet at Townsend Park (Gr. 3-5) 3:00 – 5:00

### Friday, September 27

- Professional Development Day – no school for students



# News Cont...

## Upcoming Dates:

- Sept. 24 PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
- Sept. 26 Orange Shirt Day assembly / Truth and Reconciliation Day at school
- Sept. 27 Professional Day (Schools closed to students)
- Sept. 30 Truth and Reconciliation Day (Schools Closed)
- Oct. 9 Bus Evacuation Drills
- Oct. 14 Thanksgiving (stat holiday – no school)
- Oct. 17 Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:30 – 5:30
- Oct. 18 Early Dismissal 11:05
- Oct. 25 Professional Development Day – no school for students

## **Orange Shirt Day**

We encourage all our ECE Hawks to wear an orange shirt on Thursday, September 26. Next week, teachers will be doing stories and teaching lessons about the significance of Orange Shirt Day, and we will be having an assembly on the 26<sup>th</sup>. We are committed to learning the history of the First Peoples and acknowledge the enduring spirit of the First Nations, Inuit and Metis People.



## **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.

**East Chilliwack spirit wear is back! We have school t-shirts, pull-overs and zipped hoodies available. T-shirt and Hoodie ordering will be available on Student Quick Pay until Oct. 3.**



**School Supplies and From the Office:**

The \$60 fee for school supplies can be paid 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.

Online Student Payments – use Student Quick Pay

School fees are payable online using Student Quick Pay.

Please see the attached instructions from the School District.

**Please see the attached letter regarding “SafeArrival” for reporting your child’s absence.**

**Weather preparedness**

We have been enjoying the warmer and drier weather so far. When the rainy season arrives, 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.

### **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.

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

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\*\***

Our first PAC meeting for the 2024/2025 school year will be **Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 pm** in the library at East Chilliwack Elementary.

### **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.

### **Hotlunch:**

Hello ECE families this is just a friendly reminder that on Tuesday September 24th hot lunch for October will close. Please get your orders in and paid for before Tuesday. Thank you

See this link here: [MUNCHALUNCH](#)

In Munch a Lunch once you order, parents can sign up to volunteer (if interested) and PAC will contact volunteers before the Friday of hot lunch.

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>



