



Friday, September 27, 2024

A message from Mrs. Ingham ~ Principal

Ey Swayel East Chilliwack Families!

Yesterday it was Orange Shirt Day at ECE, and we began our day with an assembly. We have a responsibility on National Truth and Reconciliation Day (Sept. 30) and every day, to take time to listen and reflect with open hearts and open minds to learn the stories of the survivors like Phyllis Westad, who wrote the Orange Shirt Story. Every Child Matters, and at East Chilliwack Elementary, we are committed to the recognition and respect of Indigenous Peoples, their stories and each other. Kwas Hoy (thank you) to our Hawks for their participation today in Orange Shirt Day.

Week at a Glance:

Monday, September 30

- **National Truth and Reconciliation Day (no school)**

Tuesday, October 1

- **Boys' soccer game @ Cheam Elementary**

Wednesday, October 2

Thursday, October 3

- **Last day to order East Chilliwack Spirit Wear!**
- **Cross Country Meet at Fairfield Park 3-5:00 pm**

Friday, October 4

- **Spirit Day! Wear your ECE Hawks spirit wear or school colours!**



News Cont...

Upcoming Dates:

Sept. 30	Truth and Reconciliation Day (Schools Closed)
Oct. 9	Bus Evacuation Drills
Oct. 14	Thanksgiving (stat holiday – no school)
Oct. 17	Earthquake Drill; Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:30 – 5:30
Oct. 18	Early Dismissal 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)

Orange Shirt Day

It was so meaningful to see our ECE Hawks wearing orange shirts yesterday. Students listened to stories, designed orange hearts with words of inspiration, discussed the significance of Orange Shirt Day, and we had an assembly. We acknowledge the enduring spirit of the First Nations, Inuit and Metis People and remain committed to learning the history of the First Peoples.



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 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:

All field trips can be paid online. Payment must be completed to submit permission forms for field trips.

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.

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



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.

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

Thank you to all the families who came out to our Welcome Back BBQ! The weather was perfect, and the amazing staff served a record 425 hotdogs!

ECE hot lunch Fridays will begin **October 4th**. Thank you to all who ordered. If you are interested in helping to hand out on Friday's, 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.

The first PAC meeting was a success. Thank you to Ricardo's, Fresh Slice, and Papa Johns for the pizzas. 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 East Chilliwack families! We are creating a few new menus for hot lunch. Hot lunch will open this coming week for November.

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>

