



Friday, December 13, 2024

Principal's message:

Ey Swayel East Chilliwack Families,

This is our last week of classes for the 2024 school year! Our classes have been busy preparing for our concerts and the Christmas holidays! Depending on the classroom teacher, learning updates will be coming home sometime from Dec. 16-18.

Huge thanks to our PAC and all the parent volunteers who provided the pancake breakfast/brunch on Tuesday, December 10th! The students were so happy, and it was an amazing community event!

Thank you also for all the amazing Christmas store donations!

Week at a Glance:

Monday, December 16

- Last day for Christmas Store - \$2.00/item
- Learning Updates go home (Dec. 16-18)

Tuesday, December 17

- Last day of our canned food drive
- Learning Updates go home (Dec. 16-18)

Wednesday, December 18

- Winter Wonderland dress rehearsal (students to watch)
- Learning Updates go home (Dec. 16-18)

Thursday, December 19

- 11:00 am Winter Wonderland concert #1
- 6:00 pm Winter Wonderland concert #2

Friday, December 20

- **PJ day** and last day of classes before the Winter Break
- Gr. 2s, 3s, and Gr. 4/5s to Cottonwood Theatres



News Continued...

Upcoming Dates:

- Jan. 6 Happy 2025! Classes back in session
- Jan. 13 Grade 2-5 classes to see the Lightning Thief production at the Chilliwack Cultural Centre
- Jan. 24 Assessment and Evaluation Day – no school for students

Canned Food Drive

The last day of our Christmas Canned Food Drive to support the Salvation Army and community members in need is **Dec. 17th** So far, ECE has donated over 1000 items of food! WOW! Thank you! 😊 Our goal is to beat our total of 2844 items from last year! Your participation in this event will brighten Chilliwack families this Christmas!



"Winter Wonderland" Concert



Thursday, December 19

Morning concert: 11 am

Evening concert: 6 pm



Congratulations to our winners of the art contest for the front cover of our Winter Wonderland programs. Thank you to all those who submitted their artwork. They are on display in the main hallway.

K-2 Winner: Kyjas Sandhu, Gr. 2

Gr. 3-5 Winner: Lea Jansen Van Vuuren, Gr. 5

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Winter Wonderland concert! Today, each family received 2 tickets to the morning concert and 2 tickets to the evening concert. We know these limit the number of family members that can attend. You are welcome to trade tickets with friends and neighbours.

We are asking families who attend the morning concert to line up **outside along the wall of the school. We will welcome guests to load the gym around 10:45 am.**

For the evening concert, doors will be open at **5:45** for students to report to their classrooms or designated areas (students in portables will be in the school). We will have staff at the office reminding students who are normally in portables, where to meet their class.



Parking for the concert:



Parking at the school is a challenge. ***We have arranged additional parking at the church down the road located at 49379 Chilliwack Central Road as we will not have space to accommodate most vehicles. We will have a school bus to shuttle people to and from the church parking lot before and after both concerts.*** We ask that you only park in designated parking spots at the church and to please respect their property as they were kind enough to allow us to use it. We also ask to please respect our neighbouring properties and to not block their driveways or park on their lawns.



Christmas Store



The grade 5 classes and the PAC will once again be hosting the Christmas Store. The money raised will be going to charity. All students will be able to purchase at least 1 (or more) gifts depending on the number of items donated. All gifts will be priced at \$2.00. They will be wrapped for the child to bring home. The purpose of the Christmas store is so that the students have the opportunity to purchase surprise gifts for adults in their life. We will be running the store on Dec.13th and 16th

Please start collecting items that you would like to donate to the store. Any new or gently used items that are suitable for adults would be welcome, (good time for regifting). Please do not send clothing or toys. We will be accepting donations for the Christmas store from December 2nd -12th. We would also appreciate donations of wrapping paper, gift bags, gift boxes, or gift tags. All items can be sent to school with your child to bring to their classroom.

If you would like to volunteer for helping to work at the store on December 13th or 16, please email:

lindsmartin22@gmail.com

tapomeranz@hotmail.com

sheri_massey@sd33.bc.ca



Dress for the weather: please make sure your child is coming to school prepared to be outside. Proper footwear, a good coat, gloves and a toque will become necessary very soon. We go outside most days and we want the students to be properly dressed for the conditions.

HOT LUNCH:

Each month, for the following month's hot lunch orders, we open the 1st Tuesday and close the 3rd Tuesday.

hotlunch.ece@gmail.com will be emailing all reminders about hot lunch and volunteers to help on Friday hand out. If they have any questions or need help with ordering, please email hotlunch.ece@gmail.com.



Hot Lunch is now open for
January!
For any questions, please email
hotlunch.ece@gmail.com.



Workshops Offered From the District: (see attached flyers)

What age level are the workshops targeting?

Parents with Children of any age can take these courses! Anger CPR and Emotional Adaptability are great for everyone. Parents with kids at all levels would benefit. Circle of Security is truly attachment based, and the philosophy throughout the program is "its never too late" and "you didn't know what you didn't know, before you knew it." So really, all levels can register!

Circle of Security

Dates: Wednesdays – January 15th to March 5th

6:00pm – 8:00pm at Chilliwack Community Services #100 – 46187 Yale Rd.

A research and relationship-based program that takes much of the guess work out of being a caregiver; improving confidence in recognizing your child's emotional, relational needs; and providing information to help interpret your child's behaviours. Child-minding provided

[Register here](#)

Emotional Adaptability

Dates: Wednesdays – January 15, 22,29

9:30am-11:30am at Neighborhood Learning Center – 46361 Yale Rd.

When we mix our emotions with the experience of others, with updated wisdom about our past stories, and upgraded skills, we become more comfortable and more confident with emotional complexity. In this workshop we explore and re-establish friendly relations with our kids and our big emotions: Joy, Fear, Sadness, Anger, Shame, and Curiosity. Child-minding provided.

[Register here](#)

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Anger CPR

Dates: Wednesdays – February 5, 12, 19

9:30am-11:30am at Neighborhood Learning Center – 46361 Yale Rd.

Gain awareness of the emotional roots to anger, the difference between anger and aggression, and the steps that take us from frustrated to furious or adaptation. Discover useable ideas about taming tantrums and minimizing meltdowns, yours, and your child's. Child-minding provided.

[Register here](#)



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INCLEMENT WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSURE GUIDELINES

Information for Parents and Students



Inclement weather conditions such as freezing rain, significant snowfall or high wind can occur during the fall and winter months. In such conditions, decisions on the opening or closure of school district facilities are made by the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with management and supervisory staff who have checked first-hand on the driving conditions, walking/sidewalk conditions, and general condition of buildings and accessibility to sites. *For more details on how this is done, [click here](#).*

While service to students and parents is a priority and schools will be kept open as much as is reasonably possible, student and staff safety is the primary consideration.

In the event of extreme weather conditions, parents are urged to check the School District website www.sd33.bc.ca or tune into radio stations STAR FM (98.3 FM) or JR COUNTRY (89.5 FM), to receive up-to-date information on school closures and information on bussing. Reports will start after 6:00 a.m. and will be repeated often. There is no need to call your school, the School District Office or the radio station.

When there is extreme weather and schools remain open, student attendance is the parent/guardians' decision.

A **Transportation Snow Plan** is in place for students who rely on travel by school bus and live in higher elevations such as Chilliwack Mountain, Little Mountain, Majuba Hill, Ryder Lake and some areas of Columbia Valley and the Eastern Hillside. An announcement will be made should travel in these areas become challenging due to slippery road conditions.

All inclement weather announcements will be posted on the District website www.sd33.bc.ca