



Friday, December 6, 2024

Principal's message:

*Ey Swayel East Chilliwack Families,*

*We can feel the energy and excitement of December! Please continue to keep up those bedtime routines so your child is rested for the busyness of the next couple of weeks. It can also be a time of year when students feel silly or emotional. At our December assembly, we reviewed some strategies to solve problems in peaceful ways. We also talked about how to calm our bodies (hot chocolate breathing, going for a walk, counting to 10) and when to seek help if you need to solve a problem.*



## Week at a Glance:

Monday, December 9

Tuesday, December 10

- Pancake Breakfast (around 11 am) and PJ Day

Wednesday, December 11

Thursday, December 12

Friday, December 13

- **Festive, Christmas wear spirit day!**
- Ks, K/1, Hinksman, Gr. 4 and 4/5 to Eden Care Home
- Christmas Store is open \$2.00/item



Dress for the weather: With Winter just around the corner, 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.



## News Continued...

### Upcoming Dates:

- Dec. 16 Christmas store shopping
- Dec. 16-18 Term 1 Learning Updates (reports) go home
- Dec. 17 Last day of the Canned Food Drive
- Dec. 19 Christmas concerts: Morning concert 11:00 – 12:00 (line up outside – doors open at 10:45)  
Evening concert 6:00 – 7:00 (students to be dropped off at 5:45)
- Dec. 20 PJ Day and Last day of classes before the winter break
- Jan. 6 Happy 2025! Classes back in session

## Canned Food Drive

We have kicked off the Christmas Canned Food Drive to support the Salvation Army and community members in need this holiday season. **Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>** is the last day for donations. Thank you in advance for your participation! 😊 See the attached flyer! 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



We are looking forward to seeing you at our Winter Wonderland concert!

This will be a ticketed event as we must adhere to capacity limits. Each family will receive 2 tickets to the morning show and 2 tickets to the afternoon show. We know this limits the number of family members that can attend. You are welcome to trade tickets with friends and neighbours. You will be receiving tickets by **Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**.

**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).



### **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. 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.13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

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 gifting). Please do not send clothing or toys. We will be accepting donations for the Christmas store from December 2<sup>nd</sup> -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 13<sup>th</sup> or 16, please email:

[lindsmartin22@gmail.com](mailto:lindsmartin22@gmail.com)

[tapomeranz@hotmail.com](mailto:tapomeranz@hotmail.com)

[sheri\\_masse@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:sheri_masse@sd33.bc.ca)



## ECE PAC NEWSLETTER

OUR SCHOOL PANCAKE BREAKFAST WILL BE ON DECEMBER 10TH.

The annual Christmas Store will be Friday, Dec. 13th and Monday, Dec. 16th. We will start collecting donations from Dec. 2nd to Dec. 10th. We will be looking for donations of new or gently used items that would make good gifts for adults (please no clothing or toys). We are also looking for donations of wrapping paper, gift tags, tissue paper and gifts bags.

ALL THE STUDENTS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUY ITEMS THAT ARE PRICED AT \$2.00. THE ITEMS WILL BE GIFT WRAPPED, SO THE STUDENTS CAN SURPRISE THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS. THE GRADE 5 STUDENTS AND PARENTS WILL BE WORKING AT THE STORE AND WRAPPING THE GIFTS. ALL THE MONEY COLLECTED WILL BE DONATED TO A CHARITY. THIS YEAR OUR CHARITY WILL BE HUNGRY FOR LIFE.



MOVING PEOPLE TOWARDS LIFE  
[HUNGRYFORLIFE.ORG](http://HUNGRYFORLIFE.ORG)

Please see attachment for additional information about volunteering.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:hotlunch.ece@gmail.com).



Hot Lunch is now open for  
January!  
For any questions, please email  
[hotlunch.ece@gmail.com](mailto:hotlunch.ece@gmail.com).

### *From the District:*

#### All About "K" Event

This event is open to all families who have children entering Kindergarten for September 2025 in the Chilliwack School District. Although we are hosting the events at Central & Unsworth Elementary, your child can be registered at any Chilliwack Elementary School.

Please join us at one of our 2 events happening at Central Elementary and Unsworth Elementary. Join us for snacks, crafts, activities, help with K registration and a time to ask general questions about Kindergarten. [All About K – sign up here.](#)



Central Elementary: Tuesday December 17th 12:00pm-1:30pm

Unsworth Elementary: Wednesday December 18th 9:00am-10:30am

If you are not registered for Kindergarten yet, we can help! Please bring the following items with you:

- a valid email address
- photo or scan showing proof of child's age and citizenship (birth certificate, passport...)
- photo or scan showing proof of residency (utility bill with your name...)
- photo or scan showing parent's proof of citizenship (I.D., passport...)
- immigration and employment information if a temporary resident in BC

\*Younger siblings are welcome to join, please note that guardians are required to supervise their children at this event.



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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](http://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](http://www.sd33.bc.ca)