



Friday, January 17, 2025

Principal's message:

Ey Swayel East Chilliwack Families,

It is wonderful to see our students settling back into routines and following expectations after the winter break. Term 2 feels very short, yet it is packed with a lot of learning that our Hawks will be engaged in. Practicing academic skills at home like reading daily and numeracy skills will help set your child up for success. Check out your child's term 1 learning update (report card) for ideas to do at home together. We want to extend a warm welcome to two new families to ECE who joined us this week!

Week at a Glance:

Monday, January 20

- **January welcome back assembly!** (rescheduled from Friday due to Mrs. Ingham being away on Friday)

Tuesday, January 21

- **Boys/girls Triple Ball game @ St. Mary's 2:45 pm**

Wednesday, January 22

- **Rogers-Stadnyk Gr. 4s guest speaker presentation 8:15**
- **Girls Triple Ball Home game vs Cheam 2:30 pm**

Thursday, January 23

Friday, January 24

- **Assessment and Evaluation Day – no school for students**

Upcoming Dates:

- Jan. 27 Kindergarten skating field trip
 - Jan. 29 Lunar New Year
 - Jan. 31 Flannel/Toque Spirit Day
Super Reader Assembly
 - Feb. 14 Pro-D Day – no school for students
 - Feb. 17 Family Day – no school
 - Feb. 24 Ready, Set, Explore event for pre-school learners (see flyer for more information)
- Please check our website for important dates: <https://eastchilliwack.sd33.bc.ca/>**

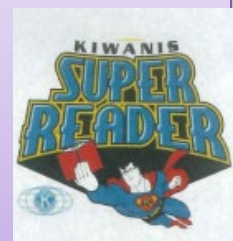


Home Reading & Super Readers!

Parents, please sign your child's planner, or bring their slip in for 100 nights of reading, if they have reached the milestone. We will have a Super Reader assembly on **January 31st at 12:45** to recognize all our 100-night Super Readers! Parents feel free to come! Feel free to email me if you have any questions, or if you have misplaced your Home Reading sheet that went out in September (for K/1's, most older grades have it in their planners).

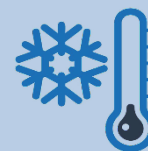
My email is crystal_bergen@sd33.bc.ca.

Thanks, and happy reading! 😊 ~Mrs. Bergen, teacher librarian



Dress for the weather:

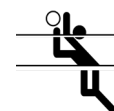
Please make sure your child is coming to school prepared to be outside. Proper footwear, a good coat, gloves and a toque help to keep our little hawks warm and comfortable outside. A change of clothes is helpful, too! We go outside most days, even when it is raining, and we want the students to be properly dressed and stay warm for the winter conditions.



Tripleball (Grade 5)



PRACTICES are after the lunch eating period.
Boys/Girls (mixed): Tuesday and Thursday
Girls: Wednesday and Thursday



The boy/girl (mixed) team will play GAMES on **Tuesdays**.
The girls team will play GAMES on **Wednesdays**.
With away games, it is requested that parents remain at the game.

ECE PAC

News



PAC Meeting

Just a reminder our PAC Meeting is this coming Tuesday, January 21st at 7:00 pm in the teacher staffroom. We look forward to seeing you there!

We also have a new fundraiser starting with West Coast Seeds. Please see the poster for all information.



Hot Lunch

Hot lunch ordering closes on TUESDAY! 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.



West Coast Seeds™

For the first time we are running a fundraiser with West Coast Seeds. We chose this fundraiser because we would like to promote a program that is environmentally friendly and promotes growing food.

Did you know that every packet you sell will earn 40% for our school?! West Coast Seeds provides Canada No 1 seeds that are untreated and non- GMO which means that it promotes sustainability. They have provided a wide range of their bestselling vegetables, herbs, and flowers, to give a little something for everyone.

All seeds can be ordered on the fundraising site (fundraising.westcoastseeds.com). Please ensure that you order from this site only, otherwise we will not earn the 40%. When you are ready to order, make your choices and add to your cart. Once you have completed your order, find our organization (East Chilliwack Elementary) on the dropdown menu. Add in your details so that we can contact you when the orders are ready for pick up.

Please make sure to order between January 20th – February 5th, 2025. If you are unable to order online, please contact Amara (amara.glendinning@gmail.com) or Kara (drkara@live.ca) for help.

Orders will arrive before Spring Break.

Thank you in advance for your support!





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