



SEPT 21-25, 2026

HAWKS NEWS



Week at a Glance

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Ey Swayel East Chilliwack Families,

One of our ongoing school goals is to foster a strong sense of belonging for every student at ECE. Students learn best when they feel connected, valued, and safe. Reconnecting with friends, forming new friendships, and building positive relationships with teachers are all essential to student success. Our staff is intentional in creating welcoming and inclusive learning environments where every student feels supported and empowered to thrive.

Our Hawks are settling into the routines, expectations, and values that guide us to SOAR at ECE: being Self-Aware and Safe, being Organized, having an Awesome Attitude, and demonstrating Respect.

We hope you are able to attend our Meet the Teacher/Welcome Back BBQ on Sept. 24th! We are excited about the upcoming year and extend special thanks to our supportive and caring school community.

~ Mrs. Carolyn Ingham/Principal

Mon. Sept. 21

- **First day for full time Kindergarten**
- **8:45 - Bring a Toonie for Terry! Terry Fox assembly**
- **9:10 - Terry Fox run - lace up and join us!**

Tues. Sept. 22

- **First Day of Autumn!**

Wed. Sept. 23

- **PAC Freezie Day (lunch playtime) - \$1.00**

Thurs. Sept. 24

- **Meet the Teacher and PAC Welcome Back BBQ 5:00 - 6:30**

Fri. Sept. 25

- **Photo Day - individual photos**
- **Wear your Hawks' spirit - optional (due to photo day!)**



Upcoming Dates

Sept. 21 - Kindergarten First Full Day

Sept. 21 - 8:45 Terry Fox Run (Toonie for Terry) and assembly

Sept. 23 - PAC freezie sale at lunch

Sept. 24 - Welcome Back BBQ/Meet the Teacher - 5:00 - 6:30/ECE spirit wear on display to order (see poster - online store is NOW OPEN)

Sept. 25 - Photo Day (individual photos)

Sept. 29 - Orange Shirt Day/assembly and story walk

Sept. 30 - Truth and Reconciliation Day - no school

Oct. 8 - Bus Evacuation Drills

Oct. 9 - Non-instructional Day - no school for students

Oct. 12 - Thanksgiving Holiday (school closed)



Our school is proud to participate in the Terry Fox Run on **Monday, September 21st!**

Please support our fundraising efforts to end cancer and bring in a Toonie(or more) for

Terry next week. You can also donate to <https://schools.terryfox.ca/138214> or scan the QR code below to access East

Chilliwack's fundraising page!

Last year we raised \$250. Let' try to raise at least \$500 this year!

Families are welcome to join us. Our event will begin with a short assembly from 8:45 to 9:05, and then we will run from 9:10 to 10:10.

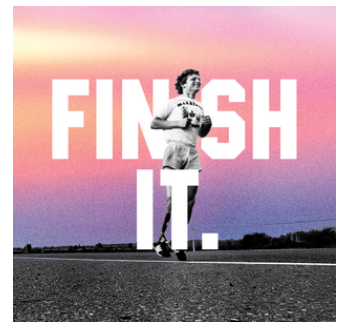
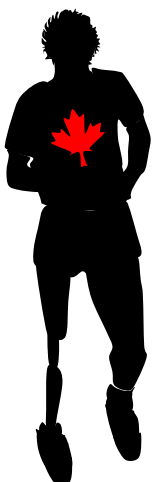


Photo Day

Individual photos will be taken in the morning on Friday, September 25. Information went home from classroom teachers.



Student Information Verification Forms were handed out to your son/daughter on **Wednesday**.

If you haven't done so already, please complete and sign the form as soon as possible. Have your child return the completed form to their homeroom teacher.

Please read the form over carefully and **make any changes/additions in pen.**

Volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering for your child's field trips or in the classroom, please be sure to have an up-to-date police check completed.

How to Apply:

Access the application via
SD33.bc.ca →
Parents/Community →
Volunteering

<https://sd33.bc.ca/volunteering>



Student Absences

To enter an absence, use the **Safe Arrival App**. Please use the link for more information: <https://www.sd33.bc.ca/safe-arrival>. You can also call the school at (604) 794-7533, or email Ms. Deputan at lisa_deputan@sd33.bc.ca if your child is going to be absent, arrive late or for an early dismissal time.



Parking Lot Procedures and Safety

Our parking lot is small and one-way, and drop-off and pick-up times can be **very busy**. Student safety is our top priority. Please watch for students, exercise patience, and expect congestion during peak times.

To help keep traffic moving safely:

- The centre lanes are for active pick-up and drop-off only. Please **do not leave your vehicle unattended**. If you need to exit your vehicle, use a designated parking stall.
- Lane 1: Bus Lane (closest to the school)
- Lane 2: Pick-Up and Drop-Off Lane
- Lane 3: Through Lane

During busy morning drop-off times, staff may direct vehicles into Lane 3 to help prevent traffic from backing up onto the road. Please remind your child to look both ways before crossing the parking lot. **Morning supervision begins at 7:30**. Please do not drop your child off before 7:30 am.

At dismissal, parents may park in the designated stalls on the east side of the parking lot (back-in parking only) or use Lanes 2 and 3 for active pick-up. If using Lanes 2 or 3, please remain in your vehicle. *If you pick up at 2:10, this is a great time to pick up your child as all of the first buses have departed. We have supervision until 2:20.*

Please **do not block the parking lot entrance** at dismissal. We need enough space for 5 buses to enter and maneuver safely.

Thank you for helping us keep our parking lot safe for everyone!





EAST CHILLIWACK ELEMENTARY

ONLINE STORE OPEN NOW!!

Order online until
OCTOBER 4, 2026

LATE ORDERS
WILL NOT
BE ACCEPTED

https://logogear.ca/east_chilliwack_elem/shop/home

- Go to the LogoGear website
- Click on Products to see all options
- Add desired items to cart
- Check out



**Note: All Youth sizes are PST exempt. Adult sizes are not.*

All product supplied by Mark's Chilliwack.

Invoices/Statements will show as Logogear Spirit Wear



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YOUR PHOTO DAY IS APPROACHING!

Friday, September 25



Showcase Your Best Smile

- Students will be photographed at school.
- On photo day, no order form or payment is due.
- Review your images and purchase online with ease!



DON'T FORGET

School photos are a Canadian tradition to capture the school year and preserve your continued growth.



GET REMINDERS

Sign up for notifications at edgeimaging.ca/photoday to get real-time updates about your photo day and stay in the know with Edge.



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TIPS FOR PARENTS FOR A HEALTHY BACK TO SCHOOL SEASON:

As children head back to school, parents face the familiar challenge of managing busy schedules, school routines and inevitably, health concerns.

Help set the stage for a healthy school year with Fraser Health's Healthy Back to School Guide.



The guide provides information on a variety of ways to keep children healthy during a school year. For instance, fostering healthy routines for sleep, mealtimes and physical activity can greatly support your child's health and wellness.

Staying healthy during the school year is also about protecting children from illnesses that can spread quickly in classrooms. It is important to make sure children wash their hands properly, and to keep them home if they are feeling unwell.

Another way to protect your child's health is to ensure their immunizations are up to date. Vaccines help prevent several serious illnesses and infectious diseases, for example, measles. Please check that you (if born in or after 1970) and your children have received at least two doses of a measles-containing vaccine. Find out how to check your immunization records here.

Vaccines are available at many pharmacy locations, physician offices, and at all public health units.

If you are new to B.C. or Canada, provide your immunization records to public health at fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform.

Need fast access to health advice? Call Fraser Health Virtual Care: Dial 1-800-314-0999. For an interpreter, say your language in English.

Our Fraser Health Virtual Care registered nurses and dietitians can provide convenient, fast health advice and information for busy families. With options for phone or web chat consultations, families receive medical advice from nurses with emergency experience. It can save you time and may help you avoid having to visit a clinic or emergency department. Nurses can also connect you with an Urgent and Primary Care Centre, if needed.

How to reach Fraser Health Virtual Care

Dial 1-800-314-0999. For an interpreter, say your language in English.

For web chat, go to fraserhealth.ca/virtualcare and click the blue chat bubble in the right corner to start.

Available 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. every day, including statutory holidays. After hours, call 8-1-1.

Learn more about Fraser Health Virtual Care, other care options and more at: Fraserhealth.ca/VirtualCare

