HAWKS NEWS

SEPT 8-11, 2026

September Week at a Glance

Mon. Sept. 14

- **Kindergartens attend 8:30 -11 am**

Tues. Sept. 15

- **Kindergartens attend 8:30 -11 am**
- **PAC meeting 7 pm (in the staffroom)**

Wed. Sept. 16

- **Kindergartens attend 8:30 -12:00**

Thurs. Sept. 17

- **Kindergartens attend 8:30 -12:50**

Fri. Sept. 18

- **Hawks' spirit wear**
- **Kindergartens attend 8:30 -12:50**
- **Fire Drill #1**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Ey Swayel East Chilliwack Families,

We had a wonderful first week back at school and were happy to welcome students back to ECE! A special welcome to all of our new students and families as they join our school community.

We wrapped up the week with a Welcome Assembly, where our Hawks demonstrated outstanding SOAR behaviour and school spirit. Today, students were placed in their classes, and teachers will be reaching out to parents and guardians with more information.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning, growth, and friendships as we work together to help our Little Hawks soar to their greatest potential! 🦅

~ Mrs. Carolyn Ingham

Staffing announcements:

- Olivia Bolt (for Mrs. Odermatt) - Kindergarten
- Ella Hodson temporary Kindergarten - posted position
- Michelle McGarvey - Grade 1
- Samantha Bauder - Grade 1
- Nicola Simpson - Grade 1/2
- Iqraa Hussain - Grade 3
- Jacob Sinclair has returned as our Teacher Librarian while Ms. Bergen is on leave

Upcoming Dates

Sept. 21 - First full day of Kindergarten
Sept. 21 - 8:45 Terry Fox Run and assembly - come join us!
Sept. 22 - Ks at Petey's Pumpkin Patch FT
Sept. 23 - PAC freezie sale at lunch
Sept. 24 - Welcome Back BBQ and Meet the Teacher - 5:00 - 6:30
Sept. 25 - Photo Day (individual photos)
Sept. 29 - Orange Shirt Day/assembly
Sept. 30 - Truth and Reconciliation Day - no school

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

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 and efficient for everyone.

Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) Voluntary Insurance

The Chilliwack School District or Schools Protection Program (SPP) does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities. Parents/Guardians are responsible for these expenses.
iA Financial Group offers a comprehensive accident insurance plan with a critical illness component designed for the whole family.

The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan is ideal for supplementing costs not covered by your provincial health insurance or existing employer extended health and dental plans. Regardless of the size of your family, all eligible family members can be insured under one set monthly rate.
To apply or to find out more, visit: https://specialmarkets.ia.ca/aonbc/home

Student Accident Insurance

The Chilliwack School District or Schools Protection Program (SPP) does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities. Parents/Guardians are responsible for these expenses.
A link for families is provided to voluntarily purchase optional student accident insurance through the Family Accident Reimbursement Insurance program, underwritten by Industrial Alliance and Financial Services Inc. This is one of several options in the province.
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Fair Notice

The Chilliwack School District and community partners are committed to making our schools safe for students and staff. As a result, schools will respond to all student behaviours that pose a potential risk to themselves, other students, staff and members of the community.

School Supplies:

The cost for school supplies and consumables is $60.00 for all grades. Classroom teachers will be distributing school supplies to the students. Families will be able to pay for school supplies online and the school district will be emailing parents a student account statement for the school supplies in September. Classroom teachers will not be collecting any money. If you are unable to pay online, please pay directly at the office with cash or credit card.

ATTENDANCE

To enter an absence, use the **Safe Arrival App**. Please follow the link for more information at https://www.sd33.bc.ca/safe-arrival. This is the preferred way to log a student's absence, late arrival or early dismissal. 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.