HAWKS NEWS



Week at a Glance

Mon. Nov. 23
- **Marvelous Monday!**

Tues. Nov. 24
- **Lockdown drill**

Wed. Nov. 25
- **Rick Joe drumming lessons**

Thurs. Nov. 26
- **Rick Joe drumming lessons**

Fri. Nov. 27
- **Non-instructional day - no school for students**



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Ey Swayel East Chilliwack Families,

It's hard to believe that next week is the last week of November! Only 19 school days until the Winter Break!

Our ECE Hawks have been learning a lot this term! Encourage a conversation about your child's day when they come home from school by asking them open-ended questions.

What was something you learned today?
What made you feel proud of yourself today?
What was the hardest or most challenging thing you had to do today? What helped you tackle this?
How did you show kindness today?



One of our school goals this term is focused on ***well-being and social-emotional learning.*** We are supporting our students' through daily check-ins, circle meetings, and explicit instruction on identifying emotions and strategies to help regulate our feelings. Our teachers will be exploring resources from the EASE program (Everyday Anxiety Strategies for Educators).

Upcoming Dates

Nov. 30 - PAC Pancake breakfast / PJ Day / Deck the Halls
Dec. 2 - December assembly
Dec. 4 - Red, green, white day or Hawks' spirit wear/Feather Friday
Dec. 11 - PAC Christmas Store
Dec. 11 - Christmas sweater/Festive wear
Dec. 14 - Christmas store / Sto:lo Bannock Day
Dec. 14-16 - Learning Updates go home
Dec. 17 - Christmas concert dress rehearsal/concert #1 - 11:00 am at RTCS
Christmas concert #2 - 6:00 pm at RTCS
Dec. 18 - PJ Day/last day of classes before Winter Break

Our Journey Towards Truth and Reconciliation

November 25th and November 26th East Chilliwack Elementary has the privilege of hosting Rick Joe for two full days of drumming. Rick Joe is an Indigenous Enhancement teacher. Rick Joe is a key figure in advocating for, and helping to shape Indigenous youth leadership within our larger community. We are honored to have him with us.

This is an excellent opportunity to teach students about respect, cultural appreciation, listening, and the importance of Indigenous traditions. Drumming is more than just making music—it carries cultural, historical, and community significance.

On December 14, our students will also get the opportunity to enjoy Sto:lo Bannock.

Christmas Store

The Gr.5 classes and the PAC are hosting the Christmas Store again this year. The money raised will go to charity. All students will be able to purchase at least 1 gift (or more), 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 Christmas store allows the students to purchase surprise gifts for adults in their lives. We will be running the store on **Dec.11th and 14th.** Please start collecting items that you would like to donate to the store. Any new or gently used items suitable for adults would be welcome (a good time for regifting). Please do not send clothing or toys.

We will be accepting donations from November 23 - December 9. We would also appreciate donations of gift bags, gift boxes, or gift tags. All items can be sent to school with your child to bring to their classroom.

If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering, please reach out to:

Lindsay Kanaan - PAC Chair

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(See attached poster from the PAC)

"Twinkle Lights and Christmas Night"

Our Christmas concerts will be at Rosedale Traditional Elementary School.

Thursday, December 17

Dress rehearsal & Morning concert: 11 am

Evening concert: 6 pm

Each family will receive 2 tickets to the morning concert and 2 tickets for the evening concert. More details coming soon!

Please visit our website at https://eastchilliwack.sd33.bc.ca/ for our school calendar and more information about our school