



Welcome to Stitó:s Lá:lém Totí:lt

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Welcome Stitó:s Lá:lém Totí:lt families,

You are receiving this welcome letter because your family resides within the Stitó:s Lá:lém Totí:lt catchment area. I am so excited to share with you some of our journey to date in our work to open Stitó:s Lá:lém Totí:lt in September 2022. We have a team of dedicated experts, working and planning to ensure that our school will be the finest facility for our students. This group is laser-focused on sourcing inventory, keeping our timeline on track, and of course, building a beautiful new school! We look forward to welcoming students and staff into our building on the first day of school.

It is exciting to be first in a new school. Your student will be the first to sit in their learning community, the first to use the learning commons, the first to explore the play areas and the first to use the All-Weather sports field. The location is spectacular, and the building thoughtfully uses natural products and takes advantage of natural lighting, creating a warm and inviting space. The learning spaces are designed as double classrooms which promote team teaching and innovative learning opportunities. The school is intentionally crafted to take advantage of the outdoors as extended learning spaces.

A little about your Principal - I have been part of the Chilliwack School District for 26 years in assignments ranging from Kindergarten to grade 12 and most recently as the District Principal of Curriculum. I believe that every day we should learn a little, play a little, read a little, ask questions and support each other with kindness.



Stitó:s – "Place of Crossing". *The school site is near where the Chilliwack River breaks through between Promontory and Vedder Mountains to meet the Vedder River.*

Lá:lém Totí:lt - "House of Learning"

Phonetically: *Stee-tahs Lah-lem tot-ilt*



Principal Plummer



As we begin to register our students and identify our new school community, I would like to meet our students and provide opportunities for families to learn about their new school. I will be hosting both an in-person and a virtual information session where I will share information about the school, have a chance to meet you, and answer your questions (dates to follow). I am very excited to share the journey we have taken so far, but I am much more excited to begin building the traditions, culture and community of Stitō:s Lá:lém Totí:lt with you.

Visit our website <https://stitos.sd33.bc.ca> and look out for our social media feeds which will launch soon. I encourage families to check in regularly for updates and information about our progress and processes. I will be visiting your child's school as well, where I hope they will provide some input about the things they would like to see at their new school. I also look forward to connecting with parents and establishing a Parent Advisory Committee. This group will be an integral partner in our school start-up.

I am truly honored to have been selected as the first Principal of Stitō:s Lá:lém Totí:lt. I look forward to the work ahead, as we collectively build our new school community.

Sincerely,

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