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Message from the Admin Team...

We are having fun making school memories this year as everything is a first. Our classes are starting to work on a time capsule for commemorating our journey in opening this amazing school. Each class is coming up with one artifact to put in the capsule which will be opened at a later celebration YEARS from now.

A way to capture these memories for your student is with a yearbook. Our inaugural yearbook is an 80-page, soft cover yearbook that will have every class represented. We are selling them at the very reasonable price of \$20 for the month of April and we encourage every student to have their own so their class and friends can sign them. This is a memory for years to come it isn't very often you get to open a new school!

We are working with our feeder schools who will be joining us in grade 6 next year. There will be a parent meeting in May (TBD) that will be an opportunity for all parents (and their grade 5 students) to meet us and ask questions.

We are GROWING next year. We are projected to have an additional 200 students call Stitós Lá:lém Totí:lt their home school next year.

Parent / Caregiver Night – May 4th

You are invited to join an online presentation and Q & A with Dr. Ross Greene as he speaks about how Collaborative and Proactive Solutions can help us show our kids we care about them. Solving problems together creates connection and allows our children and youth to be a part of finding solutions to what is causing their concerning behaviour. Dr. Greene's work reminds us that things go better for everyone, when we solve problems together and that kids do well if they can.

Click here to read more and register for this online event:
<https://may7icare.ca/event-with-dr-ross-greene/>

Stitós PAC

Did you know that you are a member of the PAC? All parents are members of our PAC and are encouraged to attend the PAC meeting. PAC meetings provide parents with information about our school, a chance to ask questions or raise concerns and a chance to become involved with our school. The next PAC meeting will be **Wednesday, April 19th at 7:00 pm.**

Important Upcoming Dates To Remember

April 7 th	Good Friday (No School)
April 10 th	Easter Monday (No School)
April 18 th	Ready, Set, Learn
April 19 th	PAC Meeting @ 7:00 pm
April 20 th	Class Picture Day
April 21 st	Fashion Friday (Middle)
April 27 th – 30 th	Band Trip to Whistler
April 27 th	Inaugural Yearbook Sales End
April 28 th	Non-Instructional Day (No School)
May 4 th	Online Presentation – Collaborative & Proactive Solutions with Dr. Greene
May 9 th	Family Literacy Night (Details to Follow)
May 17 th	PAC Meeting @ 7:00 pm
May 19 th	Non-Instructional Day (No School)
May 22 nd	Victoria Day (No School)
May 24 th	Middle School Band Concert @ 7 pm

Welcome Nukka to Stitós:

Nukka is a St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog and will be visiting our school on Thursday mornings. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to benefit both physically and emotionally from the unconditional love of a dog.

Nukka is a Siberian Husky whose name means "Little Sister" in the Inuit language. Nukka loves the snow and the outdoors. She loves being a St. John's Ambulance Therapy Dog because she gets to share her love with people!



Ready, Set, Learn!

We are inviting families with preschool aged children to join us for some interactive play activities, snacks, and a new book to add to your collection on Tuesday, April 18th (10:30 – 12:00 pm).

Please RSVP to stitos@sd33.bc.ca by Friday, April 14th to participate in the Ready, Set, Learn

Ey Swayel Mekw'at (Good Day Everyone)

My name is Ms. Wesley, and I am the Indigenous Enhancement Teacher here at Stitó:s Lá:lém Totí:lt. My mother is Stó:lō and I am registered with her reserve here in Chilliwack, the Skowkale First Nation. My father is Tsimshian, and he is from the Kitsumkalum First Nation in Terrace, BC. I feel fortunate that I am apart of the staff who started when the school opened and thus, I feel obliged to do what I can to contribute to the school culture. I work alongside the Indigenous Support Worker, Ms. Aquash. Ms. Aquash is a Potawatomi/Ojibway and registered to Walpole Island First Nation, Ontario and currently resides in Pil'alt territory of Cheam First Nation with her husband and children. While Ms. Aquash works at the school full-time, I only work two days per week (Mondays & Wednesdays).

Each year, every school can apply to the District Indigenous Education Department for a grant that supports the need to indigenize the curriculum and this year we were successful. With our grant, we have asked our Shop Teacher, Mr. Britton to build us a Coast Salish Loom so that we could weave a large wall hanging that will honour the opening of the school, as well as to commemorate the residential school survivors, and especially those that didn't make it home. We are currently at the beginning stages of the weaving, and we would not have been able to do it without the support of administration, the Indigenous Education Department, and of course, Mr. Britton.

Our goal is to complete the piece by the end of the year so that all who visit the school can see it hanging in our main foyer for years to come. These weavings are sacred and come with many traditional teachings. We will happily share these teachings with the entire school community, and the students will be able to witness the making of this piece as both Ms. Aquash and I will lead the progress and offer opportunities for students and staff to weave a row each which will result in a very meaningful product.

With Our Hands Raised,
Ms. Wesley & Ms. Aquash



Kindergarten Registration 2023 - 2024

If your child will be age 5 on or before December 31, 2023, it is time to register them for Kindergarten. Please note that our kindergarten classes are filled on a first come, first served basis so please register early to ensure your child has a space here at Stitó:s.

The online registration process provides parents and guardians an option to register their child at any time of the day. Please note that the purpose of the electronic registration system is for the registration of new students to the Chilliwack School District, students who want to request a transfer to a school of choice for the new school year, and for kindergarten registration. We require **TWO** pieces of proof of residency. This will include your BC Driver's License or BC Services Card (with Photo) with your correct address in addition to one of the following: mortgage statement, municipal tax bill, utility bill, entire rental agreement, credit card invoice, or a notary authorized letter. Additionally, we require your child's birth certificate and if you are unable to provide a birth certificate the following will be accepted: Canadian Passport, Canadian Citizenship Card, Permanent Residence Card. To register for Stitó:s for the 2023/2024 School Year, please go to <https://sd33.bc.ca/registration>.

Stitó:s Athletics

We have a busy Spring for athletics at Stitó:s. Our grade 6 basketball teams are just wrapping up their season. It was so excellent to see so many athletes out playing. They worked hard on their skills, team play, and have made many connections and friendships along the way. Thanks to all of our athletes, coaches, parents, and officials that helped make our season successful.

Our middle school athletes in April will have the girls field hockey starting up, as well as track and field. In May, we will have golf season, and girls soccer season. We are super excited as our new turf field will be open!

Our elementary athletes will be finishing their basketball season in April. Its great to see so many athletes out and how much they are improving and enjoying the game. The season will end with the final tournament in April. There will be the Cultus Lake Cross Country in May and practices will begin for the much-anticipated Track and Field meet in June.



Fashion Friday

Did you know that Canadians toss away close to 500 million kilograms of fabric items on a yearly basis including such things as clothing and shoes? As consumers, we buy, use, and dispose of new garments, which end up in the landfill, and less than 1% of the materials are recycled.

So, here's what we can do to help! All middle schoolers are encouraged to go through their closets and bring in gently used (and clean) clothes for a free shopping day happening on Friday, April 21st. We accept clothes, jackets, jewelry, and accessories! Bring in your donations throughout April! This will be our last Fashion Friday of the year.



FROM PLANTS TO PLATES

"You can grow food and flowers for your family, and to share with others."

Are YOU interested in GROWING a garden at home, in a container or a garden plot? Students in Grades K-12 from any school (District, Independent or Home) within the Chilliwack School District area may register.

Three Garden Divisions:

- Junior (Grades K-2)
- Intermediate (Grades 3-5)
- Senior (Grades 6-12)

Two Categories of Gardens:

- Plot (a traditional garden in the ground)
- Container (45 cm across and 45cm deep)

Students GROW their vegetables and flowers in their own yard, in a garden plot or a container.

- All instructions and seeds will be provided.
- \$5 (Price of seeds is subsidized).
- Gardens may be shared with a sibling or a friend - at your home, or a nearby location within the Chilliwack School District boundaries.

COMING SOON!

Visit our website: <https://chilliwackstudents.wixsite.com/home> or our Facebook page

MAXIMUM 250 REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED

Registration is online at chilliwackstudents.wixsite.com/home

Registration Open APRIL 1st, 2023

