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Meqó:s – December

The moon of Meqó:s - “fallen snow season.”

Message from Administration

December is always hectic and exciting as we make preparations for the upcoming holidays. We have our annual turkey shoot, canned food drive, spirit days, elementary Christmas concert (two performances), band concert, candy-grams, deck-the-halls, term end celebration assembly and a plethora of skating and outdoor field trips planned. In addition, we have our first formal reporting snapshot going home towards the end of the month. All this to be completed in sixteen days...it is no wonder we need a rest! We hope you take a few minutes from the “busyness of the season” to relax and enjoy all of your preparations. From all of the staff at Stitós Lá:lém Totí:lt Elementary / Middle School to your families we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year!

Merry Christmas



Grade 6 Immunizations

Grade 6 Immunization will be taking place on December 11th. Families have received consent forms from Fraser Health as they were sent home with Grade 6 students in November. If you have any questions, please contact Chilliwack Health Unit – School Nurses directly at (604) 702-4900.

Lost & Found

Our lost and found is overflowing with student clothing and other items. If your child is missing clothing, please stop by to take a look or ask your child to take a look. **Anything left after December 20th will be bagged and donated to a charity.**

Celebrating Our Students’ Success

This December we will be celebrating our students’ success at our school-wide end of term assembly! We are looking for photos and stories of your child’s success outside of school. Send what makes you proud about your child to your child’s classroom teacher. Thank you!

Upcoming Dates To Remember

December 1 st	Fashion Friday (Middle)
December 1 st	Deck the Halls / Spirit Friday: Festive Hats, Headbands & Socks
December 1 st	Food Drive Begins Stitós Items to Collect: Rice, Canned Fruit & Chunky Soup
December 6 th	Band Concert @ 6:30 pm
December 7 th	Term 2 Begins
December 7 th	PAC Purdy Fundraiser Pickup
December 8 th	Spirit Friday: Winter Bling
December 11 th	Grade 6 Immunizations
December 13 th – 20 th	Foul Shoot @ Lunch
December 15 th	Spirit Friday: Ugly Sweaters
December 20 th	Elementary Christmas Concert – Performances 1:30 pm / 6:00 pm
December 20 th	Report Cards Go Home Today
December 22 nd	Term End Celebration Assembly / Foul Shoot Finals
December 22 nd	Spirit Friday: PJ Day
December 22 nd	Locker Cleanout
December 25 th – January 7 th	Christmas Holidays (Schools Closed)
January 8 th	School Re-Opens
January 8 th	Exploration Rotation R3 Begins (3/5)
January 16 th	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm

PAC – Parent Advisory Council

Did you know that you are a member of the PAC? Every single person that has a child attending Stitós is a member and has a vote in what our PAC does. The Stitós PAC Email is slt-pac@sd33.bc.ca.



PAC

The next PAC Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 16th** at 6:30 pm.

Bike Lock Up

So far the only times we have had bikes stolen from the bike lockup area is when they were left overnight. The thieves usually cut the bike cage and the bike lock and then steal the bike. If your student has ridden their bike to school in the morning please ensure it arrives home at the end of the day. We are hoping to reduce the opportunity for property damage and theft at Stitó:s.



Purdy's PAC Fundraiser Pickup

If you ordered from the PAC fundraising event the pickup will be on December 7th directly after school and again at 6:00 pm.

Save the Date

Our Stitó:s PAC is organizing a babysitter course for February 16th, 2024. The class has a limit of 20 participants so please watch for information coming home in January.

Traffic

Courtesy, by using your signal indicators and respecting the drop off and thru zones will allow everyone to pick up their child(ren) in a safe way.

Stitó:s Library / Learning Commons Newsletter

Are you looking to see what activities and events are taking place in the Learning Commons? Check out the Learning Commons section on the school website or [click here](#) for the December Learning Commons Newsletter.



Stitó:s Yearbook

2023/2024 Stitó:s Yearbooks are now on sale. Be sure to order your copy online at <https://ybpay.lifetouch.ca/order> by January 15th. The price will increase after January 15th so order yours today!

Kindergarten Registration is Open!

Kindergarten registration for the 2024 – 2025 school year is underway. If your child will be five (5) years old by December 31, 2024, please register online. You will need to upload your child's birth certificate and proof of residence when registering. We are strongly encouraging families who are planning to register at Stitó:s to do so as soon as possible as our Kindergarten classes fill up quickly and we want to ensure your child has a spot!

To register at Stitó:s or any other school in School District No. 33 (Chilliwack), please [click here](#). Chilliwack School District uses a centralized electronic registration system. SD33 schools do not accept paper-form registrations. For more information and FAQ, please visit [SD33 – Registration](#) or email ereg@sd33.bc.ca.

Appointments and Early Pick-Ups

If your child has an appointment during the day and you need to pick them up early, please call the school to let us know first thing in the morning so that we can let staff know in advance. Often, our classes are in the community exploring the outdoors and not in the classrooms all day so students may not be onsite for 'spontaneous pick ups.'

Please also remember that parents are asked to sign out their child and wait at the office while we call them from their classroom to the office. It is important that we do not disrupt the learning environment for our staff and students.

Keeping Your Child Healthy During Winter

As the chilly winter season is upon us, there's a few extra things you can do to help keep your children healthy and well.

Bundle Up for the Cold

Dressing appropriately for the cold weather is vital in keeping your child comfortable and protected. Wearing multiple layers is a great way to trap body heat and provide insulation against the cold. Keep a warm hat, gloves, scarves, and insulated boots handy. Remind your child to wear these items before heading outside to play or going to school.

Protect Against Winter Illnesses

Winter brings an increased risk of colds and flus. Make sure your child is getting enough sleep (nine to 11 hours for elementary-aged children), eating a variety of foods, and staying hydrated by drinking plenty of water. Ensure your child receives their annual flu vaccine and talk to a health care provider about any additional vaccines that may be recommended. Teach your child good respiratory etiquette such as regular hand washing, covering their coughs and sneezes and staying home when sick.

Find more tips for a healthy winter: <https://ow.ly/77AK50Pehvi>

Athletics Update

Middle school basketball season is underway. We currently have two Grade 7 girls basketball teams, two Grade 7 boys basketball teams, a Grade 8 girls team, and two Grade 8 boys teams participating in the Fraser Valley East basketball league. Our school hosts games each Tuesday and Thursday, so students are encouraged to come out and cheer on our home teams!

Intramural floor hockey for our middle school students is also underway. We have six floor hockey teams competing during our lunch hours including a staff floor hockey team. Students are invited to check out the action in our main gym.

Our next elementary sport will be volleyball, and our Grade 6 basketball teams will also start a few weeks into the new year.



Did You Know You Can Access...

School Information

Looking to see what is on the school calendar, what the bell schedule is for your child, or view the newsletter??? Check out the School Information section on the school website.

Athletics Calendar

Looking to see when the next practice or game is??? Check out the school Athletics Calendar on the school website.

Counsellor Corner

Looking for loads of resources for families??? Check out the school Counsellor Corner section on the school website.

Learning Commons

Looking to see what activities and events are taking place in the Learning Commons??? Check out the Learning Commons section on the school website.

PAC Information

Looking to see who is your 2023/2024 PAC Executive or when the next PAC meeting is??? Check out the Parent Information section on the school website.

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

Inclement Weather Information

Inclement weather conditions such as freezing rain, significant snowfall or high wind can occur during the fall and winter months. In such conditions, decisions on the opening or closure of school district facilities are made by the Superintendent of Schools, in consultation with management and supervisory staff, who have checked first-hand on the driving conditions, walking/sidewalk conditions, and general condition of buildings and accessibility to sites. For more details on how this is assessed, [click here](#).

While service to students and parents is a priority and schools will be kept open as much as is reasonably possible, student and staff safety is the primary consideration.

In the event of extreme weather conditions, parents are urged to check the **School District website** (<http://www.sd33.bc.ca>) or tune into radio stations **STAR FM (98.3 FM)** or **JR COUNTRY (89.5 FM)**, to receive up-to-date information on school closures and information on the buses. There is no need to call the school, the School District Office, or the radio station.

When there is extreme weather and schools remain open, student attendance is the parent/guardians' decision.

A **Transportation Snow Plan** is in place for students who rely on travel by school bus and live in higher elevations such as Chilliwack Mountain, Little Mountain, Majuba Hill, Ryder Lake and some areas of Columbia Valley and the Eastern Hillside. An announcement will be made should travel in these areas become challenging due to slippery road conditions.

All inclement weather announcements will be posted on the District website www.sd33.bc.ca.

A poster for Stitós Grade 8 Bottle Return Account. The background is dark blue with silhouettes of various bottles at the bottom. The text is in white and yellow. It says: "Stitós Grade 8 Bottle Return Account Now Open". Below that, it says: "Bring all bottles and cans in clear or blue bags to any Return It Depot location (max 12 glass bottles per bag)". Then: "PRINT LABELS BY ENTERING THE SCHOOL'S PHONE NUMBER AT ANY RETURN IT KIOSK- (604)703-1707". Then: "SCAN EACH BAG AND PLACE IN THE DROP OFF AREA". At the bottom, it says: "All funds raised will go towards Grade 8 year end celebrations".



Stitó:s Elementary Christmas Concert

December 20, 2023

TWO SHOWINGS:

- 1:30PM (DOORS OPEN AT 1:15PM)
- 6:00PM (DOORS OPEN AT 5:45PM)



We will be accepting donations to the food drive at the book for both performances.



Stitó:s Band Program Fundraiser

GLOBAL COFFEE
FUNDRAISING

Our coffees are roasted freshly to order in small batches to ensure you get the perfect cup of coffee.
Organic & ethically sourced. 100% Arabica beans.
Resealable zip-lock bag for freshness.

\$17.50
EACH

Order online at www.globalcoffeefundraising.ca/stitos

<p>LIGHT ROAST</p>  <p>454g</p> <p>Fisherman's Corner Roast</p> <p>This lighter brew will give you a bold flavor that wakes you up, and a smooth flavor that will make you happy you didn't hit that snooze button.</p>	<p>HOLIDAY ROAST</p>  <p>454g</p> <p>Jingle Bell Java</p> <p>The perfect holiday coffee to share with friends & family! A jolly medium roast, that is smooth & flavorful, so "Let it Brew, Let it Brew, Let it Brew!"</p>	<p>MEDIUM ROAST</p>  <p>454g</p> <p>Stitó:s Roast</p> <p>A carefully crafted blend of beans, specially roasted to create a rich, sweet coffee. A favorite ALL DAY Coffee!</p>
<p>DARK ROAST</p>  <p>454g</p> <p>Black Bear Roast</p> <p>This is not your average joe. This four bean blend is roasted to perfection and will have you chugging your mug and begging for more.</p>	<p>DECAF</p>  <p>454g</p> <p>Sunset Roast</p> <p>All the flavor of real coffee without the Jitter! This decaf offers a traditional rich, bold cup of coffee.</p>	<p>HOT CHOCOLATE</p>  <p>454g</p> <p>Fireside Hot Cocoa</p> <p>The kids need something fun! Stock up with a 454g ram bag of specialty gourmet hot chocolate.</p>

Help Support Us!

By purchasing any of the products above, you are helping us reach our goal!



Stitó:s Lá:lém Totí:it
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"Coffee Fundraiser"

Global Coffee Fundraising | www.globalcoffeefundraising.ca | Phone: 604.618.6085

Order online at www.globalcoffeefundraising.ca/stitos
by **December 13th, 2023.**

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BOYS VOLLEYBALL

We are excited for our second year of club volleyball!!!

2024 WINTER SEASON

CLUB TEAMS
JAN TO APRIL
U14 BOYS

CO-ED SKILLS SESSIONS
10 WEEKS- JAN TO MARCH
U12-U14
MINI BALL- U9-11

REGISTER AT TCATHLETICS.CA
BOYS CLUB TEAM- EVALUATIONS

U14- DEC 4TH & 5TH

FOR MORE INFO
604-702-8734
INFO@TCATHLETICS.CA
WWW.TCATHLETICS.CA



SEASON'S EATINGS FOR TEENS & TWEENS!

Tuesday, Dec 19, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Join us for hot chocolate, decorate sugar cookies and enter a contest for your chance to win a \$50 gift card. Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater and we will use our selfie station props to make a photographic memory!

For ages 10 - 18



Chilliwack Library
45860 First Avenue, Chilliwack | 604-792-1941
Read. Learn. Play. | www.fvrl.ca



Christmas in the District 2023

NOV 23 - DEC 24

Santa Photo's

102 - 45922 THUNDERBIRD LANE
NOV 23 - DEC 24
WED-FRI 2-7PM
SAT-SUN 12-7PM
DEC 2 12-4PM
CHRISTMAS EVE 12-4PM
BY DONATION WITH PROCEEDS
GOING TO THE FULL CUPBOARD
OF THE FRASER VALLEY



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Tree Lighting

NOV 23 6PM LIVE MUSIC



Santa Claus Parade

DEC 2 5:30PM
LIVE MUSIC IN DISTRICT 1881
AT 7:30PM



Ugly Christmas Sweater Party

DEC 9 10AM-7PM
RESTAURANT SPECIALS,
BUSKERS, PRIZES



TRADITIONAL ARTISANS • ROAMING PERFORMERS



Ferris Wheel

\$5
PER TICKET
TICKETS AVAILABLE
AT DISTRICT 1881



Christmas Train

\$5
PER TICKET
TICKETS AVAILABLE
AT DISTRICT 1881

Pelólxw Coastal Drumming

DEC 16 4PM-ONWARDS



DISTRICT 1881 LOCATED AT
46140 YALE ROAD,
CHILLIWACK



'intheknow'

Connect and Learn

For families and caring adults who are parenting a child or youth with mental health and/or substance use challenges.

EVERY MONTH, WE HOST EVENTS FOR FAMILIES CALLED 'IN THE KNOW'. WE WATCH A VIDEO AND SHARE EXPERIENCES AND STRATEGIES THAT HELP IN THE HARD MOMENTS. WE HELP FOCUS ON STRENGTHENING OUR UNDERSTANDING AND CONNECTION WITH OUR KIDS.

ADHD - The Real Deal

Join us as we listen to Dr. Don Duncan dispel the many myths surrounding ADHD by presenting up to date scientific facts about cause, prevalence, diagnosis and treatment. He will explain how and why the ADHD brain works the way it does.

Come together with other families to watch this one hour video presentation followed by a 30 minute facilitated discussion by a FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Worker.

Cost: Free of Charge

Date(s):

Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 6:30pm (PST)
Wednesday, December 6, 2023, 6:00pm (PST)
Thursday, December 7, 2023, 12:00pm (PST)
Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 6:30pm (PST)
Thursday, December 14, 2023, 6:00pm (PST)



Registration required:

www.familysmart.ca/events



Chilliwack Middle presents a

Winter Market

December 2nd

10:00 – 3:00

GET YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING DONE!

Shop crafts in all art forms from fiber making, pottery, woodwork, jewelry, body care products to fine foods, and holiday treats, and everything in between!

Come support student artists, artisans, and entrepreneurs as well as local artists and artisans.

