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#### Megó: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 Stitó:s Lá:lém Totí:lt Elementary / Middle School to your families we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year!



#### **Grade 6 Immunizations**

Grade 6 Immunization will be taking place on December 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup>	Fashion Friday (Middle)
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Deck the Halls / Spirit Friday:
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Festive Hats, Headbands & Socks

December 1<sup>st</sup> Food Drive Begins

Stitó:s Items to Collect: Rice, Canned Fruit & Chunky Soup

December 6<sup>th</sup> Band Concert @ 6:30 pm

December 7<sup>th</sup> Term 2 Begins

December 7<sup>th</sup> PAC Purdy Fundraiser Pickup
December 8<sup>th</sup> Spirit Friday: Winter Bling
December 11<sup>th</sup> Grade 6 Immunizations
December 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Foul Shoot @ Lunch

December 15<sup>th</sup> Spirit Friday: Ugly Sweaters

December 20<sup>th</sup> Elementary Christmas Concert –

Performances 1:30 pm / 6:00 pm Report Cards Go Home Today

December 22<sup>nd</sup> Term End Celebration Assembly /

Foul Shoot Finals

December 22<sup>nd</sup> Spirit Friday: PJ Day
December 22<sup>nd</sup> Locker Cleanout

December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Holidays (Schools Closed)

January 7<sup>th</sup>

December 20<sup>th</sup>

January 8<sup>th</sup> School Re-Opens

January 8<sup>th</sup> Exploration Rotation R3 Begins (3/5)

January 16<sup>th</sup> 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 Stitó:s is a memb and has a vote in what our PAC does. The Stitó:s PAC Email is <a href="mailto:stt-pac@sd33.bc.ca">stt-pac@sd33.bc.ca</a>.



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#### 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  $7^{th}$  directly after school and again at 6:00 pm.

#### Save the Date

Our Stitó:s PAC is organizing a babysitter course for February 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 <u>click here</u> 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 <a href="https://ybpay.lifetouch.ca/order">https://ybpay.lifetouch.ca/order</a> by January 15th. The price will increase after January 15<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>click here</u>. Chilliwack School District uses a centralized electronic registration system. SD33 schools do not accept paper-form registrations. For more information and FAQ, please visit <u>SD33 – Registration</u> 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 ay 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 tour 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.

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#### 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 Hillsides. 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 <a href="https://www.sd33.bc.ca">www.sd33.bc.ca</a>.





# 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**



#### Order online at www.globalcoffeefundraising.ca/stitos





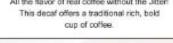








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# **Help Support Us!**

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



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

Order online at www.globalcoffeefundraising.ca/stitos by December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.





### **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



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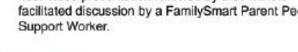
For families and caring adults who are parenting a child or youth with mental health and/or substance use challenges.

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





#### 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)









# 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.

