



Message from the Admin Team...

Our school will be observing Remembrance Day in a school wide assembly with many classes participating. It is a thoughtful presentation that asks us all to pause and pay respects to those who fought the freedoms and rights that we enjoy today.

Communication is still the key for home and school supporting students with their learning needs. If you have questions it is best to contact classroom teachers through e-mail although phone calls are also returned promptly. I also encourage you to check the school website, which also contains our athletic calendar for information about upcoming school events.

Helen Plummer, Jason Kemp & Chris Falk.



Remembrance Day Assembly Poppies



The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 295 Chilliwack-Vedder has graciously dropped off poppies for our staff & students to wear at our Remembrance Day Assembly. Our school will be collecting donations for the poppies on the Royal Canadian Legion and any contribution would be appreciated.

Chilliwack Chiefs Adopt a School Program

A huge thank you to Cheam Mountain Golf Course for sponsoring Stitós Lá:lém Totí:lt Elementary / Middle School in the Chilliwack Chiefs Adopt a School Program.

Thank you Cheam Mountain Golf Course for your support!



Upcoming Dates To Remember

November 10 th	Non-Instructional Day – (No School for Students)
November 13 th	Remembrance Day (School Closed)
November 14 th	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
November 24 th	Assessment & Evaluation Day - (No School for Students)
December 6 th	Band Concert @ 6:30 pm
December 7 th	Term 2 Begins
December 11 th	Grade 6 Immunizations
December 20 th	Report Cards Go Home Today
December 25 th –	Christmas Holidays
January 7 th	(Schools Closed)
January 8 th	School Re-Opens
January 16 th	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
January 26 th	Assessment & Evaluation Day - (No School for Students)

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 of the PAC and has a vote in what our PAC does. The Stitós PAC Email is – slt-pac@sd33.bc.ca.

The next PAC Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 14th** at 6:30 pm.



Questions about your Child’s Education?

Education is a shared process between home and school, and good communication is an excellent starting point for resolving any concerns that may arise. School staff welcome the opportunity to talk with you about your child’s education, the following steps will help ensure an effective line of communication.

Step 1: Teacher

The first person to talk with is the classroom teacher. The teacher knows your child well and most concerns can be addressed at this level. Please set up an appointment by contacting the teacher so that your concern can be discussed without distractions.

Step 2: Principal

If you need extra assistance with your question or concern, your school principal is there to help you.

Step 3: District Staff

If you have questions that you feel were not resolved at your child’s school, contact the District Office at 604-792-1321 and ask for the District School Supervisor. If not resolved at this level, your questions will proceed to the School Superintendent.

Student Demographics Updates

If you have an address, email, or telephone number change since you completed your blue Student Demographic Verification sheet, please notify the school at stitos@sd33.bc.ca at your earliest convenience. Please include a copy of the revised Proof of Residency – Driver’s License or BC Service Card with photo for all address changes.

Please remember to always notify the school as soon as possible of any changes that would affect our ability to contact your, especially in the case of an emergency.

Dress for Outside

As the weather turns colder, we request that you please send your child with a jacket and other appropriate warm clothing. We will be outside at recess and lunch most days and want to ensure that everyone is dressed for the weather.

Please label all your children’s clothing (jackets, shoes, gym strip, etc.). It is amazing what can get lost at school!

Our **lost and found** is starting to get quite full. If your child is missing clothing, please stop by to take a look.

Athletics Update

Congratulations to our volleyball, soccer, and cross-country teams who are wrapping up their fall seasons. Our teams have represented our school at competitions throughout the Fraser Valley East leagues and we are proud of their efforts and accomplishments. Thank you to the families who have come to support our athletes as well!

Looking ahead, our Grade 7 and 8 basketball season will begin in the next few weeks and will continue until February. In addition, Grade 6 basketball will begin in February. Our elementary sport is volleyball which will begin in January.

Athletic Fees

Last year the school district covered all athletic fees from the family affordability fund which was one time funding. This year all fees associated with extra-curricular athletics are the responsibility of schools. Athletic fees go towards paying for referees and officials, bussing (where applicable), taxis (where applicable), BC School Sports fees, Fraser Valley East fees, uniforms, and equipment. The extra-curricular athletic program is intended to be cost neutral and we try to charge the minimum amount to offer the sport. If a team is participating in tournaments there may be additional fees to cover the tournament fee.

2023-2024 Bell Schedule

Elementary		Middle	
Time	Period	Time	Period
8:33 am - 11:33 am	Instructional (180 Minutes)	8:33 am - 9:47 am	Period 1 (74 Minutes)
11:33 am - 11:48 am	Eat (15 Minutes)	9:47 am - 10:02 am	Break (15 Minutes)
11:48 am - 12:13 pm	Outside (25 Minutes)	10:02 am - 11:16 am	Period 2 (74 Minutes)
12:13 pm - 1:13 pm	Instructional (60 Minutes)	11:16 am - 11:41 am	Outside (25 Minutes)
1:13 pm - 1:28 pm	Recess (15 Minutes)	11:41 am - 11:56 am	Eat (15 Minutes)
1:28 pm - 2:24 pm	Instructional (56 Minutes)	11:56 am - 1:10 pm	Period 3 (74 Minutes)
		1:10 pm - 2:24 pm	Period 4 (74 Minutes)

Protect Children from Respiratory Illnesses this Winter

Respiratory illnesses tend to increase as we spend more time indoors. Common colds, the flu and COVID-19 spread through tiny droplets as people who are sick breathe, talk, cough or sneeze. When other people touch these droplets and then their eyes, mouth, or nose before washing their hands they may become sick.

There are a handful of steps both children and adults can take to protect themselves and limit the spread of respiratory illnesses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use alcohol-based sanitizer if soap and water is not available.
- Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, mouth, and nose.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow.
- If you have symptoms, stay home, and stay away from people at higher risk of serious illness.



Flu and COVID-19 Vaccinations

The best way to protect others and reduce the risk of getting sick with the flu and COVID-19 is to [get immunized](#). The flu and COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and available for free to anyone aged six months and older. It is much safer to get the vaccines than to get the illnesses. Register your children with the Get Vaccinated system so that you can be invited to book their vaccinations when they are due. Learn more here: <https://ow.ly/5WWe50PYIYC>

Grade 6 Immunizations

Grade 6 Immunizations will be taking place on December 11th & the follow up immunization will be held on June 11th. Families will receive consent forms from Fraser Health as they will be sent home with your child once we receive them. If you have any questions, please contact the Chilliwack Health Unit.

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.

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/>



September 15, 2023

To All Chilliwack Grade 5 Students/Parents:

SUBJECT: GRADE 5 "GET ACTIVE!" FACILITY PASS

The Chilliwack Active for Life Committee is once again pleased to provide the Grade 5 "Get Active!" facility pass program. Thanks to our partners, the City of Chilliwack Recreation and Culture Department, The YMCA of Greater Vancouver and the Chilliwack School District #33, the facility passes will be made available to all Grade 5 public, private and home-schooled students in Chilliwack. The primary purpose of the program is to increase participation and fitness levels of Grade 5 students and encourage healthier lifestyle choices.

The "Get Active!" facility pass provides free admission to public swims, skates and selected drop-in sports programs at the following facilities from September 1, 2023 to August 31st, 2024:

- Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre (604-793-7946)
- Cheam Leisure Centre (604-824-0231)
- Chilliwack Family YMCA (604-792-3371)
- Sardis Sports Complex (604-793-2904)
- Chilliwack Coliseum Center (604-793-2904)
- Rotary Outdoor Pool (mid- May to September long weekend 604-795-5562)

To receive your free photo ID for the "Get Active!" pass please **bring this letter and proof of age along with a parent or guardian**, to one of these two facilities:

1. Chilliwack Landing Leisure Center – 9145 Corbould Street
2. Cheam Leisure Centre – 45501 Market Way

For more information, please contact one of the facilities listed above or email recreationandculture@chilliwack.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carol Marleau", is written over a horizontal line.

Carol Marleau
Active for Life Committee Member





GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

KidSport BC Provincial Fund

KidSport provides funding for kids from families that need financial support to help cover the cost of sport registration fees #SoALLKidsCanPlay! KidSport BC's Provincial Fund supports kids from communities that don't have a KidSport chapter. Max grant: up to \$400 per child per calendar year.

HOW TO APPLY

1

REGISTER YOUR CHILD IN A SPORT

- Sport must be affiliated with the member sport organizations of Sport BC (see sportbc.com/members)
- Programs should be a min. of 6 weeks with at least one session per week

2

SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION

- Applications can be submitted online or using our paper form, ideally prior to the start of the sport program
- Online applications require your Notice of Assessment showing line 15000 from the most recent tax year* for all income earners in the household, OR
- If you're applying using the paper form you must submit one of:
 - Your most recent Notice of Assessment for all income earners in the household
 - Proof of foster parent status, income assistance or disability assistance
 - OR have a trusted professional endorse your application to verify your financial need
- Completed paper applications can be submitted by email, mail or fax.

3

IF APPROVED, FUNDS ARE SENT TO THE SPORT CLUB

- Please allow up to 60 days for notification of application status
- The KidSport chapter must be notified if the athlete withdraws from the sport activity

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- ✓ Kids years old 18 and younger
- ✓ Facing financial hardships*
- ✓ Registered in an eligible sport program
- ✗ Camps, equipment, dance, travel, fundraising, and championships do not qualify.

*KidSport considers social and economic barriers facing the athlete's family when determining eligibility for funding. Statistics Canada's Low Income Guidelines (LICO) are used as a guideline to determine financial eligibility. If your income is higher, extenuating circumstances can also be taken into account.

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Privacy and Confidentiality

KidSport™ respects your privacy. We never sell, trade or loan your information to any other organization. Information provided in this application is being collected for the purpose of administering KidSport grants. This information will only be disclosed to KidSport personnel who need the information to carry out the responsibilities of their job, and to other organizations who may need to be contacted to process the application. Statistics are reported at the regional, provincial, and national level. Individuals are not personally identified. By completing this application form you agree to have all collected information stored in our online database system.





KidSport™ Grant Application Form

SECTION 1: ATHLETE/CHILD INFORMATION

First Name:	Last name:
City:	Age (18 and under):
Gender:	Birth Date (YYYY-MM-DD):
Please select if you are one of the following populations: <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous <input type="checkbox"/> Athlete with a disability <input type="checkbox"/> New Canadian (resided in Canada for less than 10 years)	
Has this child received KidSport™ funding before? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

SECTION 2: PARENT OR GUARDIAN

First Name:	Last Name:
Mailing Address:	
City:	Postal Code:
Phone:	Email:
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Parent / Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Dual Parent / Guardian	Number of children in home: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7+
How did you find out about KidSport: <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Organization <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Centre <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Other	

Please complete the following section. All boxes must be checked, and application must be signed for application to be processed:

The information presented in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I have read and agree to the privacy policy (see guidelines).

I give KidSport permission to contact me.

I agree to and understand that while KidSport is providing funding to cover the fees associated with my child's activity/sport, I will not hold KidSport responsible, nor will I take legal action under any circumstance (i.e. injury, etc.).

Signature of parent/guardian:	Date:
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SECTION 3: SPORT ORGANIZATION

Sport:	Club/League/School Name:
Sport Start Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)	Sport End Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)
Mailing Address:	
City:	Postal Code:
Telephone:	Email:
Total Registration Cost:	Grant Request: (max \$400)

SECTION 4: FINANCIAL OR ENDORSER INFORMATION (provide one of A or B below)

A) **Financial Information** - Please attach a copy of ONE of the following for ALL income earners in the household:

- Notice of Assessment (line 15000) from most recent tax year
- Proof of Foster Parent Status
- Proof of Income Assistance or Disability Assistance

B) **Endorser Information** - To be completed by a professional who is familiar with the family's social/economic barriers (i.e., social worker, religious leader, counsellor, physician, principal, etc.) The endorser cannot be associated with the benefiting organization.

Name:	Position and Organization:
Mailing address:	City and Postal Code:
Email Address:	Phone Number:

I have thoroughly read and understand the guidelines of KidSport™ and agree this applicant meets the guidelines. I believe the family of this applicant has financial need and a grant from KidSport™ is essential to the child's participation in a season of sport. I agree to participate in a brief telephone follow-up if required.

Endorser Signature:	Date:
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Can Play!