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Temtl'i:q'es 2024 – February 2024

The moon of Temtl'i:q'es – “time to get jammed in” or Temt’elemches, “time one’s hands stick to things”

Message from Administration

February signals we are halfway through our school year. We are all enjoying the longer days and the opportunity to return to more regular outdoor learning. Please ensure that your students have appropriate clothing and footwear for the elements as we do spend some of each day outside.

I am often asked “what can I do to support my student’s learning at home” and in my experience the answer is engage in discussions, disconnect from technology, and read. The more time spent engaging and away from screens the better in my opinion! We have so many opportunities where we live to get outside, hike, bike, walk and connect as a family...so very important.

As always joining your friendly neighbourhood PAC is another great way to stay connected with Stitó:s and have regular connection with parents and staff.

Stitó:s Athletics Update

We are partway through our winter athletics season and our gyms are busy places with many teams competing at all levels. At the middle school level, we have a large number of our students participating on our basketball teams. Our Grade 7 basketball teams have just wrapped up their very successful seasons and our Grade 8 teams are heading into their playoffs in the next few weeks. Grade 6 basketball will also be starting in the next few weeks. We also have intramural floor hockey games that have been running twice a week at lunch for the past two months.

In our elementary sports, floor hockey season is underway for our school team. We also have triple ball volleyball teams competing in our district league. Our elementary sports teams are enthusiastic and are working hard to develop their skills.

Good luck to all of our athletes and coaches as they represent our school this winter!

Yearbook Order Reminder

Just a reminder to order your Stitó:s 2023-2023 Yearbook online at <https://ybpay.lifetouch.ca/order> - ID 14832224.

Upcoming Dates To Remember

February 13 th	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
February 16 th	Non-Instructional Day (No School for Students)
February 19 th	Family Day (No School)
February 22 nd	Popcorn Orders Due
February 27 th	Popcorn Delivery (K-6)
February 28 th	Popcorn Delivery (7/8)
February 28 th	Pink Shirt Day
March 1 st	Early Dismissal Day @ 11:33 am
March 12 th	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
March 13 th	Report Cards Go Home Today!
March 18 th – 28 th	Spring Break (No School Today)
March 29 th	Good Friday (No School Today)
April 1 st	Easter Monday (No School Today)
April 2 nd	Term 3 Begins
April 16 th	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
April 18 th	Popcorn Orders Due
April 19 th	Class Pictures
April 23 rd	Popcorn Delivery (K-6)
April 24 th	Popcorn Delivery (7/8)
April 26 th	Non-Instructional Day (No School for Students)
May 3 rd	Ready, Set, Learn!
May 17 th	Non-Instructional Day (No School for Students)
May 20 th	Victoria Day (No School)

Construction - Road Widening Notification

The City of Chilliwack will be making improvements in the near future along several roads in our community, including widening Keith Wilson Road from Garrison Boulevard to Tyson Road as well as Tyson Road from Watson Road to Stevenson Road. The City of Chilliwack anticipates construction to start in the spring of 2024.

Pink Shirt Day



Wednesday, February 28th is National Pink Shirt Day. To show your support for the victims of bullying behaviour, and to send the message that if we stand together, the bullies of the world can't bring us down, wear a pink shirt to school.

Division 12 Fundraiser

Mr. Gregory's Grade 4/5 class are selling Smencils (scented pencils) and other scented products (Backpack Buddies) to raise money for two year end field trips. They will be selling items during the lunch eating and play periods (elementary times) at tables in front of the library and drama room. Sales start on Thursday, January 25th and will go until February 2nd. Prices: \$2 per Smencil / \$7 per Backpack

No Parking in the Cul-de-Sac

The City of Chilliwack has added "No Parking" signs to the Cul-de-Sac as well as a stop sign coming out of UFV's private property. Bylaw officers will be in the area to enforce the "no parking" as parking in the cul-de-sac has been creating unsafe turns when the parents pull out, conflicting with other passing traffic.



School Closures - February

Friday, February is a District-Wide Professional Development Day, and Monday, February 19th is Family Day Stat. Students will not be in session on either of these days.

Athletics Calendar

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

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

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.

Dress for Outside Learning & Early Mornings

As the weather turns colder, we request that you please send your child with a jacket and other appropriate warm clothing for outdoor learning adventures which happens rain, shine, or snow. We will also be outside at recess and lunch most days and want to ensure that everyone is dressed comfortably.

Stitó:s Library Learning Commons

Check It Out Family Newsletter, February 2024

Happy We Love To Read Month!

Stitó:s Library Learning Commons

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www.smore.com

February Learning Commons Newsletter Link -

<https://www.smore.com/15z9a>



READY, SET, LEARN



Your local school is hosting an open house for preschoolers and their parents! **Ready, Set, Learn** is a series of fun and informative events focusing on early childhood learning.

Ready, Set, Learn is a great opportunity to connect with your preschooler's future neighborhood school. **Ready, Set, Learn** events can include school tours, visits to the school library, interactive play activities for children and their parents, information sessions for parents and caregivers, presentations by community agencies and other activities that support preschool aged children's learning.

Please note: Dates and times are subject to change, please contact the school prior to attending.

School	Ready Set Learn	Time
Bernard	February 27	10:30-12:00
Central	May 24	1:00-2:00
Cheam	April 25	10:30-12:00
Cultus Lake	April 16	12:45-1:45
East Chilliwack	April 9	9:00-10:00
Evans	April 8	9:30-11:00
Greendale	February 23	10:30-11:30
Leary IAT	March 5	8:45-9:45
Little Mountain	February 7	8:30-11:00
McCannon	June 7	9:00-10:30
Promontory	June 18	8:45-11:00
Robertson	March 6	1:10-2:10
	April 18	1:10-2:10
	May 10	1:10-2:10
Rosedale	April 19	9:00-11:00
Sardis	February 9	1:00-2:00
Stitó:s	May 3	9:15-10:45
Strathcona	May 9	9:30-10:30
Tyson	February 23	9:30-10:30
Unsworth	January 25	9:00-10:30
Vedder	May 29	8:15-9:15 9:30-10:30 10:45-11:45
Watson	February 21	10:00-11:30
Yarrow	June 4	9:00-10:00



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~One heart, one mind, working together for a common purpose.~

KINDERFAIR



Kinderfair is an annual school event dedicated to supporting a positive transition to school for our upcoming kindergarten students and their families. At **Kinderfair**, we believe in the power of families learning together. Our activities are designed to be family-centered, allowing parents and caregivers to participate alongside their children. Families can enjoy shared reading experiences, engage in games, puzzles, and explore collaborative learning opportunities. **Kinderfair** also provides a unique opportunity for children and parents to meet and interact with school staff. This gives families a chance to familiarize themselves with the school environment, ask questions, and establish a connection with key educators who will support their child's educational journey.

School	Date	Time
Bernard	June 18	10:30-12:00
Central	May 24	1:00-2:00
Cheam	June 4	1:00-2:00
Cultus Lake	April 16	12:45-1:45
East Chilliwack	June 4	9:00-10:00
Evans	May 13	Various times (see school)
Greendale	May 28	10:30-11:30
Leary IAT	April 30	8:45-9:45
Little Mountain	May 29	8:45-11:40
McCannon	June 7	9:00-10:30
Promontory	June 18	8:45-11:00
Robertson	May 23	9:30-11:00
Rosedale	May 30	9:00-11:15
Sardis	May 23	8:30-11:30
Stitó:s	June 7	9:15-10:45
Strathcona	June 20	9:30-10:30
Tyson	June 7	9:30-10:30
Unsworth	June 13	9:30-10:30
Vedder	May 29	8:15-9:15 9:30-10:30 10:45-11:45
Watson	May 15	8:30-12:00
Yarrow	June 4	9:00-10:00

Kinderfair strives to create a nurturing and comfortable atmosphere where children can not only have a great time but also feel supported and ready to embrace their new school experience with confidence.

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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.

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 member of the PAC and has a vote in what our PAC does. The Stitó:s PAC Email is slt-pac@sd33.bc.ca.



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

Stitó:s Bottle Return Account

Bring all bottles and cans in clear or blue bags to any Return It Depot location (max 12 glass bottles per bag).

PRINT LABELS BY ENTERING THE SCHOOL'S
PHONE NUMBER AT ANY RETURN IT KIOSK
(604)703-1707
SCAN EACH BAG AND PLACE
IN THE DROP OFF AREA

All funds raised will go
towards Grade 8 year end
celebrations

PAC – Popcorn Day

Here is the Stitó:s PAC Popcorn Day Schedule. Popcorn Bags must be pre-ordered and then the popcorn will be delivered to the classrooms.



February 22 nd	Popcorn Orders Due to Classroom Teacher
February 27 th	Popcorn Delivery (K-6)
February 28 th	Popcorn Deliver (7/8)
April 18 th	Popcorn Orders Due to Classroom Teacher
April 23 rd	Popcorn Delivery (K-6)
April 24 th	Popcorn Delivery (7/8)
May 23 rd	Popcorn Orders Due to Classroom Teacher
May 28 th	Popcorn Delivery (K-6)
May 29 th	Popcorn Deliver (7/8)

City-Wide Reading Challenge 2024

The annual City-Wide Reading Challenge, open to people of all ages, is returning from **February 3 – 23!** Read as many days as you can from February 3 – 23. What qualifies? Books, graphic novels, audiobooks, podcasts and more. Who can participate? People of all ages! Track your reading however you want – on your phone, a notepad, or our printable tracker/ballot ([colour version](#); [black and white version](#)). If you miss some days, that's okay. At the end of the challenge, enter a prize draw by:

- completing the online form at [City-Wide Reading Challenge Form – CLS](#)
- emailing a photo of your tracker/ballot to info@chilliwacklearning.com or
- dropping off your tracker/ballot at Sardis, Chilliwack or Yarrow Library or the Bob Chan-Kent Family YMCA.

Submit your ballot by March 1 to enter the draw. Prize winners will be contacted by phone or email on March 6. One ballot per participant, please! Prizes are to be picked up at Chilliwack, Sardis, or Yarrow Libraries.

BC BOUNCE Chilliwack Rec League

Is for students in Kindergarten to Grade 8, Mondays (Skill Stations) & Wednesdays (3x3 Tournaments) at the Cheam Leisure Centre from February 12th – April 17th. For further details please email - LUCAS@BCBOUNCE.COM.

Stitó:s PAC Fundraiser Coming Soon...
VALENTINE'S DAY
bake sale
FEB **14** 2024
BROWNIES/COOKIES/CANDY
AND MORE!
Prices: \$1.00 - \$3.00
CASH ONLY

Thanks for your support!