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Pelóqes 2024 – January 2024

The moon of Pelóqes – “torch season”

Message from Administration

It is sometimes difficult to step back into routine after a holiday especially with the mornings being dark, cold and a little deary. We do, once again, request that parents who are dropping off students be extra cautious as the darker mornings make students more difficult to see. Also please do not park in the drop off lane as this disrupts the traffic flow. Our collective goal is for student safety please be sure to do your part.

We do have a multitude of events and activities to prepare and look forward to. Our basketball teams (middle grades) and volleyball (elementary) season are underway. The end of January signals our halfway point in the school year...it is flying past! As always the best way to support your student is to be involved...come to a PAC meeting, connect with your child’s classroom teacher, or attend a school function. It is a team of student, family, and school with one common goal which is to help every student be their best and develop their gifts, skills, and talents.

From the staff at Stitós Lá:lém Totí:lt we wish all of our Stitos families a belated Happy New Year and all the best in 2024!



Morning Bell / Student Lates

Our first warning bell in the morning rings at 8:28 am and at that time the doors all open for students to come in and head to class. Class instruction begins at 8:33 am and any students arriving after the second bell (8:33 am) will be asked to check in to the office and pick up a ‘Welcome Slip’ to give to their teacher.

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.

Chilliwack Chiefs Adopt a School Program

A huge thank you to Cheam Mountain Golf Course for sponsoring Stitós Lá:lém Totí:lt Elementary / Middle in the Chilliwack Chiefs Adopt a School Program. We have received 10 tickets to distribute to students for selected Chiefs regular season home games.

Thank you Cheam Mountain Golf Course for your support!

Upcoming Dates To Remember

January 8 th	School Re-Opens – Day #2
January 8 th	Exploration Rotation R3 Begins (3/5)
January 16 th	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
January 18 th	Popcorn Orders Due
January 23 rd	Popcorn Day (K-6)
January 24 th	Popcorn Day (7/8)
January 26 th	Assessment & Evaluation Day (No School for Students)
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 Day (K-6)
February 28 th	Popcorn Day (7/8)
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)
March 29 th	Good Friday (No School)
April 1 st	Easter Monday (No School)

Popcorn Days

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



January 18 th	Popcorn Orders Due
January 23 rd	Popcorn Day (K-6)
January 24 th	Popcorn Day (7/8)
February 22 nd	Popcorn Orders Due
February 27 th	Popcorn Day (K-6)
February 28 th	Popcorn Day (7/8)
April 18 th	Popcorn Orders Due
April 23 rd	Popcorn Day (K-6)
April 24 th	Popcorn Day (7/8)
May 23 rd	Popcorn Orders Due
May 28 th	Popcorn Day (K-6)
May 29 th	Popcorn Day (7/8)

Yearbook Order Reminder

Just a reminder to order your Stitó:s 2023-2023 Yearbook online at <https://ybpay.lifetouch.ca/order> by January 15th. The price will increase after January 15th so order yours today!

Learning Update

Term 1 learning updates were sent home just before Christmas break. Review the learning update with your child, highlighting the successes as well encouraging him/her to set goals for the second term. Parents are asked to keep the learning update, but to **sign and return the envelope to their classroom teacher** as an indication that you have received and reviewed the report card. Please indicate on the label if you would like a follow-up communication with the teacher.

After School Club – Spots Available

The Chilliwack Community Services – Youth Recreation program will be hosting After School Club for Middle School at Stitó:s on Mondays from 2:30 – 4:30 pm. Interested Middle school students can pick up the Consent / Waiver Form from the school office.



Thank You, Project Warmth!!!

Our community has come together once again to assist local children in need. By the end of 2023 Winter Warmth Program exceeded one million dollars in direct support within the Chilliwack and Fraser Cascades Districts; providing everything from school supplies, brand new winter coats and warm winter footwear!

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.



**Fraser Health
Public Health
Immunization Drop-In Clinic**

January 31 9:00am-12:45pm at Vedder Elementary School

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.

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.

