



September 2024 Jason Kemp, Principal | Chris Falk, Vice Principal | Andrea Spedding, Vice Principal | <https://stitos.sd33.bc.ca>

## Message from the Admin Team...

Welcome back to the 2024/2025 school year at Stitó:s Lá:lém Toti:lt Elementary Middle School.

We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are as excited as we are to embark on another fantastic year of learning and growth.

This year, we are thrilled to share that our school has grown again and now serves over 930 students. It's an incredible milestone for us, reflecting the strong community and support our school enjoys. As we are officially at full capacity with no additional classroom space, we are committed to maximizing our current facilities and resources to provide the best educational experience for all our students.

Our dedicated staff is eager to welcome your children and continue fostering a nurturing and dynamic environment where every student can thrive. We have an exciting year ahead, filled with enriching activities, academic challenges, and opportunities for personal growth.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. We look forward to a successful and fulfilling school year together.

Stitó:s Admin Team

## Messages / Lunches / Packages for Students

During class time we make it a practice to minimize classroom disruptions to teachers and students. Learning time is important. If you have a message or lunch for your child during instructional time, please leave it with Mrs. Mercer at the office and we will page them down at the next instructional break. If you drop off lunch for your child, please make sure their first & last name is on it.

## Band Information Night

September 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm

## Medical Alerts

If you require the school to administer any kind of medication to your child, an authorization form must be completed first. Please see the office to get the forms, which must be signed by the family doctor and parent.

As we have students with severe allergies to nuts, our school is **Nut Aware**.

## Picture Day – September 20<sup>th</sup>

Get ready to smile! Student individual photos will be taken on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Further details on ordering pictures will be coming home with students.

## Reporting a Student Absence

To report your child absent we have a District Safe Arrival program. These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time. You can use one of the following options to report your child's absent:

**Option 1:** Download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.

**Option 2:** Use the SafeArrival website at <https://www.sd33.bc.ca/safearrival>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.

**Option 3:** Call the toll-free number 1-833-698-6567 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

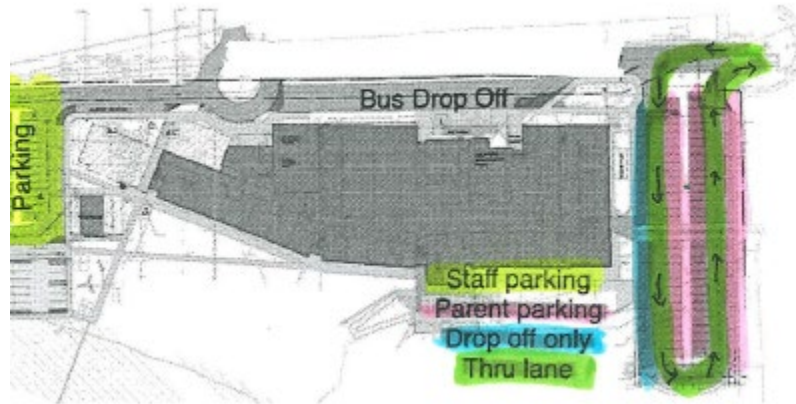
## Save the Date – Meet & Greet

September 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:00 pm will be our opportunity to welcome you into the school and have tours of our building. We anticipate this to be a busy evening and we look forward to showcasing the facilities and staff to you.

## School Parking

The first parking lot is designated for parent parking. There is also a parent drop off lane for quick “stop and go” parking but if you require a long conversation or are needing to enter the school please park in the marked stalls. We want to keep the “stop and go” lane flowing and moving freely.

There will be **no parking in the bus loop** during school hours. If you park outside of the school grounds it is prohibited and monitored closely by UFV Impark and you will be ticketed. There is FREE public parking located within walking distance at the Vedder River Dog Park.



## Cell Phone and Digital Device Use

The Chilliwack School District is dedicated to fostering a positive and productive learning environment, prioritizing academic achievement and appropriate socialization. The use of cell phones and personal digital devices is a privilege that comes with the responsibility of maintaining this environment. Our classroom and school-wide expectations are designed, in alignment with Ministerial Order 276/07, to uphold this commitment with the recognition that the student use guidelines align with students’ developmental stage and use.

At Stitó:s, all student cell phones will be handed in to the teacher at the beginning of the day and locked in a secure cupboard until the end of the school day.

Please read the **District Administrative Procedure 318: Student Cell Phone and Digital Device Use** attached at the end of the newsletter.

## Back to School Resources for Families

Please check out the Back to School Resources Newsletter ... <https://secure.smore.com/n/ej8q5> from our School Counsellors – Ms. Preibisch & Ms. Amos.

## PAC Meeting

Don’t miss our first Stitó:s PAC Meeting for the 2024/2025 school year being held on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

## Cafeteria Service – Stitó:s Servery

Lunch Orders will need to be placed each morning by 9:00 am in the classroom for the lunch to be provided that same day. Please include the exact change with the order form in a zip lock bag and a classroom runner will bring them down to the office. Order forms are available on the school website under the Top Tab ‘Stitó:s Servery,’ however if you are unable to print off the order form the Servery will accept a piece of paper with your child’s first & last name, classroom teacher / division and the items ordered with the money in a zip lock bag.

If your child has any dietary needs, please contact Sandra at [sandrabertrand67@icloud.com](mailto:sandrabertrand67@icloud.com).

## Bike To School

Please remind your student to “walk their wheels” once they are at the school path. Also please remind your student to wear their helmets...protect that developing brain.

## Family Accident Reimbursement Plan

The Chilliwack School District or Schools Protection Program (SPP) does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities. **Parent / Guardians are responsible for these expenses.** A Financial Group offers a comprehensive accident insurance plan with a critical illness component designed for the whole family. For further information see website on our district webpage <https://www.sd33.bc.ca/accident-insurance>.

# Stitó:s PAC Fundraiser – The Great Little Coupon Book

Order forms for The Great Little Coupon Book fundraiser will be coming home with students. A portion from each book sold will directly support the Stitó:s Band. The fundraiser will remain open to purchase books until September 27<sup>th</sup>. For further information please email the PAC directly at [slt-pacfund@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:slt-pacfund@sd33.bc.ca).

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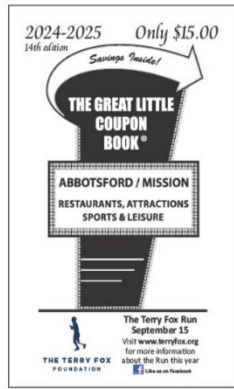


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Coupon book expires August 31, 2025 Conditions apply to offers. See book for details.	

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## Stitó:s Lá:lém Toti:It Elementary/Middle School Band Fundraiser

Welcome to The Great Little Coupon Book fundraiser.  
\$7.50 from each book sold directly supports Band fundraising effort.  
Thank you for supporting the Stitó:s Lá:lém Toti:It School Band!  
**Fundraiser will remain open to purchase books until Sept 27**

### ORDER FORM

STUDENT NAME:		TEACHER:				
NAME	ADDRESS	Purchaser's Telephone #	Total # of Books Ordered Chilliwack	Total # of Books Ordered Abbotsford	\$15/Book PAID (*)	

Sample book at the school front office to have a look at.  
Please keep order form for student's use to collect & distribute orders.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher/Div: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of Chilliwack books ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15/book = \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of Abbotsford books ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15/book = \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT PAID \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT METHOD**

- CASH
- CHEQUE Please make cheque payable to: Stitos PAC
- E-TRANSFER to: [slt-pacfund@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:slt-pacfund@sd33.bc.ca) (with a message that it's for the coupon book & include student's name)



# 2024-2025 Bell Schedule

Elementary		Middle	
Time	Period	Time	Period
8:26 am Warning Bell			
8:31 am - 11:31 am	Instructional (180 Minutes)	8:31 am - 9:45 am	Period 1 (74 Minutes)
11:31 am - 11:46 am	Eat (15 Minutes)	9:45 am - 10:00 am	Break (15 Minutes)
11:46 am - 12:11 pm	Outside (25 Minutes)	10:00 am - 11:15 am	Period 2 (75 Minutes)
12:11 pm – 1:11 pm	Instructional (60 Minutes)	11:15 am - 11:40 am	Outside (25 Minutes)
1:11 pm – 1:26 pm	Recess (15 Minutes)	11:40 am - 11:55 am	Eat (15 Minutes)
1:26 pm - 2:24 pm	Instructional (58 Minutes)	11:55 am - 1:10 pm	Period 3 (75 Minutes)
		1:10 pm - 2:24 pm	Period 4 (74 Minutes)



Days in Session	187
Number of Instructional Days	177
Number of Non-Instructional Days	10
Schools Open	September 3
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #1 (Pro-D Day)	September 27
Truth and Reconciliation Day – Statutory Holiday	September 30
Thanksgiving Day - Statutory Holiday	October 14
Early Dismissal Day #1	October 18
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #2 (Pro-D Day)	October 25 (Provincial)
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #3 (A&E Day #1)	November 1
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #4 (Pro-D Day – Lieu Day)	November 8
Remembrance Day - Statutory Holiday	November 11
Last Day of School before Christmas Holidays	December 20
Christmas Holidays	December 23 to January 3
Schools Reopen after Christmas Holidays	January 6
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #5 (A&E Day #2)	January 24
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #6 (Pro-D Day)	February 14
Family Day - Statutory Holiday	February 17
Early Dismissal Day #2	February 28
Last Day of School before Spring Vacation	March 14
Spring Vacation Period	March 17 – March 28
Schools Reopen after Spring Vacation	March 31
Good Friday - Statutory Holiday	April 18
Easter Monday - Holiday	April 21
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #7 (Pro-D Day)	April 25 (CTA)
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #8 (Pro-D Day – Lieu Day)	May 16
Victoria Day - Statutory Holiday	May 19
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #9 (A&E Day #3)	May 30
Last Day for Students / Early Dismissal #3	June 28
Administrative Day	June 27

## **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE 318: STUDENT CELL PHONE AND DIGITAL DEVICE USE**

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### **All Students:**

- To contact a student during instructional time, call the school office's number.
- Students who have accessibility or accommodation needs, where a personal digital device is needed to ensure equity of learning, will have access.
- Students with medical or health-related reasons who require a personal digital device will also have access.
- For privacy considerations, unauthorized taking of pictures, videos, or recordings at school or during school activities (including riding the school bus) is strictly prohibited as per Administrative Procedure 481: Audio / Video Recordings, Photography and Live Streaming.
- Headphones or earbuds must not be worn or visible during instructional time, including assemblies, unless the teacher has allowed them.

### **Elementary/Middle Students:**

- During break and lunch periods, students are encouraged to be active and socialize with friends. Students are not permitted to use their cell phones and other devices during this time.
- Students are to store their devices in a designated area identified by staff.
- Your child's teacher may permit cell phones or personal digital devices in class for educational reasons.

### **Secondary Students:**

- During break and lunch periods, students are encouraged to be active and socialize with friends. They are also encouraged to put their cell phones and other devices away.
- During instructional times, students will silence their devices and store them in their bag, locker or a designated space provided by staff.
- Your child's teachers will decide if students can use their cell phones or digital devices during class time for educational purposes.

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**Administrative Procedure**

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Unauthorized use of electronic devices is not tolerated. If a student is found using a device without permission, it will be confiscated and returned at the end of the class or day as determined by school staff.

For repeated offences, the device(s) will be given to the office who may return the device(s) to the student and/or contact the parents if the issue persists. Students may then be asked to turn their cell phone in the office each morning and pick it up at the end of the day or to leave it at home.