



February 2025

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## Message from the Admin Team...

This month is halfway through our school year! We're so grateful for the lovely sunny weather we had in January. Let's hope it keeps going into February! Please remind your child to dress warmly and for inclement weather because winter storm season still might be coming.

This month is packed with exciting sports events. Grade 7 and 8 basketball seasons are coming to an end with the Grade 8 playoffs in early February. Our Grade 8 teams will be hosting the Grade 8 Provincial Tournament from February 27th to March 1st. A big shoutout to our PAC for running the concession stand for the tournament. If you'd like to volunteer to help out, please email Mr. Kemp. Grade 6 basketball will start in February, and elementary volleyball is in full swing.

Last month, our RCMP Liasson officers visited all the middle school students to talk about online behavior, bullying, harassment, and consent. This month, our Grade 8 classes are participating in an ERASE BC online session on "Establishing Respectful Relationships and Consent in our Communities." We know that concerns about racism, harassment, and inappropriate online and offline behavior are on people's minds, both in our school district and beyond. Check out this month's Counsellor's Corner for more information and links to resources on these topics. Social skills and learning how to have kind interactions are part of our regular classroom social emotional learning lessons. We truly believe that raising a child is a team effort, and we're so grateful for the amazing support from our parents as we work together to help our students grow into their best selves.



**OPEN HOUSE**  
6:30 – 8:00 pm  
TUES. FEB. 11th

**EXPERIENCE**  
*GW Graham*  
**SECONDARY SCHOOL**

**JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT THE FOLLOWING COURSES/PROGRAMS:**

- Criminology
- Canine Foundation Program
- Trade Sampler
- Robotics and Engineering
- Baseball Academy
- Sport Specific PE Classes
- Music Program
- Music Theatre
- Theatre Company
- Graham X
- Production Workshop
- Television Production and Broadcasting
- Advanced Placement Courses- Chemistry, Biology, Literature, Calculus, Capstone, Statistics, Psychology, Physics, Research and Art and Design
- And more...

## Important Dates to Remember...

- February 12<sup>th</sup> Popcorn Day
- February 14<sup>th</sup> Non Instructional Day – No School for Students
- February 17<sup>th</sup> Family Day Stat – School Closed
- February 20<sup>th</sup> PAC Meeting @ 7 pm
- February 26<sup>th</sup> Pink Shirt Day
- February 26<sup>th</sup> Popcorn Day
- February 26<sup>th</sup> Parent Night – Establishing Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities (Doors Open @ 6 pm)
- February 28<sup>th</sup> Early Dismissal @ 11:31 am
- March 5<sup>th</sup> Spring Band Concert
- March 12<sup>th</sup> Learning Update #2 Goes Home
- March 13<sup>th</sup> Term 3 Begins
- March 17<sup>th</sup> to Spring Break – School Closed
- March 28<sup>th</sup>
- March 31<sup>st</sup> School Reopens Today – Day 1

## Counsellors' Corner

There are many resources to support parents and caregivers when your child experiences cyberbullying, harassment, or other conflicts.

Safer Schools Together has a parent resource page with lots of information including:

- Raising Digitally Responsible Youth
- Social Media Awareness and Checklist
- Sexting Safety Agreement
- Internet Lingo and Slang Terms
- How to Protect Your Privacy on Facebook
- Common Sense Media Digital Contract

To access these resources, go to:

<https://saferschoolstogether.com/resources/parent-caregiver-resources/>

ERASE (Expect Respect & A Safe Education) helps students, adults, and school staff build safe, caring, and inclusive school communities. Some of their resources include:

- How to report a problem
- Bullying
- Consent
- Gender-based Violence
- Online Safety
- Anti-Racism
- Gender Diversity
- Sexual Orientation

To access these resources, go to:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase>

We hope you can join us for our upcoming parent/caregiver night on **Wednesday Feb. 26!**

Doors open at 6:00pm for popcorn and snacks and time to visit with our community partners from FamilySmart and Pacific Community Resource Society. This 1 hour session is brought to you by ERASE and is recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents AND youth aged 10 and up as a way to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the community. If you can't make it on Feb. 26 but want to watch from home, you can register here for this date or a future date:

<https://pages.saferschoolstogether.com/erase-family-session>

Hope to see you Feb. 26! There will be childcare available for children ages 3+.

Please contact one of us for more information on this session: [cathy\\_preibisch@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:cathy_preibisch@sd33.bc.ca) or [marie\\_amos@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:marie_amos@sd33.bc.ca)

## Electric Car / Truck Charging Spots

We would like to remind everyone that the designated Electric Charger spots are reserved exclusively for electric vehicles that are actively charging. These spots are essential for supporting our school community members who rely on electric vehicles and need access to charging facilities.

Please ensure that these spots are not used for parking non-electric vehicles or for any other purpose. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in helping us maintain a fair and efficient use of these resources.

## Reporting Your Child's Absence

It's important to report your child's absence to ensure their safety. You can do this anytime, 24/7, using the District Safe Arrival program. Here are three easy options:

1. **SchoolMessenger App:** Download the app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Sign up to create your account, then select Attendance and Report an Absence.
2. **SafeArrival Website:** Visit SafeArrival. Sign up to create your account, then select Attendance and Report an Absence.
3. **Phone:** Call the toll-free 1-833-698-6567 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

By reporting your child's absence, you help us ensure their safety and keep our records accurate. Thank you for your cooperation!

## After-School Pick-Up Procedures

As the school phone is reserved for emergencies, we kindly ask that all playdates and pick-up arrangements be made in advance.

To ensure a smooth and safe pick-up process for all students, we kindly ask that you pre-establish a designated meeting spot with your child for after-school pick-up. This will help reduce congestion and ensure that all children are safely accounted for.

## Instructional Time with Students

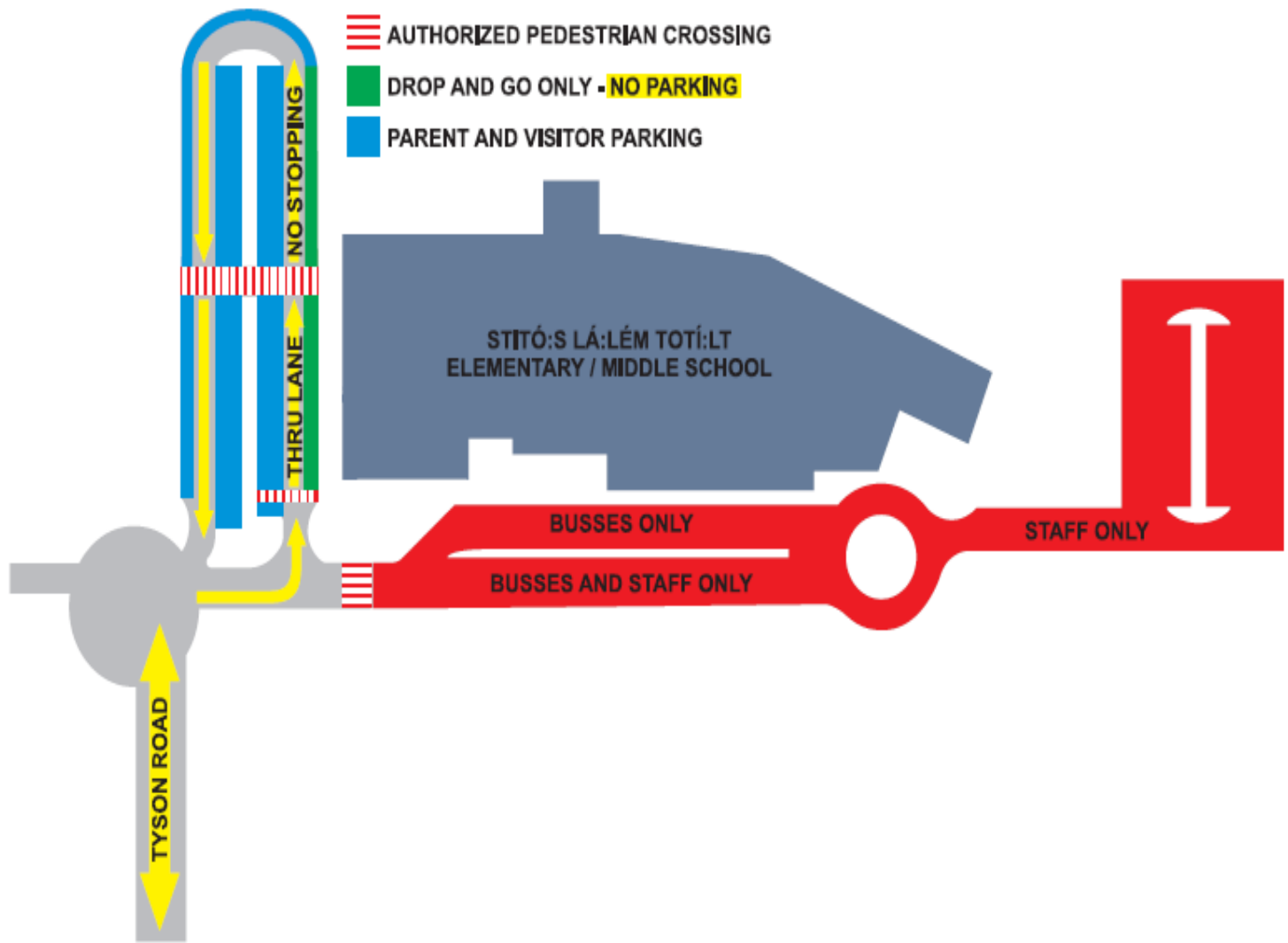
To ensure that our students' learning time is maximized, we prioritize minimizing classroom disruptions. If you need to deliver a message or drop something off for your child during instructional time, please leave it with the office staff and your child will be called down at the next break. For lunch drop-offs, kindly ensure that your child's first and last name are clearly labelled.

## Parent Advisory Committee

The next PAC Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**. Did you know that you are a member of the PAC? Every single person that has a child attending Stitó:s Lá:lém Totí:lt Elementary / Middle is a member of the PAC and has a vote in what our PAC does.

## Parking Guidelines

- **Parent Parking:** The first parking lot is designated for parent parking.
- **Drop-Off Lane:** The parent drop-off lane is designated for **quick “stop and go” parking only**. It is not intended for stopping, waiting for the bell, and then going. If you need to have a longer conversation or enter the school, please park in the marked stalls to ensure the “stop and go” lane remains clear and efficient.
- **Thru-Lane:** No stopping allowed. The Thru-Lane is designated to keep traffic flowing smoothly without any stops.
- **Bus Loop:** No parking in the bus loop during school hours.
- **Off-Site Parking:** Parking outside of the school grounds is prohibited and monitored by UFV Impark, and you will be ticketed.
- **Free Public Parking:** Free public parking is available within walking distance at the Vedder River Dog Park.



## Kindergarten Registration is Open!

Kindergarten registration for the 2025 – 2026 school year is underway. **If your child will be five (5) years old by December 31, 2025**, 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](#).

NEW POPCORN DAYS FOR 2025

# JAN 15, JAN 29, FEB 12, FEB 26



For Elementary and Middle school students!!!  
\$1.00 a bag  
\*Ordering opens in Jan 2025

**ORDER ONLINE ON MUNCHALUNCH.COM**

# Take the City-Wide Reading Challenge!

## FEBRUARY 1-21, 2025

**OPEN TO ALL AGES**

Read as many days as you can.


Podcasts and audiobooks count too!

Tell us how many days you read when you enter the prize draw.

Submit your ballot by March 1st:

- online
- in the ballot boxes at Sardis, Chilliwack, and Yarrow Library
- in the ballot box at the Bob Chan-Kent Family YMCA
- by photographing and emailing it to [info@chilliwacklearning.com](mailto:info@chilliwacklearning.com).

Get your ballot and tracking sheet at Sardis, Chilliwack, and Yarrow Library, or [bit.ly/CLSreadingchallenge](https://bit.ly/CLSreadingchallenge) → or with the QR code.



Contest runs from **Feb 1-21, 2025**. Open to all ages. Chances of winning depend on the number of entries received. the ballot entry deadline is March 1. Winners will be selected randomly on March 6, 2025. Winners will be notified by phone or email and can collect their prizes at Chilliwack, Yarrow and Sardis libraries. Winners forfeit unclaimed prizes after 1 month. Limit of 1 entry per person. No purchase necessary.

COMMUNITY. SPORTSMANSHIP. LEADERSHIP.

# BALL HOCKEY COMES TO CHILLIWACK



CHILLIWACK, YOU ARE, FOR THE FIRST TIME, GETTING A BALL HOCKEY LEAGUE OF YOUR OWN! CMBHA IS EXCITED TO FOCUS ON LOCAL PLAYERS AND BUILDING A STRONG YOUTH COMMUNITY!

BE PART OF OUR COMMUNITY

## REGISTER TODAY

COMING SPRING 2025  
RECREATIONAL PROGRAM  
FOR U7 TO U17




**CONTACT US**

[www.chilliwackminorballhockey.ca](http://www.chilliwackminorballhockey.ca)

hello@chilliwackminorballhockey.ca

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Chilliwack Minor Ball Hockey



### Free Winter Program for Families!

Learn about healthy eating, physical activity, and building long-lasting habits as a family in Generation Health Community. This 10-week program for families with children ages 8 to 12 is FUN and interactive!

Delivered through YMCA BC starting February 2025 on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings.

Families who join this program will receive a complimentary YMCA membership.

Register today!



[gv.ymca.ca/generation-health-community](http://gv.ymca.ca/generation-health-community)  
[generationhealth@bc.ymca.ca](mailto:generationhealth@bc.ymca.ca)



### Attention all soccer parent enthusiasts!

CHILLIWACK FC

## ALL SPRING PROGRAMS OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

BRING YOU, BRING EVERYONE

REGISTER TODAY

**Chilliwack FC's Spring programming is ready and OPEN for registration!!**

Whether you are a current member of the **Chilliwack FC** family or are new to the game and looking to begin your child's athletic journey, we have everything you want!

We're doing things a bit **differently** this year **for in-house level** play as we continue our Fall program model:

- 🏆 **Grassroots Skill Centre (level 1 or 2):** Ages 7 - 9
- 🏆 **NEW: Grassroots Skill Centre +:** Ages 8/ 9 only \* application needed
- 🏆 **Grassroots Mini Skill Centre:** Ages 4 - 6
- 🏆 **NEW: "Under The Lights" Spring League:** Ages 10 - 17 (formally our in-house "Ford" Spring League that was for all ages 4 - 17) – for those who just want to have fun
- 🏆 **Cascadia League:** Ages 10 – 17 (levels 1, 2, and 3) – for those who want to travel and complete within the Lower Mainland
- 🏆 **Spring Break Camps:** Ages 5 – 13, March 17 – 20 and March 24 -27

Follow the link below for more information: <https://chilliwackfc.com/registration/programs/>  
For questions and further assistance, including financial assistance inquiries, please email: [info@chilliwackfc.com](mailto:info@chilliwackfc.com)

# YOUR'RE INVITED!

CHILLIWACK SECONDARY SCHOOL  
GRADE 8  
Family Information Night

Thursday, February 20th  
6:00pm - 8:00pm

- School Tours
- Review a standard timetable
- Explanation of CSS Programs & Student life
- Student Expectations
- Q & A

*Enter to win*  
CSS SWAG PRIZES!

### Upcoming Dates:

Feb 13- Course Selections at CMS  
Feb 19- Course Selections at ADR  
Feb 18 - Course Selections at RTCS  
Feb 25- Forms due, return to your core teacher.



css.sd33.bc.ca

**KIDS WRITE 4KIDS** For Grades 4-8  
Deadline: March 31, 2025

*Call for Entries*

# CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

**RIPPLE FOUNDATION** Educational Charity  
ripplefoundation.ca/contest

# PRO D DAY CHILD CARE

8:30am to 6:30pm

- INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT
- EXPERIENCED STAFF
- DIVERSITY
- WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES
- FIELD TRIPS

Ages 6-12

### Dates:

- Jan 24th, 2025
- February 14th, 2025
- April 25th, 2025
- May 16th, 2025
- May 30th, 2025

Cost:  
\$30/ day

Register Now



**inclusion**  
Chilliwack  
Society

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Chilliwack, BC

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