Stitó:s Lá:lém Totí:lt Elementary / Middle School Newsletter



April 2025

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Message from the Admin Team...

We hope you had a wonderful and refreshing Spring Break! It's always great to see our students return with new energy and enthusiasm, ready for the rest of the school year.

Our staff have been busy planning engaging activities to make this season extra special for our students. From hands-on learning experiences to special events, there's lots to look forward to! We're also happy to share that our extracurricular teams will be back up and running. There will be plenty of ways to get involved, stay active, and build new skills.

As we settle back in, we're already looking ahead to next year. With our school community growing, we anticipate adding more classes to accommodate our increasing student population. We're also focused on supporting our future Grade 6 students from Stitó:s, Promontory, Yarrow, and Greendale, ensuring a smooth and positive transition to their next chapter. Change can be both exciting and a little overwhelming, so we're committed to providing the guidance and support they need to feel confident and prepared.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. Let's make the rest of this school year a fantastic one, filled with learning, growth, and great memories!





Online Permission Slips & Fees

<u>Starting March 31st</u>, all field trip consent and permission forms for students in Grades K-8 **must be completed**

electronically through Quick Pay. This requirement applies to all field trips, whether they have a cost or not, as well as team sports consent forms.

To complete the form, parents should log in to their student's Quick Pay account and find the form under the "Field Trip Forms" heading. After selecting the appropriate form, fill out the required information and click the submit button. If there is a cost associated with the field trip, the charge will be automatically added to your child's account for payment.

Important: All fields on the consent / permission form must be fully completed for the form to be successfully submitted. If the form is not received, the student will not be able to attend the field trip.

Important Dates to Remember...

Class Photos
PAC Popcorn Day
Family Learning Night
PAC Meeting @ 7 pm
Yearbook Sales Deadline
Good Friday – No School
Easter Monday – No School
PAC Popcorn Day
Whistler Band Trip -
Contando Music Festival

April 25th Non-Instructional Day –

No School for Students!

May 7th PAC Popcorn Day May 16th Non-Instructional Day –

No School for Students!

May 19th Victoria Day (Stat) – No School

May 21st PAC Popcorn Day

May 22nd PAC (AGM) Meeting @ 7 pm May 30th Assessment & Evaluation Day –

No School for Students!

Athletic Update: Exciting Times Ahead!

We are thrilled to announce the outstanding achievements of our Grade 8 basketball teams at the recent Provincial Tournament. Our girls showcased incredible skill and determination, securing a remarkable 2nd place finish. Our Gr 8 boys also put in a commendable effort, finishing in 7th place. Their hard work and dedication throughout the season have been exemplary. A huge round of applause to both teams for their hard work and commitment. Your achievements have made us all proud!

Grade 6 Basketball

Our Grade 6 Basketball teams are gearing up for their final week of play, which will take place the first week of April. Good luck to all our teams as they wrap up their season!

Middle School Girls Field Hockey

The Middle School Girls Field Hockey season kicks off on Tuesday, April 1st. Practices and games will be held on the Stitó:s turf field throughout the month of April. For more information, athletes should see Mrs. Hartfield or Mrs. Neid.

Middle School Track & Field

Track & Field for Middle School students starts on Thursday, April 3rd. Athletes will train at the Sardis track on Thursdays, with all other practices held at Stitó:s. For more details, athletes should see Mrs. Hartfield.

Middle School Badminton

Middle School Badminton is already in full swing, with practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Athletes interested in joining should see Mrs. Petkau for more information.

Coming Soon: Middle School Girls Soccer and Golf

Stay tuned for more information on Middle School Girls Soccer and Middle School Golf, which will be starting later in the spring.

Elementary Sports Update

We are thrilled to celebrate the fantastic season our Grade 4/5 volleyball teams had. It was great to witness their improvement and dedication throughout the season. The year culminated in an exciting tournament held right here at Stitó:s. Well done, athletes!

Get ready for the next sports adventure! Elementary basketball season will kick off right after spring break. Signups are available in the gym. Boys will play on Tuesdays, and girls will play on Wednesdays. We look forward to another great season of teamwork and fun!

All schedules can be found on the Stitó:s website under the Athletic Calendar.

Learning Update

Learning Updates were distributed March 12th, just before Spring Break. A reminder that student Learning Updates are a snapshot of a student's progress in relation to the learning outcome for their grade level. Your child's learning update will include your child's progress to date, reference to area for future development and ways you can support your child, as well as information regarding their work effort and attitude towards work.

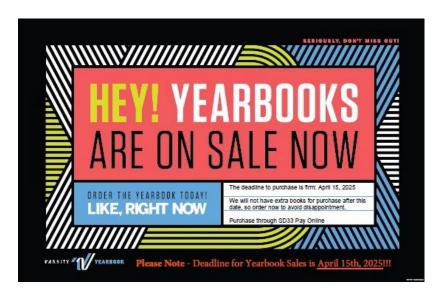
Parents are encouraged to review and celebrate their child's academic successes and to help their child set goals for the final term.

We ask that parents sign the label on the front of the learning update envelope for Term 2 and send it back to your child's teacher as soon as possible.











Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2025 - 2026 school year is underway. If your child will be five (5) years old by December 31st, 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 catchment child has a spot!

To register at Stitó:s or any other school in School District #33 (Chilliwack), please click here as we do not accept paper-form registrations.

Summer Learning 2025

School District #33 will once again be offering Summer Learning programs. These programs will be running on the following dates and times:

Elementary / Middle July 2 – July 15 8:30 – 12:30 pm Secondary July 2 – July 29 8:30 – 12:30 pm

Agriculture Program

Elementary / Middle July 2 - July 22 - TBD Secondary July 2 – August 22 – TBD

Registration opens on April 7, 2025, at 7:00 am. Register at https://sd33.bc.ca/summer-learning-2025.

All inquiries can be directed to the summer learning website at summer-learning@sd33.bc.ca or contact 604-701-4972.





Stitó:s PAC

Did you know that you are a member of the PAC? All parents are members of our PAC and encouraged to attend the PAC meeting. meetings provide parents with information about our school, a chance to ask questions or raise concerns and a chance to become involved with our school. The next PAC meeting will be Monday, April 14th at 7:00 pm.



Ready, Set, Explore

Formerly known as Ready, Set, Learn, this is an event for preschoolers and their parents. Led by our Kindergarten teachers, this is a fun and informative event to introduce your preschooler to their future school. More details will be provided closer to the Stitó:s event in May.

Follow this link to more information about Early Learning across our district: https://earlylearning.sd33.bc.ca

Counsellors' Corner

April 3 @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm: Family Smart's ONLINE EVENT: Parenting When Anxiety Shows Up As Anger

Anxiety in our kids can show up as anger, and that can make parenting extra challenging. Discover some strategies that can help us before, during, and after these hard moments. Learn from Karen Peters, Registered Clinical Counsellor as we watch a video presentation together and stay for a facilitated conversation by our Family Peer Support Workers. To register: https://familysmart.ca/event/parenting-when-anxiety-shows-up-as-anger-11/

April 8 @ 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM ERASE ONLINE Family Session: Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities

This session covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen, the criminal consequences of cyberbullying, and how to report and receive support in cases of sexting/sextortion. Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed. Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up. To register: https://pages.saferschoolstogether.com/erase-family-session

For more information from our counsellors, please check out Counsellors' Corner spring newsletter: https://secure.smore.com/n/9024em



Upcoming Parent Workshops in Partnership with Chilliwack Community Services

Parents with Children of any age can take these courses! Anger CPR and Emotional Adaptability are great for everyone! Parents with kids at all levels would benefit. Circle of Securing is truly attachment based, and the philosophy throughout the program is "it's never too late" and "you didn't know what your didn't know, before you knew it." Space is limited, and registration will close once all spots are filled. Child-minding is available for all workshops.

Circle of Security

Dates: Wednesdays - April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & May 14, 21, 28

9:30am-11:30am at Neighborhood Learning Center – 46361 Yale Rd.

A research and relationship-based program that takes much of the guess work out of being a caregiver; improving confidence in recognizing your child's emotional, relational needs; and providing information to help interpret your child's behaviours. Child-minding provided

Register here

Emotional Adaptability

Dates: Wednesdays - April 16, 23, 30

6:00pm – 8:00pm at Chilliwack Community Services #100 – 46187 Yale Rd.

When we mix our emotions with the experience of others, with updated wisdom about our past stories, and upgraded skills, we become more comfortable and more confident with emotional complexity. In this workshop we explore and re-establish friendly relations with our kids and our big emotions: Joy, Fear, Sadness, Anger, Shame, and Curiosity. Child-minding provided. Register here

Anger CPR

Dates: Wednesdays - May 21, 28 & June 4

6:00pm – 8:00pm at Chilliwack Community Services #100 – 46187 Yale Rd.

Gain awareness of the emotional roots to anger, the difference between anger and aggression, and the steps that take us from frustrated to furious or adaptation. Discover useable ideas about taming tantrums and minimizing meltdowns, yours, and your child's. Child-minding provided.

Register here













SD33 Just B4 Preschools 2025/2026

The Chilliwack School District is currently accepting applications for children born in 2021 for September 2025 start of our Just B4 Preschool at Robertson, Vedder and Watson locations. Just B4 Preschool employs certified Early Childhood Educators who provide a positive and nurturing early learning experience while fostering curiosity, creativity and growth through play-based learning.

All locations offer two classes to choose from:

M/W/F 8:30-11:00am (\$190 per month) Tu/Th 8:30-11:00am (\$157 per month)







Eligible families may apply for the BC Affordable Child Care Benefit Subsidy to assist with preschool fees

Interested in learning more?

Visit our website & fill out our request form: earlylearning.sd33.bc.ca



justb4-registration@sd33.bc.ca



604-794-5553

*Completing the application does not guarantee a spot in this program. Families will be contacted regarding available space(s).



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Chilliwack Pink Panthers

Join Us! For the Spring 2025 season! U5 – U18

Girls & Boys! All levels of experience welcome!



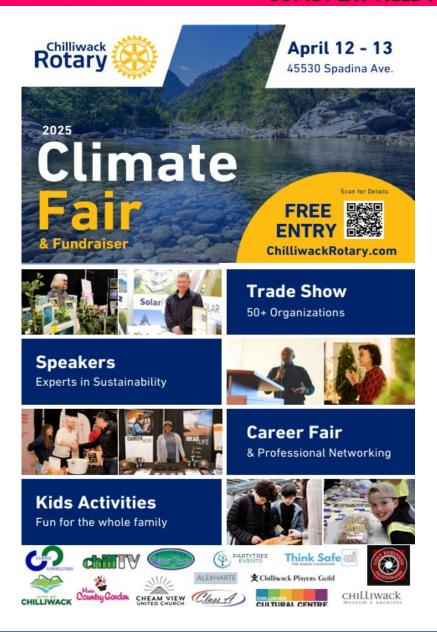
Mondays 3:30 – 5pm @ Townsend Park Turf! Learn new skills! Meet new friends! Have fun!

March 31; April 7, 14, 28; May 5, 12, 26; June 2, 9, 16



Visit www.chwkpinkpanthers.org for registration and details!

COME PLAY FIELD HOCKEY!





Chilliwackrotary.com

2025 CLIMATE CHANGE VIDEO CONTEST

The Rotary Club of Chilliwack is holding our first Climate Change Video Contest for middle and high school students in School District 33.

CONTEST PURPOSES

The purposes of this contest are to give students the following opportunities:

- 1. Learn about climate science, action, and solutions.
- 2. Consider how to effectively communicate complex issues.
- 3. Expand their videography and editing skills.
- 4. Win CA\$H!

CONTEST DETAILS

Number of Submission

· There is no limit to the number of videos one individual may submit.

Technical Considerations/Suggestions

- Orientation: Vertical (9:16 ratio) to fit the Facebook Reels format.
- File Format: MP4 or MOV preferred.
- File Size: Under 4GB for easy uploading.
- If the student is not experienced at producing videos, they could try free apps like InShot, CapCut, or Canva for simple and effective editing.

PRIZES

Each age group, middle and high school, can win one of two prizes:

- 1. Rotary Award: Videos will be judged by members of Rotary's Climate Change Action Group. \$300
- 2. Public Choice Award: Videos will be judged and voted on by members of the community. \$200

Send questions and/or video submissions to: info@rotaryclimatefair.ca

DEADLINE: April 30, 2025