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Year – Yiolem / **Season** (Winter) – Temxeytl’ (tem hate) / **Month** (Moon) – Welek’es (well uhh kess)

Around March is called welek’es because the welek’ “little frog” begins to croak around this time. Trees start to bud and dandelions begin to emerge showing signs that spring is near.

Message from the Admin Team...

It’s hard to believe we’re already heading into March. February brought plenty of activity (and some chilly days!), but there are signs that spring is just around the corner.

We were proud to host the Grade 8 Boys and Girls Provincial Basketball Championships from February 26-28. Events like this take a tremendous team effort, and we are so grateful for our many volunteers and our PAC for their support – especially in running the concession and helping everything operate smoothly. No matter the final scores, we are incredibly proud of the commitment, sportsmanship, and growth shown by our Grade 8 athletes throughout the season.

We also recognized Pink Shirt Day with a variety of activities focused on building safe, caring, and respectful school communities. Thank you to our PAC for organizing a parent event with local author Dr. Leah Kelley on Embracing Neurodiversity in Schools, Families, and Community. It was wonderful to see so many families attend and engage in meaningful learning together.

As we transition into spring, please remember that we prioritize outdoor play during recess and lunch whenever possible. Students should come prepared for changing weather conditions. A reminder about morning supervision: bus students arriving before 8:11 am are welcomed inside until outdoor supervision begins. The turf field remains out of bounds before school, as we do not have supervision there. Students who are outside should remain in the main playground areas or on the basketball court.

Learning Updates will be sent home before Spring Break. We encourage you to review them with your child and celebrate their progress while setting goals for the term ahead.

Wishing all of our families a restful, fun, and safe Spring Break!

Lost & Found

Our lost and found is overflowing with student clothing and other items. If your child is missing clothing, please stop by to take a look or ask your child to stop by and retrieve any of their lost belongings. Anything left after March 13th will be bagged and donated to a charity.

March 16th
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March 27th

School Reopens
on March 30th



Important Dates to Remember

- March 4th PAC Popcorn Day
- March 4th Band Concert
- March 11th Learning Update #2 Goes Home Today!
- March 13th Pi Day Competition
- March 16th to March 27th Spring Vacation – Schools Closed**
- March 30th Welcome Back to School! Term 3 Begins!
- March 31st National Indigenous Languages Day
- April 2nd Spirit Day – Wear Your Favourite Jersey
- April 3rd Good Friday (Stat) – No School Today!
- April 6th Easter Monday (Stat) – No School Today!
- April 10th Class Photo Day
- April 14th Vaisakhi (Cultural Fair)
- April 24th Non Instructional Day – No School for Students!

Counsellors' Corner

Hello parents and caregivers! We invite you to join Cathy and Marie, our school counsellors, on the **first Friday of every month** for a warm and welcoming coffee time from **8:30 – 9:15 am**. Each month will feature a short discussion topic and helpful information shared by our counsellors – plus coffee and treats to enjoy. This is a relaxed opportunity to connect, check in, and spend time with other parents and caregivers as well as our counselling team. Our **March 6th Topic** will be: **Supporting Mental Health at Home**. We hope to see you there!

Looking for Well-Being Resources for Parents and Caregivers?

Check out this resource from Open Parachute. By clicking this [link](#), you will have free access to an online library of video-based lessons that teach skills on how to support your child's well-being at home. There are topics for children, pre-teens, and teens!

Parent / Caregiver Evening: Wednesday, April 8th

Join us for this Family Session by Safer Schools Together on the topic of **Establishing Family Practices for Safeguarding Against Cyberbullying and Sextortion**. Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged ten and up, this session covers the global issue of bullying, as well as cyberbullying within the Canadian context. The presentation highlights warning signs for if someone is experiencing cyberbullying behaviours, and the steps to take if you are a victim of cyberbullying behaviours. Bring your child (10+) and together families will learn: what bullying and cyberbullying behaviours; the role of video games and apps in cyberbullying and sextortion; and how to have tailored family conversations about cyberbullying and sextortion. **Doors open at 6:00 pm and video session starts at 6:30 pm**. Yummy treats for everyone! Childcare available for ages 3+ - door prizes too!

For more information on community supports, please check out this month's Counsellors' Corner Newsletter at <https://app.smores.com/n/usc19>.

Safety
Positive Attitude
Achieving Your Best
Thoughtful
Honest



*Towards others
Towards yourself
Towards your community*



Kindergarten Registration is Open!

Registration for the 2026 – 2027 school year is underway. If your child will be five (5) years old by December 31, 2026, **please register online**. To register at Stitós or any other school in School District No. 33 (Chilliwack), please [click here](#).

National Indigenous Languages Day

March 31st in Canada, honors, revitalizes, and preserves the over 70 distinct Indigenous languages. Established in 1989, this day highlights the vital role language plays in Indigenous identity, culture, and history, aligning with the 2022-2032 International Decade of Indigenous Languages.



Carving Crew

Students from Grades 3-8 spent 6 sessions with Barry Macleod learning techniques on how to work with wood using carving tools. Ey Te Syo:ys – Good Work, to those students.



SERIOUSLY, DON'T MISS OUT!

HEY! YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE NOW

ORDER THE YEARBOOK TODAY!
LIKE, RIGHT NOW

\$36.00

Purchase online thru Student Quick Pay

*Unsure if you've already ordered a 2025/2026 yearbook? You can check by logging into your child's **QuickPay** account. Go to the **Paid** tab, select the current school year, and if a yearbook has been purchased, it will appear there. Please note that if more than one yearbook is purchased in error, refunds/credit are not available once the school order has been placed.*

FINAL DEADLINE TO PURCHASE: THURS. APR. 30th

Learning Commons
 Here is the link to the Library Newsletter for March –
<https://app.smore.com/n/k4g9j>

Last session of

POPCORN DAYS

April 15th Wednesday
 April 29th Wednesday
 May 13th Wednesday
 May 27th Wednesday

FOR ALL STUDENTS
FUNDRAISER

www.munchalunch.com
 Order now for the rest of the year!!!

Freezie

FRIDAYS

WANT TO END YOUR WEEK WITH A COLD TREAT?
 WE WILL BE OFFERING FREEZIES EVERY FRIDAY FROM
 MARCH - JUNE TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR STUDENT
 SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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Elementary Students:

\$1/ FREEZIE FOR A SMALL FREEZIE
\$10 FOR THE YEAR

*WATCH FOR PRE-ORDER FORMS

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Middle School Students:

\$2 FOR A LARGE FREEZIE
SAME DAY SALES ONLY - NO PRE-ORDER

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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. PAC 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 **Thursday, April 9th at 6:30 pm.**

March 11th 2026

Stito:s celebrates....

DOWN SYNDROME DAY!

Learn More

Ask Questions

Celebrate Differences

Wear Mismatched Socks



**ROCK
YOUR
SOCKS**



Spring Break

Mindfulness

ages 8-12

Hands-on mindfulness activities, guided meditation and a nutritious vegetarian lunch
Participants will learn simple practices to support their well-being.
Fee: By donation

March 14, 2026 10am - 2pm
Po Lam Buddhist Association
46350 Prairie Central Road, Chilliwack
Registration closes March 9th
www.polam.ca info@polam.ca

Since 1993

Soccer Day Camps 2026

...more than just a soccer camp!

Early Deals, Big Savings, Ends March 31, 2026

- July & August weeks
- Morning & Full Day sessions
- Ages 5 to 13
- Before & After Care available

For more information:
royalsoccerclub.com
800-427-0536
For location & registration details visit our website.

Mornings Starting from \$165*/week
Full Days Starting from \$249*/week
* Limited time, discounts vary, see website
Additional discounts for week 1 & 6 (4 day weeks)

COME TRY RINGETTE

March 15
Sardis Sportsplex Rink 3

All genders and skating abilities welcome

Youth 5+ Years 10:30-11:30
Adults 11:45-12:45

- Please bring skates and helmet
- Sticks provided

Registration and Questions Contact
bobbin21@gmail.com

BEYOND THE FEED

Social Media, Identity, and Power in the Digital Age

Express Inspire Connect Youth Conference

03.22.2026

Open to Grades 8-12 Students
Sunday, March 22, 2026
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (EST)
Virtual Conference

RIPPLE FOUNDATION Presented by Ripple Foundation
Empowering the Next Generation of Leaders

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expressinspireconnect.com