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Message from the Admin Team...

As we settle into October, we want to thank our students, staff, and families for a wonderful start to the school year. September was filled with new beginnings as we welcomed many new students and staff members to Stitó:s. We are especially grateful to our W.A.V.E. leadership team for helping our Grade 6 students feel welcomed and connected.

Throughout September, students and staff participated in meaningful learning connected to Truth and Reconciliation, reflecting on the experiences of Indigenous Peoples and our shared responsibility to continue learning and growing together. It has been a busy and exciting month, with behaviour matrix assemblies, classroom moves, Meet the Teacher Night, outdoor learning opportunities, and field trips that helped build strong classroom communities. We are also excited to see sports teams and clubs up and running. Thank you to our dedicated coaches and staff sponsors who generously give their time to provide students with opportunities to participate in a wide variety of sports, activities, and leadership experiences.

As we approach Thanksgiving, we are reminded of how grateful we are for our dedicated staff, enthusiastic students, supportive families, and the strong community that surrounds our school.

October also brings Parent-Teacher Conferences, an important opportunity for families and teachers to connect, celebrate successes, discuss goals, and ensure students are well supported for the year ahead. With municipal and provincial elections on the horizon, many classrooms will also be exploring citizenship, leadership, and the democratic process through age-appropriate learning experiences that connect classroom learning to the world around us.

Thank you for your continued partnership. We look forward to another month of learning, growth, and connection at Stitó:s.

Warm regards,

The Stitó:s Lá:lém Totí:lt Administration Team

Food Delivery Reminder

Food delivery services such as SkipTheDishes, DoorDash, Uber Eats, and similar services are not permitted to deliver food to the school.

The school is unable to accept or distribute food deliveries to students. Any food deliveries received by these services will be held at the office and can be picked up at the end of the school day.

If your child forgets their lunch, students are welcome to access meal options through our Servery or the Food Cart. We encourage families to check out the Servery menu on our school website, which offers a variety of affordable lunch options. The Food Cart also provides free snack and food options for students.

Parents and guardians are also welcome to drop off a lunch at the office if needed.

Important Dates to Remember

October 2 nd	Counsellors Café for Parents (8:30 – 9:15 am)
October 7 th	K-5 Lunch with Chilliwack Chiefs
October 9 th	Non Instructional Day – No School for Students!
October 12 th	Thanksgiving Day (Stat)
October 14 th	Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) / PJ Day
October 21 st	Parent / Teacher Conferences
October 22 nd	Early Dismissal @ 11:31 am
October 23 rd	Non Instructional Day – No School for Students!
November 6 th	Assessment & Evaluation Day – No School for Students!
November 11 th	Remembrance Day (Stat)
November 13 th	Rock Your Mocs
November 13 th	Counsellors Café for Parents

Field Trip & Athletic Permission Forms

All field trip and team sport consent forms for students in K-8 must be completed electronically through **QuickPay**.

To complete a form:

1. Log in to your student's QuickPay account.
2. Locate the form under the **Field Trip Forms** heading.
3. Select the appropriate form, complete all required fields, and click **Submit**.
4. Once Submitted, any applicable fee will be added to your student's account and will be available for payment. If you wish to pay only for the field trip and not the other outstanding fees, simply deselect the checkboxes beside those fees before proceeding to checkout.

Important Reminders:

- All fields must be completed in full.
- If a fee is associated with the trip, payment must be made at the time of submission. Form cannot be submitted until both the form and payment have been completed.
- Please do not wait until the last minute. Students will not be permitted to attend the field trip if the permission form is not received. No verbal permission will be accepted. The deadline to complete the form is 12:00 pm (noon) on the day before the field trip to allow staff sufficient time to prepare for the outing.
- Once the form and payment have been completed, you will receive a confirmation email. A copy of the permission form will also be automatically sent to your child's teacher, and your student will be added to the field trip attendance list.

Questions?

If you have any questions about your child's account, please contact our Accounting Clerk at slt-finance@sd33.bc.ca.

Athletic Calendar

Looking to seeing when the next practice or game is??? Check out the school Athletic Calendar on the school website under the Athletics top tab or by clicking the following link...

<https://stitos.sd33.bc.ca/athletics-calendar>.

Reporting a Student Absence or Late

To report your child absent we have a District SafeArrival 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 absence:

Option 1: Download and install the School Messenger 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.

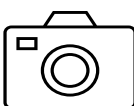
Option 2: Use the SafeArrival website at <https://www.sd33.bc.ca/safe-arrival>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.

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

Halloween Activities

We will have classroom and school-based activities taking place for Halloween. Please ensure that costumes are school appropriate and do not include blood, gore, weapons, or anything that would be against our school code of conduct.

Also, no masks as we need to see our students to ensure they belong here.



Picture Retakes – November 4th

Get ready to smile! Student individual retake photos will be taken on November 4th.

Counsellors' Corner

If your family would benefit from a Food Hamper and Christmas Gifts for the holiday season, please look at this info from: [All is Bright - 2026](#)

Feel free to fill out the All is Bright form using the link provided. You must complete the form to qualify.

There is no cost to you. <https://southsidelife.com/bright>

For more resources from our school counsellors, check out our newsletter: <https://app.smore.com/n/g9ajr8>

In / Out Days

October brings cooler, shorter days, and many of our classes are taking advantage of the season by visiting community gardens, exploring corn mazes, and engaging in outdoor learning experiences. We aim to go outside most days!

With fall weather on the way, we can expect wet and windy conditions more frequently. Even on days with drizzle or light rain, student will still be going outside to get fresh air and stay active. Please help your child make responsible choices by ensuring they are dressed appropriately for the weather.

Bike Lock-Up

We want to remind families that the only times bikes have been stolen from the bike lock-up area have been when they were left overnight. In these cases, thieves have cut through both the bike cage and individual bike locks.

To help prevent theft and property damage at Stitó:s Lá:lém Totí:lt, we kindly ask that all students take their bikes home at the end of the school day. Bikes left overnight are at risk and are left at the owner's own responsibility.

Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe and secure.

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. Please notify the school office and your child's teacher if there are any health issues that was not updated on the Student Verification forms sent home in September.

Energy Drinks & Sugary Beverages

We would like to remind students and families that energy drinks, peace tea, pop, etc. are not permitted at school. These beverages often contain high levels of caffeine and other stimulants that are not appropriate for school-aged children. Please note that products such as Alani drinks are considered energy drinks and are included in this expectation.

We encourage students to bring water and other healthy beverage choices to school to help support their learning, focus, and overall well-being. If energy drinks are brought to school, they will be confiscated.

Stitó:s PAC – Parent Advisory Council

Did you know that you are a member of the PAC? All parents are members of our PAC and encouraged to attend the PAC meetings. 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 October 29th @ 6:30 pm in the Foods Room #1007.



Did You Know You Can Access...

School Information

Looking for the school calendar, bell schedule, or the latest newsletter? Visit the **School Information** section of our school website for quick access to important information.

Athletic Calendar

Want to know when the next practice or game is scheduled? Check out the **Athletics Calendar** on our school website for up-to-date team schedules.

Counsellors' Corner

Looking for resources and support for students and families? Visit the **Counsellors' Corner** section of our school website to learn more.

Learning Commons

Want to see what activities, programs, and events are happening in the Learning Commons? Visit the **Learning Commons** section of our school website to learn more.

PAC Information

Looking for information about the 2026-2027 PAC Executive or upcoming PAC meetings? Visit the **Parent Information** section of our school website for the latest PAC updates.

<https://stitos.sd33.bc.ca/>

YEARBOOKS!

Order now for \$35.00
the 2026-2027 book will be a
softcover, 112-page memory
of our school year.

*The QUICKPAY link is on our school website

