



Friday, November 29, 2024

Principal's message:

Ey Swayel East Chilliwack Families,

Happy December! December is a time that is filled with excitement and anticipation as classes are decorating classrooms, practicing songs for our Winter Wonderland concerts, enjoying spirit days and much more as we countdown to the Christmas Break! With so many events, please check out the Hawks' News, your child's classroom newsletters or our website to stay updated.

Week at a Glance:

Monday, December 2

- **Red and Green Spirit Day**
- **Food Drive begins (see attached flyer)**

Tuesday, December 3

Wednesday, December 4

- **December Assembly "Be Kind/Be Safe"**

Thursday, December 5

Friday, December 6

- **Merry & Bright/Sparkle & Shimmer Spirit Day**
- Last day to enter artwork in for the concert program cover

Dress for the weather: With Winter just around the corner, please make sure your child is coming to school prepared to be outside. Proper footwear, a good coat, gloves and a toque will become necessary very soon. We go outside most days and we want the students to be properly dressed for the conditions.





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Upcoming Dates:

Dec. 10	PAC Pancake Breakfast and PJ Day
Dec. 13	Festive, Christmas wear spirit day / Christmas Store opens (see info below)
Dec. 16	Christmas store shopping
Dec. 16-18	Term 1 Learning Updates (reports) go home
Dec. 17	Last day of the Canned Food Drive
Dec. 19	Christmas concerts: Morning concert 11:00 – 12:00 Evening concert 6:00 – 7:00
Dec. 20	PJ Day and Last day of classes before the winter break
Jan. 6	Happy 2025! Classes back in session

Canned Food Drive

We are kicking off the Christmas Canned Food Drive on Dec. 2nd to support the Salvation Army and community members in need this holiday season. It's a great way to develop awareness of giving at this time of year. As an extra incentive, there will be a pizza party offered to the top K-2 and 3-5 classes!

Thanks in advance for your participation! 😊 See the attached flyer!

Your participation in this event will brighten Chilliwack families this Christmas!



"Winter Wonderland" Concert

Thursday, December 19

Morning concert: 11 am

Evening concert: 6 pm



We are looking forward to seeing you at our Winter Wonderland concert!

This will be a ticketed event as we must adhere to capacity limits. Each family will receive 2 tickets to the morning show and 2 tickets to the afternoon show. We know this limits the number of family members that can attend. You are welcome to trade tickets with friends and neighbours.

Parking for the concert:

Parking at the school is a challenge. We have arranged additional parking at the church down the road located at 49379 Chilliwack Central Road. We will have a school bus to shuttle people to and from the church parking lot before and after both concerts. We ask that you only park in designated parking spots at the church and to please respect their property as they were kind enough to allow us to use it. We also ask to please respect our neighbouring properties and to not block their driveways or park on their lawns.



Christmas Store

The grade 5 classes and the PAC will once again be hosting the Christmas Store. The money raised will be going to charity. All students will be able to purchase at least 1 (or more) gifts depending on the number of items donated. All gifts will be priced at \$2. They will be wrapped for the child to bring home. The purpose of the Christmas store is so that the students have the opportunity to purchase surprise gifts for adults in their life. We will be running the store on Dec.13th and 16th

Please start collecting items that you would like to donate to the store. Any new or gently used items that are suitable for adults would be welcome, (good time for regifting). Please do not send clothing or toys. We will be accepting donations for the Christmas store from December 2nd -12th. We would also appreciate donations of wrapping paper, gift bags, gift boxes, or gift tags. All items can be sent to school with your child to bring to their classroom.

If you would like to volunteer for helping to work at the store on December 13th or 16, please email:

lindsmartin22@gmail.com

tapomeranz@hotmail.com

sheri_massey@sd33.bc.ca



From the Office

Steps for Online Fieldtrip Permission:



SD33 Pay Online (the tab is on the school website).

-Click on the box for the fieldtrip.

-Once you've read the fieldtrip information...**you must select the homeroom teacher in the drop down menu.** If you do not select the homeroom teacher, the form won't process for payment.

The student's name automatically populates in the permission form.

-Complete all the information of the form.

-Click the box for permission and sign the form.

-Add to your cart. In the top right corner, you should see it in the cart symbol.

-Click on the cart for payment and form completion.

ECE PAC NEWSLETTER

OUR SCHOOL PANCAKE BREAKFAST WILL BE
ON DECEMBER 10TH.

The annual Christmas Store will be Friday, Dec. 13th and Monday, Dec. 16th. We will start collecting donations from Dec. 2nd to Dec. 10th. We will be looking for donations of new or gently used items that would make good gifts for adults (please no clothing or toys). We are also looking for donations of wrapping paper, gift tags, tissue paper and gifts bags.

ALL THE STUDENTS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO
BUY ITEMS THAT ARE PRICED AT \$2.00. THE ITEMS
WILL BE GIFT WRAPPED, SO THE STUDENTS CAN
SURPRISE THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS. THE GRADE 5
STUDENTS AND PARENTS WILL BE WORKING AT THE
STORE AND WRAPPING THE GIFTS.
ALL THE MONEY COLLECTED WILL BE DONATED TO A
CHARITY. THIS YEAR OUR CHARITY WILL BE HUNGRY
FOR LIFE.



MOVING PEOPLE TOWARDS LIFE
HUNGRYFORLIFE.ORG

Please see attachment for additional information about volunteering.

HOT LUNCH:

Each month, for the following month's hot lunch orders, we open the 1st Tuesday and close the 3rd Tuesday.

hotlunch.ece@gmail.com will be emailing all reminders about hot lunch and volunteers to help on Friday hand out. If they have any questions or need help with ordering, please email hotlunch.ece@gmail.com.

For December:

Dec 6th: Popeyes

Dec 13th: Hot Dogs

Dec 20th: Sinamen Bun



From the District:



All About "K" Event

This event is open to all families who have children entering Kindergarten for September 2025 in the Chilliwack School District. Although we are hosting the events at Central & Unsworth Elementary, your child can be registered at any Chilliwack Elementary School. Please join us at one of our 2 events happening at Central Elementary and Unsworth Elementary. Join us for snacks, crafts, activities, help with K registration and a time to ask general questions about Kindergarten. [All About K – sign up here.](#)

Central Elementary: Tuesday December 17th 12:00pm-1:30pm

Unsworth Elementary: Wednesday December 18th 9:00am-10:30am

If you are not registered for Kindergarten yet, we can help! Please bring the following items with you:

- a valid email address
- photo or scan showing proof of child's age and citizenship (birth certificate, passport...)
- photo or scan showing proof of residency (utility bill with your name...)
- photo or scan showing parent's proof of citizenship (I.D., passport...)
- immigration and employment information if a temporary resident in BC

*Younger siblings are welcome to join, please note that guardians are required to supervise their children at this event.



INCLEMENT WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSURE GUIDELINES

Information for Parents and Students



Inclement weather conditions such as freezing rain, significant snowfall or high wind can occur during the fall and winter months. In such conditions, decisions on the opening or closure of school district facilities are made by the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with management and supervisory staff who have checked first-hand on the driving conditions, walking/sidewalk conditions, and general condition of buildings and accessibility to sites. *For more details on how this is done, [click here](#).*

While service to students and parents is a priority and schools will be kept open as much as is reasonably possible, student and staff safety is the primary consideration.

In the event of extreme weather conditions, parents are urged to check the School District website www.sd33.bc.ca or tune into radio stations STAR FM (98.3 FM) or JR COUNTRY (89.5 FM), to receive up-to-date information on school closures and information on bussing. Reports will start after 6:00 a.m. and will be repeated often. There is no need to call your school, the School District Office or the radio station.

When there is extreme weather and schools remain open, student attendance is the parent/guardians' decision.

A **Transportation Snow Plan** is in place for students who rely on travel by school bus and live in higher elevations such as Chilliwack Mountain, Little Mountain, Majuba Hill, Ryder Lake and some areas of Columbia Valley and the Eastern Hillside. An announcement will be made should travel in these areas become challenging due to slippery road conditions.

All inclement weather announcements will be posted on the District website www.sd33.bc.ca