



Rosedale Traditional Community School

Newsletter



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Administration Message

It's hard to believe that November is behind us, and December is here! The halls are quickly changing into winter, adorned with visions of the holiday season. As toques, mittens and winter jackets become essentials, the excitement for the holiday season grows!

As we reflect on the season of giving, we need to acknowledge those who give so much to our school. Firstly, to our PAC, who have managed to feed our students, provide equipment to our PE department, give money to our Hoops for Hams, and still find ways to fundraise. They go above and beyond to support our students and we are so thankful. We would also like to thank the RTCSS Society who continually supports our school in kind and generous ways. Whether it be donations to our benevolent fund to help families, or to provide much needed resources for our school, we are forever grateful to our Community School partners!

Gratitude must also be extended to our staff who come to work and create safe spaces for our students to learn. Additionally, we are thankful for our amazing student and parent community. We get to work in the greatest community, supported by fantastic families. We appreciate the kindness and continued support from all of you.

It is hard to believe that December is here and that we are wrapping up Term 1. We are grateful to partner with each of you in your students learning journey. We are very proud of their hard work, as many of you will be when you read their report cards on December 15th. Please take time to review the comments with your child and reach out to their teacher if you have any questions.

Finally, as we head into the holiday season, please take time to do the things you enjoy with your family. We hope you find time to relax and enjoy the spirit of the season. On behalf of the Staff at Rosedale Traditional Community School, we would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday surrounded by family and friends.



Mr. Fehlauer & Mrs. Pickles,
RTCS Administration.



Hampers & Help

We currently have funds available to help support families in need. If you need some extra food support, or some help over the holidays, please don't hesitate to reach out. We would like to help as many families as we can throughout the year. Please email brian_fehlauer@sd33.bc.ca or stacey_pickles@sd33.bc.ca if you need some assistance, or know a family who does.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

This year we are planning to raise money and some holiday cheer for some families in need in our community. Funds raised will be donated to support individuals currently residing at Wilma's Transition House. The funds we raise will be used for Christmas hampers, toys for children, etc. Our goal is to raise \$1,500 by December 13th.

..... and BOY do we have some EXCITING news for you! IF we can reach our goal by December 13th, one lucky class will be drawn to win a pizza party before the Christmas break, AND one of our teaching staff members will dye their hair and will rock BRIGHT Raven Red Hair in the New Year!!

Let's work together to help some very deserving people in our community and have some fun! Let's see if we can get our mystery teacher a new hairdo for the New Year!!

Students can bring their cash donations to their homeroom teacher starting on Monday, November 21st. This fundraiser ends on December 13th!

Your support is greatly appreciated!



Christmas Concert

Our Band 7 and 8 Christmas Concert is being held at 1:00 pm on the afternoons of Wednesday, December 7th and Thursday, December 8th. Band students are to wear their black polo shirt and black pants/skirt. We hope you can join us!



UPCOMING EVENTS



- December 2
 - End of Term 1
 - Canned Food Drive Begins
 - Div. 62 / Curling @ Chwk Curling Club
 - Grade 7 Trip / Cottonwood Theatre
- December 5
 - Spirit Week – Pajama Day
 - Start of Term 2
 - RTCS PAC Meeting (6:30 pm)
- December 6
 - Spirit Week / Ugly Sweater / Red & Green Day
 - Div. 2H Trip / Project Climbing Centre
- December 7
 - Spirit Week / Dress Like Your Favorite Teacher Day
 - Band Concert in the MPR (1:00 pm)
- December 8
 - Spirit Week / Decades Day
 - Band Concert in the MPR (1:00 pm)
- December 9
 - Spirit Week / City or Country
 - Div. 63 / Curling @ Chwk Curling Club
- December 13
 - Elementary Choir Trip / Chilliwack Lifestyles Seniors Community
- December 15
 - Report Cards Issued (Grades K-8)
- December 16
 - Casual Friday
 - Hoops for Hams Assembly
 - Grade 6-8 Skating @ Chwk Coliseum
 - Last day of Regular Classes before Christmas Holidays
- December 19 – January 2
 - Christmas Holidays
- January 3
 - School Reopens

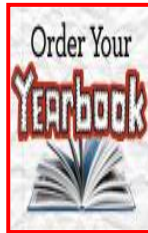


Lost & Found

Our lost and found is starting to get quite full. If your child is missing clothing, please stop by to take a look or ask your child to take a look. Also, a friendly reminder to label your children's clothing so we can help return clothing we find.

Yearbook Reminder

Just a reminder to order your school yearbook early. The cost of the Yearbook is currently **\$40.00** if you order from the school office and pay before December 31st. The price of the yearbook will increase to \$45.00 after December 31st.



Dress for Outside

Oh, the weather outside can be frightful!"



As the weather turns colder, we request that you please send your child with a jacket and other appropriate warm clothing. We will be outside at recess and lunch on most days and want to ensure that everyone is dressed comfortably.

School District #33 Inclement Weather School Closure guidelines are included in this newsletter, as well as information on how District sites and road conditions are assessed.

Kindergarten Registration

Online registration for next year is now open. If you know any students who will be entering Kindergarten next year, please remind them to register in order to secure a spot. Please reach out to our office staff if you have any questions or need some help with the registration process.

Hoops for Hams

As we head into December it's time once again for the RTCS Hoops for Hams!



All students (K-8) are invited to participate, and each class will have scheduled days to come into the gym to shoot their hoops. Each entry is \$.50 cents for elementary grades, and \$1.00 for middle grades. Each entry includes an entry into the draw for hams and stuffies to be drawn for at the finals on Friday, December 16th.

Elementary Hoops for Hams Schedule:

- Monday, December 5:
→ Mrs. Edwards & Mrs. Wiley
- Tuesday, December 6:
→ Ms. Crosby & Mrs. Kohuch
- Wednesday, December 7:
→ Ms. Moens & Ms. Head
- Thursday, December 8:
→ Mrs. Bauder & Mrs. McConnell
- Friday, December 9:
→ Mrs. Maarhuis & Mrs. Patterson
- Monday, December 12:
→ Mrs. Jones & Ms. Gill
- Tuesday, December 13:
→ Ms. Ablitt



Grade 6-8 Hoops for Hams Schedule:

- December 5 → Grade 8's
- December 6 → Grade 7's
- December 7 → Grade 6's
- December 8 → Grade 8's
- December 9 → Grade 7's
- December 12 → Grade 6's
- December 13 → Drop in for all Grades

*** Final Celebrations on Friday, December 16th!



RTCS P.A.C. November News

Rosedale Traditional Community School Parent Advisory Council (RTCS PAC)

Our Mission: "To support, encourage & improve the quality of education and the wellbeing of students in Rosedale Traditional Community School."

Next PAC Meeting:

Monday, December 5th

@ 6:30pm in the School Library

Please join the [Rosedale Traditional Community School PAC Facebook Page](#) for updates and information on upcoming fundraisers and events.

Questions or Suggestions for PAC? Contact: **Lauren Mitchell, PAC Chairperson** - RTCS-PAC@sd33.bc.ca

Winter Fundraiser Pickup

Purdy's, Poinsettias & Neufeld Farm Market
Orders will be available for pickup:

Thursday, December 8th
from 2:00 - 2:30 pm



Pickup will be around the side of the school by the
Community Entrance/Daycare Playground –
Just look for the signs and the Neufeld truck!



We do not have the space to store orders, especially frozen items.

**If you are unable to pickup at that date/time, please make
arrangements ahead of time by emailing RTCS-PAC@sd33.bc.ca**

Thank you to everyone who has participated
in our fundraisers so far this year!

Breakfast Program

*Did you know that the RTCS PAC operates a
FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM
that is available to all students from 7:30 am - 8:00 am
in the multi-purpose room every morning?*

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

We rely on parent volunteers to serve breakfast – it's a great way to give back and start your day! If you are interested in volunteering, swing by the cafeteria kitchen between 7:30 am - 8:00 am any morning to check out what we do, or join our [RTCS Breakfast Program Facebook Group](#).

***Thank you to our AMAZING crew of volunteers
and those who have made financial or baking donations –
this program could not happen without you!***





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



How are District Sites and Road Conditions Assessed during Inclement Weather?

Beginning at approximately 2:00 a.m., a team of maintenance and transportation staff begin investigating road conditions and conditions at district sites. Unpredictable conditions can be a result of the varying elevations within Chilliwack. For this reason, road assessments take place in the following areas:

Rosedale, Popkum, Little Mountain and Chilliwack Mountain, Columbia Valley (to the U.S. Border), Chilliwack Lake Road (to Allison Pools), Promontory, Ryder Lake (to Look-Out Point), Prest Road, Marble Hill, Yarrow (including Majuba Hill), and Greendale.

District crews provide an estimated time that snow and ice will be cleared from parking lots, sidewalks and busses. The Manager of Transportation also consults with City of Chilliwack Maintenance Staff and the Fraser Valley Regional District (EMIL Anderson). Weather reports and storm warnings are taken into consideration for the day. Other concerns include fallen or low-lying trees, power failures, accidents and traffic flow. Sidewalks that have excessive snow due to snow removal off the streets are also a safety concern, especially along corridors where students would normally walk to school.

Decisions are also made based on weather conditions forecasted for the "whole day". If weather changes mid-day there is no way for us to bring students home early because in many cases both parents are working, or may not be home.

Once area assessments are complete, the Facilities/Transportation Team meet to compare their observations. A recommendation is then made to the Superintendent of Schools prior to 5:00 a.m.

How do we make a decision to announce a Snow Day?

Once a recommendation is received, the Superintendent of Schools makes a decision based on the information provided; taking into account the safety of students and staff as a primary concern.

A district announcement is immediately placed on the local radio stations, School District website and social media sites. Notification is also sent to staff, District partners, Community/NLC Coordinators, Daycares and Preschools.

Snow Days are announced on a day-by-day basis only. If inclement weather should continue for more than one day, a routine assessment will occur each day with recommendations brought forward prior to an announcement.

Should inclement weather occur over a weekend, Community School/NLC Coordinators and Principals at these sites are updated and notified of any closures so they may plan accordingly should they need to cancel rentals and re-schedule planned events. For this reason, Community School and NLC sites (or sites hosting significant events) are given priority for snow removal on weekends.

Principals should notify Facilities Staff of significant planned events (including weekend events) booked at their site so that snow removal crews can be scheduled accordingly.

SPIRIT OF THE PEOPLE

CULTURAL NIGHTS

Every Tuesday

Starting: November 1

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Come out and learn:

Drumming

Dancing

Regalia Making

Hosted by: Breanna Tso



Chilliwack Secondary School

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