



Rosedale Traditional Community School

Newsletter



Chilliwack
School District

November 2023



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Administration Message

How can it be that we are already placing October in the rearview mirror? While students are well settled into their classroom routines, we are also seeing the building come alive with extra-curricular activities. Students were able to participate in cross-country, soccer, and volleyball. Thank you to the many coaches for providing opportunities to our students outside the classroom.

October was a busy month full of learning, assessments and fun. Many of our classes were able to head out on fieldtrips to places like The Browne Creek Wetlands, Manning Park, and Lindeman Lake just to name a few. We thank our teachers for creating outdoor opportunities for our students. Our Leadership class also created a buzz of fun during the last week of October. From Boo Grams to the Halloween Fashion Show and the Halloween Dance to Pumpkin Carving, each student was invited to take part in some fun! Thank you to Ms. Hannah and the Leadership class for their hard work.

We have so enjoyed getting to know our many new students and families. Please continue to connect if you have any questions or concerns. As always, it is important to keep lines of communication open with our teachers and we invite you to check out our Facebook page and school website. There are also opportunities to connect by volunteering or joining a PAC meeting. Every voice is important.

Please continue to take care of one another.



Mr. Fehlauer & Ms. Charlie,
Administration.



Vandalism



We are seeing increasing incidents of vandalism in the washrooms at school. Please speak with your students about the importance of respecting all spaces within the school.

Hampers & Help

The RTCSS Society has generously donated funds 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 if you need some assistance or know a family who does.

Kindergarten Registration



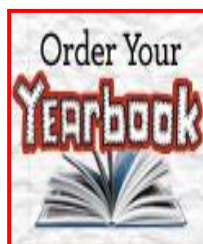
Online registration for next year is now open. If you know any students who will be entering Kindergarten next year, please remind them to register in order to secure a spot. Please reach out to our office staff if you have any questions or need some help with the registration process.

School Photo Retakes

If your child missed the first photo day or would like a photo retake, school photo retakes will be taken in the morning on Wednesday, November 8th Wear your black uniform shirt!




Yearbook Reminder

Just a reminder to order your school yearbook early. The cost of the Yearbook is currently **\$45.00** if you order from the school office and pay before December 31st. The price of the yearbook will increase to \$50.00 after December 31st. We ran out of yearbooks last year so be sure to order one for your son or daughter soon!



UPCOMING EVENTS



- November 6
..... Grade 6 Immunizations 
- November 8
..... School Photo Retake Day – Grades K-8 (Wear Black Uniform Shirts)
..... School Class Photos (Grades K-5)
..... National Indigenous Veterans Day
- November 9
..... Remembrance Day Assembly (am)
..... Last Day of Grade 7 ADST Quarter 1 Classes
- November 10
..... Non-Instructional Day (School Closed)
- November 11
..... Remembrance Day 
- November 13
..... Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday (School Closed)
- November 14
..... First Day of Grade 7 ADST Quarter 2 Classes
..... Elementary Class Pictures
- November 15
..... RTCS PAC Pancake Breakfast
- November 16
..... Div. 1B, 1D and 12 Trip / Blue Heron Nature Reserve
- November 17
..... Casual Friday 
..... Rock Your Mocs Day @ RTCS (Wear Your Moccasins to school!)
- November 24
..... Non-Instructional Day (School Closed)
- November 27
..... RTCS PAC Meeting (6:30 pm)
- November 27 – December 1
..... Scholastic Book Fair in the Library

Student Charges

All student charges can now be paid online at <https://www.studentquickpay.com/sd33/>

- Pay selected schools fees, view your payment history, and print receipts.
- Order Ravens Phys. Ed. clothing.
- Make fee payments for all School District middle/high school students in your family at one time.

Christmas Band Concert



Save the date! Our Christmas Band Concert (Grades 7 and 8) is scheduled for Thursday, December 14th at 7:00 pm. We will have guest performances by the Jazz Band and Choir from Chilliwack Senior Secondary.

RTCS Leadership Fundraiser

Last month, the RTCS Leadership class held some fundraisers in hopes of raising funds for the Terry Fox Foundation. We are very happy to announce that a **total of \$5,484.40 was raised!** Thank you to everyone that contributed to such a worthy cause!



Yearbook Baby Photos & Personalization

We are collecting Grade 8 Baby Pictures for a special layout planned for our graduating students. The photos are due on November 30th, 2023.

Do you want to make the book more special and unique for each student? You can personalize it by adding student name and up to four affiliation icons printed on the yearbook cover. Submit your Personalization Form before November 30th, 2023.

News from the Library

Coming Nov. 27 - Dec. 1



for your reading pleasure
and maybe even some **holiday shopping!**
Your purchases support the school library and classrooms.

Save the Date! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! Your investment in your reader helps our whole school. All purchases earn Scholastic Dollars that can be redeemed for books and educational resources for our school's classrooms and library. The countdown to more "Bookjoy" is on! See you at the Fair!

Star Readers! The Star Reader program is once again happening at Rosedale. Congratulations to those who have turned in 25 nights; some of you will be turning in 50 nights for prizes this week! All elementary students are invited to participate in Star Reading, working toward up to 150 nights of reading. This program is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club ~ thanks, Kiwanis. How do students "earn" their nights? Each evening your child reads (or is read to) for 15 minutes gets recorded in their "Reading Log" (in Agenda Book for intermediate or on a red paper for the classes that don't use agendas). Once a set of 25 nights has been completed, students bring the log to the library to receive a prize and to earn their name being displayed in the hallway trophy case. There will be special presentations upon reaching 100 nights. It is never too late to join and if another "Reading Log" is needed, they are available in the library or online at <https://rtcs.sd33.bc.ca/library> > click on Star Readers > scroll to the bottom to access the pdf.

Thank You Library Volunteers!

Mrs. Porro sends a HUGE thank you to all the library volunteers. The library runs smoothly thanks to their amazing support. Our middle school students play a large role in the success of this library and are greatly appreciated.

RTCS PAC Update

**Rosedale Traditional Community School
Parent Advisory Council (RTCS PAC)**

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

Next PAC Meeting

Monday, November 27th @ 6:30 pm in the School Library
Babysitting is provided on-site!

The RTCS PAC meets about once a month throughout the school year. All parents/guardians are members and welcome to attend. PAC meetings are a great way to find out what is happening in the school and across the district. We are always open to new ideas & *would love to meet you!*

Next Pancake Breakfast

Wednesday, November 15th
VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED from 6:30 am - 8:30 am

Once a month we serve students a pancake breakfast to over two hundred students in 30 minutes. This is a big undertaking and we need at least six volunteers to pull off making pancakes, prepping and serving food and cleaning up when it's done.

If you are available to help, please let us know by emailing RTCS-PAC@sd33.bc.ca

Breakfast Program

Every School Morning
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED from 7:30-8:30 am

The RTCS PAC operates a **FREE breakfast program** for all students every school morning from 7:30-8:00 am in the multi-purpose room every morning. In order for this program to continue we rely on parent volunteers to help serve breakfast or provide donations of nut-free baking to make this program sustainable.

If you are available to help, please let us know by emailing RTCS-PAC@sd33.bc.ca

Thank you to our amazing crew of volunteers - This program could not happen without you!

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:*
Kristi Dryden, PAC Chairperson - RTCS-PAC@sd33.bc.ca

RTCS PAC..... Continued...

RTCS PAC - November Fundraisers

Purdys Chocolates

From now until **November 17th**, you can order Purdys treats online! Browse the tastiest selection of Holiday chocolates and find delicious gifts in one convenient place for clients, friends, family and yourself. All submitted and paid in full orders will be sent home Dec 1.

Orders & Payment Due: Friday, Nov 17th
<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1769656-108441>
Campaign #23829

CLICK OR COPY LINK FOR:
Digital Catalogue

<https://www.purdys.com/media/wysiwyg/GnF/xmas2023/SF-Xmas-Catalogue-2023-v7.pdf>

Printable Order Form

https://www.purdys.com/media/wysiwyg/GnF/xmas2023/order-form/XMAS-Order-Form-2023_Tax_Included_BC.pdf

Drop off order forms and payment to school office
Paper Order Form Payment: cash or cheque made out to "RTCS PAC"

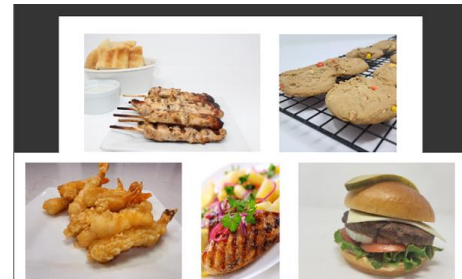


Neufeld Farms

Stock up on winter favourites! Online ordering will be open November 10th.

For more information keep an eye on the Rosedale Traditional Community School PAC Facebook Page

Online Ordering Opens: November 10th



Rosedale Traditional Community School PAC
NEUFELD FARMS FUNDRAISER

Popcorn

It's back by popular demand!
Locally grown Rosedale popcorn, that you pop off the cob!

Ordering will be open early November.
For more information keep an eye on the Rosedale Traditional Community School PAC Facebook Page

Ordering Opens: Early November



Fraser Health: Healthy Schools Message

Protect children from respiratory illnesses this winter:

Respiratory illnesses tend to increase as we spend more time indoors. Common colds, the flu and COVID-19 spread through tiny droplets as people who are sick breathe, talk, cough or sneeze. When other people touch these droplets and then their eyes, mouth, or nose before washing their hands they may become sick.

There are a handful of steps both children and adults can take to protect themselves and limit the spread of respiratory illnesses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use alcohol-based sanitizer if soap and water is not available.
- Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, mouth and nose.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow.
- If you have symptoms, stay home and stay away from people at higher risk of serious illness.



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Flu and COVID-19 vaccinations

The best way to protect others and reduce the risk of getting sick with the flu and COVID-19 is to [get immunized](#). The flu and COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and available for free to anyone aged six months and older.

It is much safer to get the vaccines than to get the illnesses. Register your children with the Get Vaccinated system so that you can be invited to book their vaccinations when they are due.

Learn more here: <https://ow.ly/5WWe50PYIYC>

Facebook:

Anyone aged six months and older is eligible for both the flu vaccine and the COVID-19 vaccine. Protect your child this respiratory season by getting vaccinated. Find more information about immunizations on Fraser Health's website: <https://ow.ly/H0Wu50PYIMX>.

Twitter:

Protect yourself and your child from respiratory illness this winter by getting immunized with the recommended vaccines. Learn more about immunizations on Fraser Health's website: <https://ow.ly/Q3BA50PYIPq>

Instagram:

Protect yourself and your child from respiratory illness this winter by getting immunized with the recommended vaccines. Learn more: <https://ow.ly/hVO650PYIXQ>



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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Chilliwack schools are accepting Kindergarten registrations
for **September 2024.**

IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE FIVE YEARS OLD BEFORE
DECEMBER 31, 2024, PLEASE REGISTER AT:



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



RTCS Multicultural Awareness Calendar

We are privileged to be a multicultural community of staff, students, and families here at Rosedale Traditional Community School. We hope to strengthen our community by learning from each other about the important days we recognize throughout the year. Each month, we will share a list of days typically found on our Canadian calendar, but please let us know of any we might miss. Together, let's nurture a culture of kindness and acceptance at RTCS!

NOVEMBER 2023

Date	Celebrations and Recognitions
Nov. 1	All Saints' Day (aka All Hallows' Day): festival celebrated in honour of all the saints (Christian)
Nov. 2	All Souls' Day: commemorates the souls of Christians who have died (Christian)
Nov. 4	Lhabab Düchen: one of four Buddhist festivals commemorating four events in the life of Buddha according to Tibetan traditions (Buddhist)
Nov. 8	National Indigenous Veterans' Day: honours the important contributions of Indigenous Peoples in service to Canada.
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day: commemorates the members of the armed forces who have sacrificed their lives during the World Wars and other military efforts historically and currently (Canada)
Nov. 12	Diwali: or Deepavali is the Hindu festival of lights celebrated every year in autumn in the northern hemisphere (spring in the southern hemisphere) (Hindu).
Nov. 16	Birth of the Bab: Celebrates the birth of the Bab, the founder of Bábism, and one of the central figures of the Bahá'í Faith (Bahá'í).
Nov. 20	Transgender Day of Remembrance: A day to memorialize those who have been murdered as a result of transphobia and to bring attention to the continued violence endured by the transgender community.
Nov. 25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women: Designated by the UN, this is a day to raise awareness of the fact that women around the world are subject to forms of violence (international).
Nov. 26	Day of the Covenant: Commemorating Bahá'u'lláh's appointment of His son, 'Abdu'l-Bahá, as the One to whom His followers should turn after His passing (Bahá'í).
Nov. 28	Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá: marks the passing of Abdu'l-Bahá in 1921 (Bahá'í).
Nov. 28	Nativity Fast: A period of abstinence and penance practiced by the Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox and Eastern Catholic churches in preparation for the Nativity of Jesus; ends January 6, 2024 (Christian).

The RTCS Multicultural Committee welcomes your feedback! Please contact our English Language Learners teacher, Karla Buxton (karla_buxton@sd33.bc.ca).

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Dear Grade 8 Students & Parents:

BABY PHOTO FOR YEARBOOK

The RTCS Yearbook Committee is putting the finishing touches on the yearbook and hope it will be one of the best. In the past years we have set aside a portion of the book that is dedicated to the Grade 8 students who will be leaving Rosedale. We would like to continue this tradition. This dedication is in the form of a baby photo and some warm wishes or comments that the parents or guardians wish to express to their child.

There is a small fee of **\$10.00** that is required to be paid before the photo will be put into the yearbook. The photo will be returned to the student to take home once we are finished. The photo should be standard size 4x6 or a digital file and will most likely be cropped.

Instructions:

Please complete the attached form and return it along with the photo and payment to the school office. Payment can be made by cash or a cheque (payable to Rosedale Traditional Community School) for the cost of the comment and picture that you would like to have placed in the yearbook.

Sincerely,
RTCS Yearbook Committee

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING YOUR PHOTO IS:

November 30th, 2023 (Thursday)

Grade 8 Ad -- Order Form

Name of Student: _____

There is limited room on the page. Please fill in all letters below, including the spaces.

Custom Ad Message:

Example:

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OR

Stock Ad Message:

All stock messages:
(please check one):

- Congratulations on a job well done.
- May the future bring you much joy, love, and happiness.
- To your future! We love you and wish you all the best.
- Way to go! You've made us very proud.
- Believe in yourself and follow your dreams.
- We are so proud of your hard work and success.
- Best wishes for the future. We'll always be here for you.

Love or Best wishes: (please circle one):

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Please include:

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- Cash **OR** Cheque (payable to Rosedale Traditional Community School)

AND

- Baby Photo (or email: wenhui_chen@sd33.bc.ca)



GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

KidSport BC Provincial Fund

KidSport provides funding for kids from families that need financial support to help cover the cost of sport registration fees #SoALLKidsCanPlay! KidSport BC's Provincial Fund supports kids from communities that don't have a KidSport chapter. Max grant: up to \$400 per child per calendar year.

HOW TO APPLY

1

REGISTER YOUR CHILD IN A SPORT

- Sport must be affiliated with the member sport organizations of Sport BC (see sportbc.com/members)
- Programs should be a min. of 6 weeks with at least one session per week

2

SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION

- Applications can be submitted online or using our paper form, ideally prior to the start of the sport program
- Online applications require your Notice of Assessment showing line 15000 from the most recent tax year* for all income earners in the household, OR
- If you're applying using the paper form you must submit one of:
 - Your most recent Notice of Assessment for all income earners in the household
 - Proof of foster parent status, income assistance or disability assistance
 - OR have a trusted professional endorse your application to verify your financial need
- Completed paper applications can be submitted by email, mail or fax.

3

IF APPROVED, FUNDS ARE SENT TO THE SPORT CLUB

- Please allow up to 60 days for notification of application status
- The KidSport chapter must be notified if the athlete withdraws from the sport activity

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- ✓ Kids years old 18 and younger
- ✓ Facing financial hardships*
- ✓ Registered in an eligible sport program
- ✗ Camps, equipment, dance, travel, fundraising, and championships do not qualify.

*KidSport considers social and economic barriers facing the athlete's family when determining eligibility for funding. Statistics Canada's Low Income Guidelines (LICO) are used as a guideline to determine financial eligibility. If your income is higher, extenuating circumstances can also be taken into account.

CONTACT US

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fax 604-333-3401

kidsport.ca/british-columbia

Privacy and Confidentiality

KidSport™ respects your privacy. We never sell, trade or loan your information to any other organization. Information provided in this application is being collected for the purpose of administering KidSport grants. This information will only be disclosed to KidSport personnel who need the information to carry out the responsibilities of their job, and to other organizations who may need to be contacted to process the application. Statistics are reported at the regional, provincial, and national level. Individuals are not personally identified. By completing this application form you agree to have all collected information stored in our online database system.





KidSport™ Grant Application Form

SECTION 1: ATHLETE/CHILD INFORMATION

First Name:	Last name:
City:	Age (18 and under):
Gender:	Birth Date (YYYY-MM-DD):
Please select if you are one of the following populations: <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous <input type="checkbox"/> Athlete with a disability <input type="checkbox"/> New Canadian (resided in Canada for less than 10 years)	
Has this child received KidSport™ funding before? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

SECTION 2: PARENT OR GUARDIAN

First Name:	Last Name:
Mailing Address:	
City:	Postal Code:
Phone:	Email:
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Parent / Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Dual Parent / Guardian	Number of children in home: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7+
How did you find out about KidSport: <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Organization <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Centre <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Please complete the following section. All boxes must be checked, and application must be signed for application to be processed:	
<input type="checkbox"/> The information presented in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I have read and agree to the privacy policy (see guidelines).	
<input type="checkbox"/> I give KidSport permission to contact me.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I agree to and understand that while KidSport is providing funding to cover the fees associated with my child's activity/sport, I will not hold KidSport responsible, nor will I take legal action under any circumstance (i.e. injury, etc.).	
Signature of parent/guardian:	Date:

SECTION 3: SPORT ORGANIZATION

Sport:	Club/League/School Name:
Sport Start Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)	Sport End Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)
Mailing Address:	
City:	Postal Code:
Telephone:	Email:
Total Registration Cost:	Grant Request: (max \$400)

SECTION 4: FINANCIAL OR ENDORSER INFORMATION (provide one of A or B below)

A) **Financial Information** - Please attach a copy of ONE of the following for ALL income earners in the household:

- Notice of Assessment (line 15000) from most recent tax year
- Proof of Foster Parent Status
- Proof of Income Assistance or Disability Assistance

B) **Endorser Information** - To be completed by a professional who is familiar with the family's social/economic barriers (i.e., social worker, religious leader, counsellor, physician, principal, etc.) The endorser cannot be associated with the benefiting organization.

Name:	Position and Organization:
Mailing address:	City and Postal Code:
Email Address:	Phone Number:
I have thoroughly read and understand the guidelines of KidSport™ and agree this applicant meets the guidelines. I believe the family of this applicant has financial need and a grant from KidSport™ is essential to the child's participation in a season of sport. I agree to participate in a brief telephone follow-up if required.	
Endorser Signature:	Date:

CHILLIWACK SCHOOL DISTRICT

WRESTLING PROGRAM

Chilliwack Secondary is proud to host the SD33 Wrestling Program. This team is open to athletes of all abilities from all middle and high schools in the district.

PRACTICES



- Practices run November 6, 2023 - February 16, 2024 @ CSS Middle School / Junior practices Mondays/Wednesdays 3:00-4:15 pm
Senior practices T/TH 3:15-4:45 pm

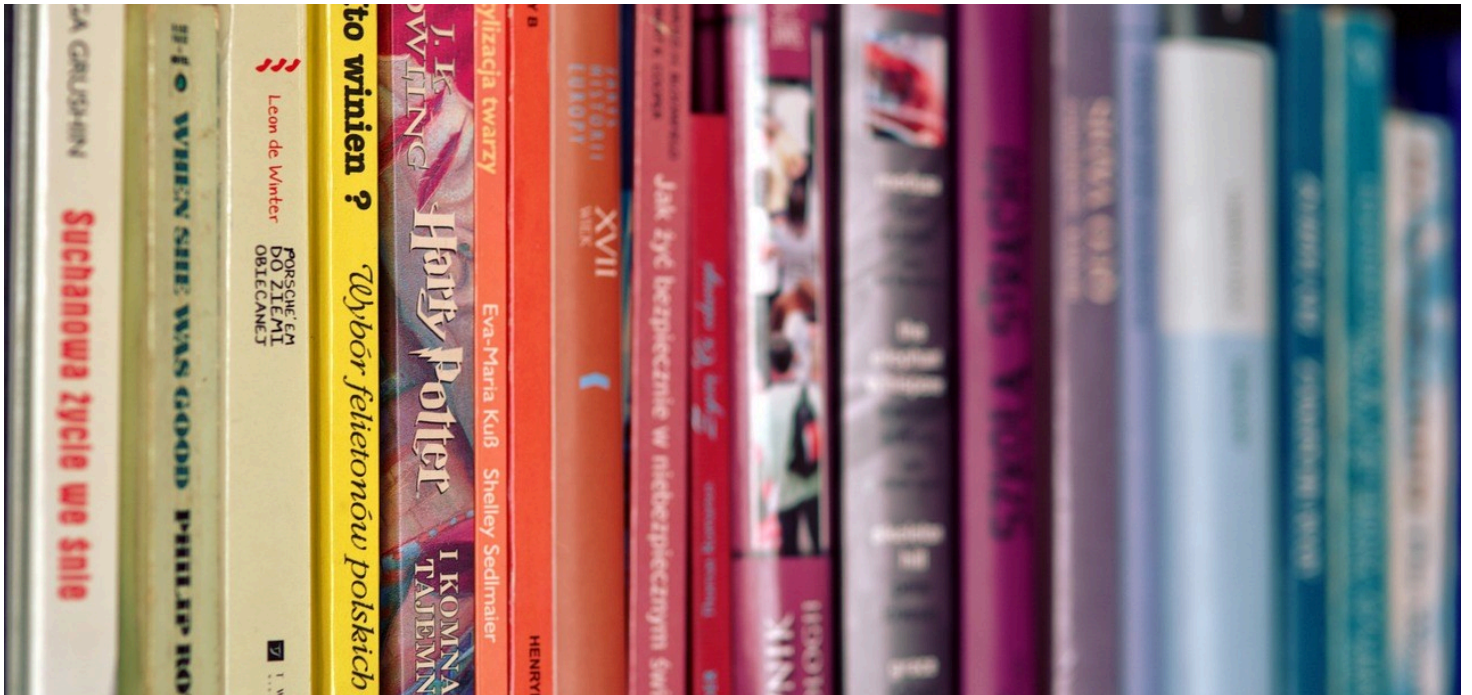
COACHING

We welcome back our senior coach, Jenna Gillies, a former SD33 wrestler who trained at SFU, winning Pan-Am Juniors and many NCAA titles. Jenna is assisted by Steven King in our junior program, returning senior volunteers, and teachers Sarah Lee and Jillian Sterkenburg.

COMPETITION

Students involved in our program will be provided the opportunity to compete at several skill - and age-appropriate BCSS events. Wrestlers compete for their individual schools within the EVAA Zone and can qualify for BCSS Provincials.

For more information contact Ms. Kirsty Fearn, RTCS Athletics Director -- kirsty_fearn@sd33.bc.ca



BeTWEEN Book Club

No registration required, this month's title is now available to pick up.

Tuesday, Nov 28,
6:30 - 7:30 pm

Love to read and talk about books? Join our monthly BeTWEEN Book Club as we read books, have lively discussions, eat snacks and meet other book lovers!

Recommended for ages 9 -12.



Chilliwack Library
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FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY



**Chilliwack
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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 Hillsides. 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.