



December 2023



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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 school, and still find time 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 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 & Ms. Charlie,  
RTCS 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](mailto:brian_fehlauer@sd33.bc.ca) if you need some assistance or know a family who does.

## Kindergarten Registration



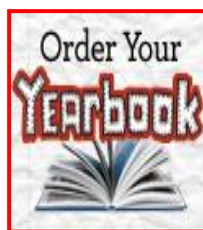
Online registration for next year is now open. If you know any students who will be entering Kindergarten next year, please remind them to register in order to secure a spot. Please reach out to our office staff if you have any questions or need some help with the registration process.

## Lost and Found

We have an abundance of clothing in our lost and found. If your child is missing something, please stop by and take a look at what has been collected off the playground and around the school so far this year. Any items left after December 22<sup>nd</sup> will be donated to a local charity.

## 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 31<sup>st</sup>. The price of the yearbook will increase to \$50.00 after December 31<sup>st</sup>.



## UPCOMING EVENTS



- December 4
  - ..... Canned Food Drive Begins
- December 5
  - ..... PAC Fundraiser Pick Up – 2:00 pm (Neufeld Farms & Popcorn Orders)
- December 8
  - ..... End of Term 1
- December 11
  - ..... Start of Term 2
- December 13
  - ..... PAC Student Pancake Breakfast – 7:30 am
  - ..... Div. 3E, 3W & 34 / Skating Trip / Coliseum
- December 14
  - ..... Winter Band Concert – 7:00 pm
- December 15
  - ..... Krispy Kreme Fundraiser Order Deadline
- December 18-22
  - ..... Spirit Week (Grades K-8)
- December 18
  - ..... Red & Green Day
  - ..... Elementary Christmas Show – 12:30 pm
  - ..... Krispy Kreme Orders Delivered
- December 19
  - ..... Funky Sweater & Sock Day
  - ..... Canned Food Drive Ends
- December 20
  - ..... Formal Day / Winter Ball
- December 21
  - ..... PJ Day
  - ..... Term 1 Report Cards Issued (K-8)
- December 22
  - ..... Casual Friday
  - ..... Last Day of Regular Classes Before Winter Holidays
  - ..... Grades 6-8 Skating @ the Coliseum
  - ..... Last Day of Grade 6 ADST & Fine Arts Rotation 2
- January 8, 2024
  - ..... School Reopens after Winter Holidays
  - ..... Start of Grade 6 ADST & Fine Arts Rotation 3



## Student Charges

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

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

## Field Trip Consent Forms

All student field trip consent / permission forms, (for all Grades K-8), are now required to be completed electronically – this applies to all field trips with or without a cost to them. Parents simply need to login to their student quick pay account and locate the form under the Field Trip heading. Once you select the field trip form to be completed, fill out the required information, then click the submit button. If there is a cost for the field trip, the charge will automatically be added to your child’s account to be paid. **Note: All fields on the consent/permission form must be fully completed or the form will not be submitted.**

Attached to this newsletter are instructions on how to access Student Quick Pay and complete online field trip consent forms.

## Christmas Band Concert



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

## Leadership Update

### SALVATION ARMY CANNED FOOD DRIVE:



**Begins:** Monday, December 4  
**Ends:** Tuesday, December 19

**While all donations are welcome, the Salvation Army has kindly asked us to focus on collecting the following:**

- **2 points:** canned soup, canned vegetables, or tinned lunch (e.g., Ravioli, Alphagetti, Chef Boyardee, etc.)
- **3 points:** cans on the recommended list with a ‘pop top’
- **3 points:** for each dollar donated
- **3 points:** can openers
- **1 point:** items not on the Salvation Army list - All donations are welcome!

### CLASSROOM / HOMEROOM COMPETITION:

**The Elementary class and middle homeroom with the highest points wins a pizza party!**

### KRISPY KREME:

*Proceeds support Leadership - Leadership supports community/school events and initiatives.*

**Begins:** Monday, December 4  
**Ends:** Friday, December 15

**Cost:** \$20.00/Box

**Payment Options:** Order through your child’s “student quick pay” account OR bring in cash and order form.

**Delivery:** Monday, December 18

**After School Sale:** Monday, December 18  
Price: \$2.00/doughnut

### Spirit Week:

Monday, December 18 - **Red & Green Day**

Tuesday, December 19 - **Funky Sweater / Socks Day**

Wednesday, December 20 - **Formal Day/Winter Ball**

Thursday, December 21 - **PJ Day**

Friday, December 22 - **Casual Day**



### School Uniforms

We are noticing a number of students coming to school not wearing school uniforms. Please remind your student to wear their uniform each day unless it is a casual Friday or special theme day. For uniform guidelines, please visit the dress code section of our website.

### Leadership Update

Some elementary classes and the Christmas Choir will be putting on a Christmas show! This will be a fun, informal performance held in our big gym on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:30. Participating classes will be singing one song. All friends and family are welcome to attend. In lieu of tickets, we ask that you bring a food bank donation to the show.

### RTCS PAC Update

#### 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."*

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#### **Popcorn & Neufeld Farms Pick Up**

**Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-2:30 pm**

Pick up will be around the side of the school by the Community Entrance/Daycare Playground  
Just look for the Neufeld Farms truck.

*We do not have the space to store orders, especially frozen items so please arrive on time.*

**Thank you so much everyone, for participating in our winter fundraisers!**

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#### **Next Pancake Breakfast**

**Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30-8:00 am for students**

***VOLUNTEERS 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 event needs at least six volunteers to help make pancakes and other foods, 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](mailto:RTCS-PAC@sd33.bc.ca)

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#### **Next PAC Meeting**

**Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm in the School Library**

***Childcare will be 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 and *would love to meet you!*

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For updates and information on upcoming fundraisers and events, please join our Facebook page: [Rosedale Traditional Community School PAC Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/RCTSPAC) | <https://www.facebook.com/RCTSPAC>  
*Questions or Suggestions for PAC? Contact: Kristi Dryden, PAC Chairperson - [RTCS-PAC@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:RTCS-PAC@sd33.bc.ca)*



**RTCS PAC Update - continued**

RTCS PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



## Interested?

Email us at [rtcs-pac@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:rtcs-pac@sd33.bc.ca)

### WE NEED HELP WITH:

**DECEMBER 2023**

Breakfast Club	Every school morning	7:30 - 8:30 am
Pancake Breakfast	Dec 13	6:30 - 8:30 am

**JANUARY 2024**

Breakfast Club	Every school morning	7:30 - 8:30 am
Pancake Breakfast	Jan 17	6:30 - 8:30 am
Book Exchange & Sale (Set-up)	Jan 24	TBC
Book Exchange & Sale (Event)	Jan 25	TBC

**Celebrate STEM**

A fun exploration of natural sciences, designed to inspire girls and marginalized genders aged 11-14 to fulfill their curiosity & consider a future in STEM!



with *Dr. Carin Bondar*

**Where:** Stó:lō Territory  
 UFV Chilliwack  
 45190 Caen Ave, Building A  
 Indigenous Meeting Space  
**When:** 6-8:30pm

**Food! Art! Prizes!**



UFV Science communication students Manjot Benning (left), Rhien Hare (ctr), Jusnoor Dheria (right) and Taylor Evans (not pictured) will be taking turns moderating alongside Dr. Bondar.

**October 13** – Mt. Slesse, Stitos  
**November 17** – AD Rundle, Chilliwack Middle  
**January 12** – Rosedale Traditional, Vedder Middle  
**February 9** – Chilliwack Secondary  
**March 15** – GWG, Distance Education students  
**April 05** – Imagine High and Kwiyeqel  
**May 10** – Sardis Secondary

Background Image – Stó:lō logo

**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/HOWu50PYIMX>.

**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/Q3BA50PYIPg>

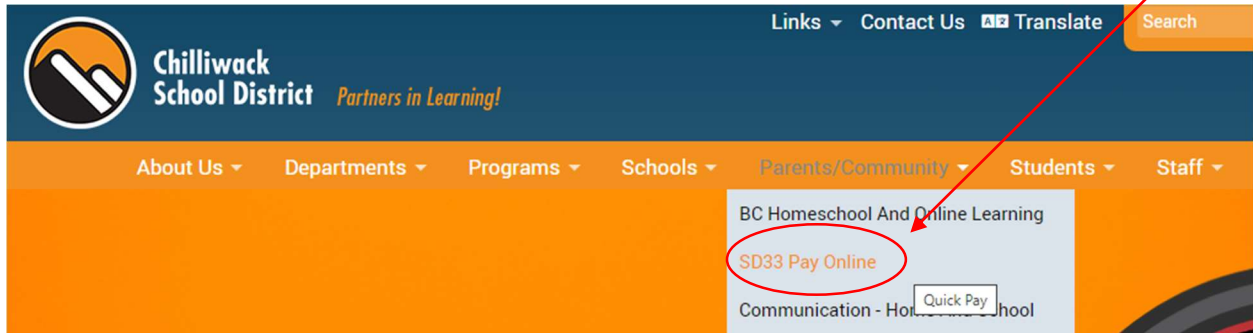
**Instagram:**

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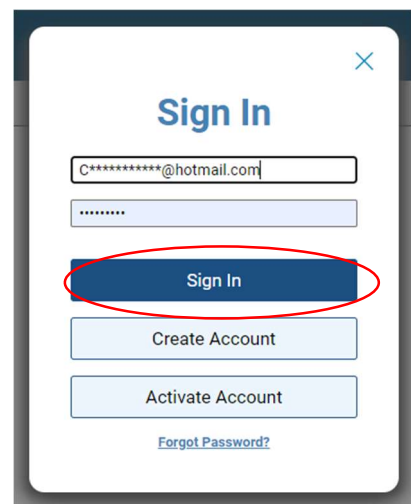
## Student Quick Pay & Field Trip Permission Forms

To fill out a field trip form for your child on [Student Quick Pay](#), please follow the steps below:

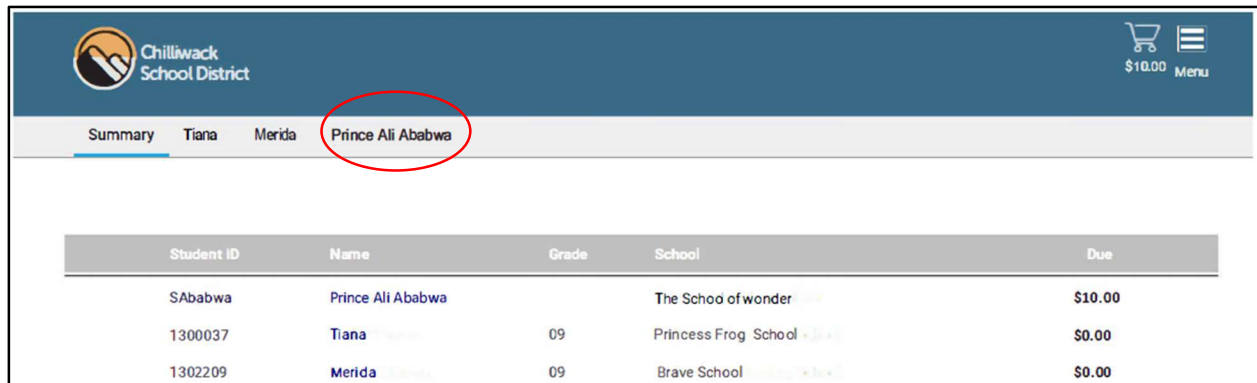
Open Chilliwack School District [website](#). Click on “Parent/Community” then “SD33 Pay Online”.



Click “Sign In”, or create a new account.



You should now see your child’s account. Click on your child’s name.




At the bottom of your screen click on "Field Trips" Then click on your child's permission form.

The screenshot displays the Chilliwack School District parent portal. At the top left is the district logo. Below it are navigation tabs: "Due Now" (underlined), "Future Charges", "Paid", and "Completed Forms". A blue header bar reads "The School of Wonder". Underneath, the "2023/2024" section is divided into three categories: "Athletics" (with items "2023/24 Athletic Fee: Carpet Racing" and "2023/24 Carpet Racing Tournament"), "Donation" (with "2023/24 PAC Donation"), and "General" (with "2023/24-Yearbook (Optional)"). At the bottom, a navigation bar includes "Optional Items", "Field Trips" (circled in red), "EVENTS", and "Athletic Permission Forms". Below this is a "FIELD TRIP" button with a bus icon, and a card for "Cirque du Soleil 2023/2024".



Read through the consent form and fill in the required fields. Click Submit.

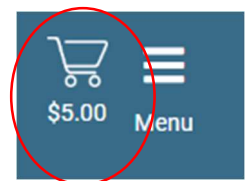
Once Submitted, the field trip fee will be added to your student quick pay account for payment.

Parental Consent			
Student Last Name	Student First Name	Student ID	Student Care Card #
<input type="text" value="Ababwa"/>	<input type="text" value="Prince Ali"/>	<input type="text" value="123456789"/>	<input type="text"/>
Medical Information (please include any medical or health concerns)			
<input type="text"/>			
Parent/Guardian Name	Parent/Guardian Cell Phone #	Parent/Guardian Work #	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Alternate Contact Name	Alternate Contact Phone #		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/> I give permission for my student to participate in the field trip above. I understand that my child may be exposed to certain risks while participating in this activity and that accidents and injuries may occur.			
Parent/Guardian Signature			
<div style="border: 1px dotted black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div>			
<input type="text" value="dd-MMM-yyyy"/> 			
<input type="button" value="Cancel"/>		<input type="button" value="Submit"/>	

You can now select the charges you would like to pay.

The School of Wonder <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
2023/2024					
	Fee	Paid	All Adj	Due	In Cart
<b>Field Trip</b>					
Cirque Du Soleil	\$5.00	-	-	\$5.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>


Then click the "shopping cart" at the top of your page




Enter payment information and hit Submit.

**Payment Method**

Credit Card



INTERAC® Online



**Pay by Credit Card**

Cardholder Name

Credit Card Number

Expiration Date  
01 (Jan) / 2023

CVD (# on back of card)

**Payment Amount:** \$5.00 CDN



## 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 anything we miss. Together, let's nurture a culture of kindness and acceptance at RTCS!

### DECEMBER 2023

Date	Celebrations and Recognitions
Dec. 1	World AIDS Day: Designated on December 1 every year since 1988, is an international day dedicated to raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection and mourning those who have died of the disease.
Dec. 2	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery: This day is held annually on December 2 to raise awareness of the atrocities of modern slavery. It is not to be confused with another UN day, the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition
Dec. 3	Advent: Advent marks a month-long period of preparation and anticipation for the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day; ends December 24 (Christian). International Day of Persons with Disabilities: Promoted by the UN, this day is to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights, and well-being of persons with disabilities (international).
Dec. 5	International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development: This day, which is also known as International Volunteer Day (IVD), gives volunteers a chance to work together on projects and campaigns promoting their contributions to economic and social development at local, national and international levels (international).
Dec. 6	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women: A day of remembrance of the murder of 14 young women at Polytechnique Montréal. It is about remembering those who have experienced gender-based violence and those who we have lost to it. It is also a time to take action and to work towards achieving a Canada free from gender-based violence (Canada).
Dec. 7	Hanukkah: Also known as the Jewish Festival of Lights or Feast of Dedication, Hanukkah is an eight-day Jewish holiday in memory of the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem; ends December 15 (Jewish).
Dec. 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception: The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a celebration of the belief in the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary (Christian).
Dec. 10	Human Rights Day: A day to honour the UN General Assembly's adoption and proclamation, on December 10, 1948, of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), the first global enunciation of human rights (international).
Dec. 18	International Migrants Day: Declared by the UN, this is a day to honour the international convention on the protection of the rights of migrants (international).
Dec. 20	International Human Solidarity Day: This is annually held on December 20 to celebrate unity in diversity. It also aims to remind people of the importance of solidarity in working towards eradicating poverty (international).

Dec. 24	Christmas Eve: Christmas Eve is the evening before Christmas which is often observed with a long meal, usually with family, sometimes accompanied by other celebrations such as midnight mass (Christian).
Dec. 25	Christmas Day: A holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. It is recognized as a public holiday in many nations around the world and is also celebrated secularly by many non-Christians (Christian).
Dec. 26	Boxing Day: The day after Christmas Day was traditionally celebrated as the day tradesmen and servants would receive gifts from their employers
Dec. 26	Kwanzaa: A celebration held in the United States and in other nations of the African diaspora in the Americas and lasts a week. The celebration honors African heritage in African-American culture and is observed from December 26 to January 1, culminating in a feast and gift-giving.

*The RTCS Multicultural Committee welcomes your feedback! Please contact our English Language Learners teacher, Karla Buxton at [karla\\_buxton@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:karla_buxton@sd33.bc.ca).*



*Good friends, good cheer  
our Christmas Show  
is almost here!*

Join us for the  
Elementary Christmas Show!

Monday, December 18

12:30 - 1:45pm

RTCS - Big Gym (across from Library)

Seating on Bleachers

Canned food donations accepted at the door!

Chilliwack Middle presents a

# Winter Market

December 2<sup>nd</sup>

10:00 – 3:00

GET YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING DONE!

Shop crafts in all art forms from fiber making, pottery, woodwork, jewelry, body care products to fine foods, and holiday treats, and everything in between!

*Come support student artists, artisans, and entrepreneurs as well as local artists and artisans.*





# Winter MARKET

**Join us on December 2nd,  
Shop for unique gifts while  
supporting the local students!**

**Doors open: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Where: 46354 Yale Road**

**When: 12.02.2023**

**Thank you for your  
support!**



# BOYS VOLLEYBALL

We are excited for our second year of club volleyball!!

## 2024 WINTER SEASON

### CLUB TEAMS

JAN TO APRIL

U14 BOYS

### CO-ED SKILLS SESSIONS

10 WEEKS- JAN TO MARCH

U12-U14

MINI BALL- U9-11

REGISTER AT [TCATHLETICS.CA](http://TCATHLETICS.CA)

BOYS CLUB TEAM- EVALUATIONS

U14- DEC 4TH & 5TH

FOR MORE INFO

604-702-8734

[INFO@TCATHLETICS.CA](mailto:INFO@TCATHLETICS.CA)

[WWW.TCATHLETICS.CA](http://WWW.TCATHLETICS.CA)







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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>



**Chilliwack  
School District**

## **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](http://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](http://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.