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Administration Message

Happy New Year! We hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday and is rested and ready for 2024! Each year we set goals, vision, and plan our year ahead. As always at RTCS we resolve to continue our tradition to CARE, ENGAGE and INSPIRE.

Upcoming Surveys:

The Middle Years Development Index (MDI) survey will be administered over the next few weeks to our Grade 4 and 7 students. A letter went home to families in early January. The survey asks students to gather information about the lives of children both in school, in the home and in the community, from their own perspective. The survey uses a strengths-based approach to assess five dimensions of child development that are strongly linked to social and emotional well-being, health, academic achievement, and overall success throughout the school years and in later life.

Students in Grades 4 and 7 will be taking part in the Student Learning Survey put out by the Ministry of Education. The survey gives the Ministry information to help plan for the future of education. Students, parents and teachers share information in an annual online satisfaction survey about their school experience.

On behalf of the staff at RTCS, we would like to say thank you for your continued support, and as always, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or administration.



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.

Dress for the Weather



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.

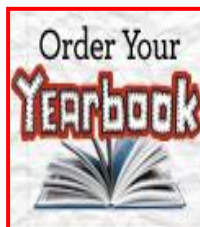
Kindergarten Registration

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.



Yearbook Reminder

Just a reminder to order your school yearbook early. The cost of the Yearbook is currently **\$50.00**. Yearbooks can be ordered from the school office. Purchase your yearbook now to avoid possible disappointment in June – we have had yearbooks sell out in past years.



UPCOMING EVENTS



- January 15-24
..... RTCS PAC Book Exchange Drop Off
- January 16
..... Div. 2K, 3E, 3W, 34, 45A, 45G, 45J – Trip to the Cultural Centre (CSOPA)
- January 17
..... RTCS PAC Student Pancake Breakfast
..... Div. 23 & 45A / Skating @ Chilliwack Coliseum
- January 18
..... Div. 1B, 1D & 12 / Skating @ Chilliwack Coliseum
- January 19
..... Casual Friday
- January 25
..... End of Semester 1
..... Last Day of Grade 7 (Quarter 3) ADST Rotation
..... RTCS PAC Book Exchange
- January 26
..... Non-Instructional Day (School Closed)
- January 29
..... Start of Semester 2
..... Start of Grade 7 ADST Rotation (Q3)
..... RTCS PAC Meeting (6:30 pm)
- January 31
..... Div. 45A, 45G & 45J / Skating @ Chilliwack Coliseum
- February 2
..... Grade 6-8 Winter Activity Day
- February 9
..... Div. KP & 34 / Buddy Skating @ Chilliwack Coliseum
- February 12-16
..... Interim Report Week (K-8)
- February 16
..... Non-Instructional Day (School Closed)
- February 19
..... Family Day Statutory Holiday (School Closed)



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.

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.

Library News

News from the Library!

Mrs. Porro would like to send huge shout outs to her parent volunteers who have been helping with covering books and helped with our very successful bookfair, to GP Furniture who donated a Christmas tree for our library, and to her amazing student volunteers! Also, thank you goes out to the PAC who have helped to add some great games, books, and activities to our library.

K-5 Super Readers – Many students are passing the 100 nights of reading mark and are looking forward to 100 night recognition and prizes at an upcoming assembly. Thank you to the Kiwanis Clubs of Chilliwack and Sardis for supporting this initiative. The benefits of reading at home for 20+ minutes per night are clear:

- * As you read, your brain develops; your mind creates new circuits and connections.
- * Reading builds empathy for others and positively affects and boosts your mental health.
- * Reading often improves writing skills.
- * Reading helps to develop creativity and a strong imagination.
- * Youth that read for only five minutes every day take in just 282,000 new words every year, BUT youth that read 20 minutes or more every day can learn over two million words each year AND this large vocabulary helps to process information more quickly.
- * When reading before bed, it tends to reduce stress in your body, which then promotes sleep. This is why doctors recommend reading as part of a bedtime routine.

So what are you waiting for? Come to the library, pick out a few new titles, and get to work on setting or continuing your reading habit. You've got a lot to gain from a little more reading.



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."

Next Pancake Breakfast

Wednesday, January 17th 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

Next PAC Meeting

Monday, January 29th @ 6:30 pm 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!*

Breakfast Club Program

Every School Morning in January
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](#).

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

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RTCS PAC Update - continued

PAC Book Exchange Event

Book Drop-off: January 15 - 24th (collection box by the front office)

Book Exchange: Thursday, January 25th

We are thrilled to announce an engaging and educational Book Exchange Event at Rosedale Traditional School! This event is an excellent opportunity for our students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 to rejuvenate their reading collection and share the joy of reading with their peers.

How It Works:

1. Book Drop-Off (January 15-24th): Students are encouraged to bring their gently used books to the school to exchange or donate. Books can be dropped off in a designated box by the front office. If you are exchanging a book, include one exchange form in each book you drop-off; books without an exchange form will be considered a donation. **Exchange form attached for home printing.**
2. Earn Tickets: For every book contributed, students will receive one ticket the day of the Book Exchange. These tickets are your child's passport to a new literary adventure!
3. Book Exchange (January 25th): Students can use their tickets to choose from a variety of books brought in by their peers. It's a fantastic way to refresh their reading material and explore new stories.

Bring your gently enjoyed books and exchange them for new ones! This is a perfect chance for our young readers to discover new interests, dive into different worlds, and develop a lifelong love for reading.

We look forward to seeing our students participate enthusiastically in this event. Let's make it a successful and memorable book exchange!



<u>RTCS Book Exchange</u>
NAME:
TEACHER:
GRADE:

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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. Let's nurture a culture of kindness and acceptance at RTCS!

Multicultural Awareness Calendar for January 2024

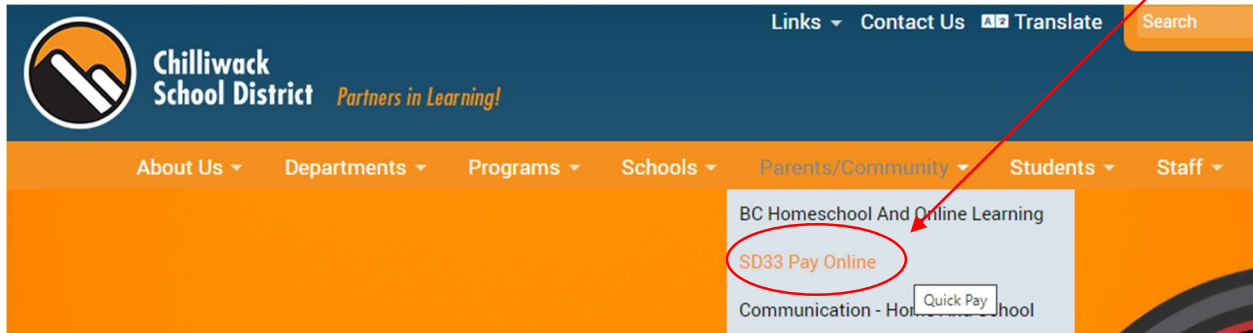
Date	Celebrations and Recognitions
1	New Year's Day: The first day of the year of the modern Gregorian calendar (international).
4	World Braille Day: Observed to raise awareness of the importance of braille as a means of communication in the full realization of the human rights for blind and partially-sighted people, celebrated on Louis Braille's birthday, the inventor of braille.
6	Epiphany: A Christian festival held in honour of the coming of the three kings to the infant Jesus Christ (Christian).
7	Orthodox Christmas/Feast of the Nativity: The equivalent of December 25th on the Julian calendar. Many Orthodox Christians celebrate Christmas day on or near this date (Orthodox Christian).
13	Lohri: A popular wintertime Punjabi folk festival, celebrated primarily by Sikhs and Hindus from the Punjab region of the Indian subcontinent (Sikh/Hindu).
14	Orthodox New Year: The start of the new year under the Julian calendar (Orthodox Christian).
15	Martin Luther King Jr Day: American federal holiday which marks the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. and falls on the third Monday of January, close to King's actual birthday on January 15 (United States).
20	Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh: Born Gobind Rai, was the tenth Sikh Guru, a spiritual master, warrior, poet and philosopher (Sikh).
22	Lunar New Year: celebration of the beginning of a new year on the traditional lunisolar and solar Chinese calendar. Each new year is associated with one of the twelve different animals of the Zodiac. This year is the year of the Dragon.
24	International Day of Education: United Nations designated day to advance Sustainable Development Goal 4, to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.
25	Vasant Panchami: The Hindu festival that highlights the coming of spring. On this day Hindus worship Saraswati Devi, the goddess of wisdom, knowledge, music, art and culture (Hindu).
27	International Holocaust Remembrance Day: Designated by the United Nations (UN), this day commemorates the genocide that resulted in the death of millions of people at the hands of the Nazi regime and its collaborators (international).

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

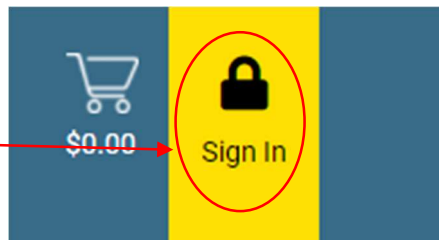
Student Quick Pay & Field Trip Permission Forms

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

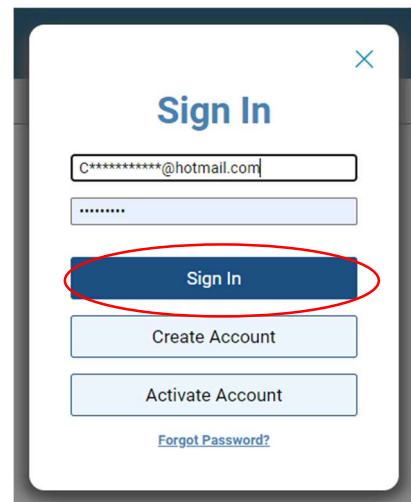
Open Chilliwack School District [website](#). Click on “Parent/Community” then “SD33 Pay Online”.



Click “Sign In”



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



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

The screenshot shows the student account page. The top navigation bar includes the Chilliwack School District logo, a shopping cart icon with "\$10.00", and a "Menu" icon. Below the navigation bar are tabs for "Summary", "Tiana", "Merida", and "Prince Ali Ababwa" (circled in red). Below the tabs is a table with columns for Student ID, Name, Grade, School, and Due.


Student ID	Name	Grade	School	Due
SAbabwa	Prince Ali Ababwa		The Schoo of wonder	\$10.00
1300037	Tiana	09	Princess Frog School	\$0.00
1302209	Merida	09	Brave School	\$0.00

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 school year "2023/2024" is shown. There are three sections: "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, there are more navigation tabs: "Optional Items", "Field Trips" (circled in red), "EVENTS", and "Athletic Permission Forms". Below the "Field Trips" tab is a blue box with a bus icon and the text "FIELD TRIP". Underneath this is a white box with the text "Cirque du Soleil" and "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;"></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.

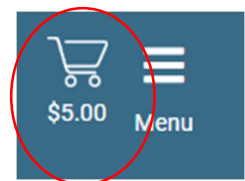
Due Now Future Charges Paid Completed Forms

The School of Wonder ✓

2023/2024

	Fee	Paid	All Adj	Due	In Cart
Field Trip					
Cirque Du Soleil	\$5.00	-	-	\$5.00	✓


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

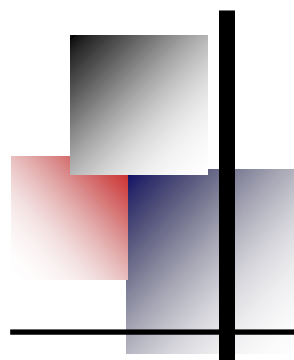
Cardholder Name

Credit Card Number

Expiration Date
01 (Jan) / 2023

CVD (# on back of card)

Payment Amount: **\$5.00 CDN**



Rosedale Traditional Community School Society (RTCSS) Winter/Spring 2024

Country Kids Fully Licensed Childcare Centre



Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday 8am-5pm
Friday 10am-4pm

50850 Yale Road
Rosedale BC V0X 1X2
Phone: 604 378-0300
Email: rtcss@rtcss.ca
Fax: 604 794-7872

Fall 2024 Preschool Registration

4 year old class (Must turn 4 by Dec
31st 2024)

**Monday/Wednesday/Friday
9:30am-12:00pm**

Cost: \$195/month

Registration opens Jan 8, 2024

Email to Register!



Party Rentals

\$85 for two hours

Includes:

Multipurpose room
Kitchen
Small gym with equipment
Limited Availability



*Looking to host a large gathering, business meeting or a sports camp? We have the space for you
Contact us today for custom rentals.
E-mail to inquire*

**Rentals are processed
through email**

Mark your calendars
May 1st Registration opens
for
CELEBRATE SUMMER
July 8-August 23



Music Lessons

All levels welcome. Lessons are once a week for 1/2 hour



Guitar:

Monday \$23 per 1/2 hr lesson

Piano/Violin:

Tuesday/Wednesday/ Thursday \$19 per 1/2hr lesson



Web: www.rtcss.ca

Rosedale Traditional Community School Society
(rtcss)



**Check us out on
Facebook!**

Preschool

Tiny Cooks

4-5yrs

For children who love to help in the kitchen. Children will work independently to complete a recipe item to take home and share with mom and dad.

Tuesdays 2:30-3:30pm
Feb 6-27 \$60



Energy Busters

4-5yrs

A fun-filled program full of energetic games and activities. Participants will learn co-ordination, social interaction, how to follow simple instruction and to just have FUN! This program will include variety of active games.

Thursdays 3:00-3:45
Feb 8-29 \$50

Nature Play Program

3-5yrs

A four week preschool program concentrating on outdoor exploration, nature play, and experiential learning. Lead by ECE instructor.

Thursdays 2:00-3:00
May 9-30 \$60



Youth

Chef's In Training

6-10yrs

Full hands on program. Each week students will make two dishes to take home and share with mom and dad. New recipes are shared in each session.

Tuesdays 3:30-4:30pm
Feb 6-27 \$70

Young Artist

6-9yrs

Designed for the young artist at heart. This program will explore the world of art through a variety of mediums.

Wednesdays 2:15-3:15
Feb 21-Mar 13 \$60

Cupcake Decorating

8-12yrs

Have you ever wondered how those cupcake fish look so real? Learn basic techniques to decorate cupcakes in an artistic way! Is it art? Is it food? Best of both worlds.

Tuesdays 3:30-4:30pm
Apr 9-30 \$70



Tween

At Home Alone

10+yrs

This is an interactive, participatory program that is designed to teach children to make safe choices while At Home Alone.

Saturday 9:00-1:00pm
March 2nd \$40

Babysitters Training

11+yrs

Learn about your rights and responsibilities, how to care for a child and how to deal with emergency situations. You will receive a certificate at the end of this Canadian Safety Council Babysitters Course. Please note this a two day course.



March 9th
9:00am-4:30pm
\$50

In the Studio

10-14yrs

Learn about flat wash, dry brush, splattering, salt, alcohol, masking fluid, colour harmony in the 6 week program. Last 3 weeks work on a complete painting. Supplies Included.

Wednesdays 3:30-4:30pm
May 1-22 \$70

Info Coming Soon:

Gardening for Kids Progressive Weekly Kids Project



Funding Acknowledgement



This venture has been made possible due to a partnership between School District #33 and the City of Chilliwack. RTCSS would like to gratefully acknowledge funding received by the City of Chilliwack

Yoga

Hatha Style Yoga class using postures (asana) and stretches in combination with the breath to develop flexibility and encourage proper alignment of the body and bring balance, strength, and calmness. Hatha Yoga classes are based on the classic and ancient practices with attention to alignment and the deeper layers of yoga. Some flow of movement and core work may be included. Suitable for all levels Bring yoga mat & water!

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm
Jan 9-March 12 \$120 10wks
April 9-June 11 Drop in \$15

In the Works:

Wills-Everything You Need to Know
Parent workshop-CALM Program
Freezer make ahead meals-Hands on Meal Prep



Adult Programs

Watercolor for beginners

Have you ever wanted to explore the beauty of watercolor. Sign up for this 2 hour beginners workshop to learn some basic techniques.

All materials are included.
Please email if interested
Date to be confirmed in spring!

Spring Wreath

The Spring Wreath making class is a hands-on experience where you will create a beautiful wreath using faux florals, greenery and ribbons to take home at the end of the class.

Email for more details



Drop In Sports

Starting Tuesday January 9th 2024

Pickleball Tuesdays 6:00-8:00pm

Badminton Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm

Drop in \$3.00



**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 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.