



November 2024



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## Administration Message

The leaves have fallen, and the air is getting cooler. It's hard to believe that we are saying goodbye to October. 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 Blue Heron Reserve, the Corn Maze 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, Halloween Ball and Pumpkin Carving, each student was invited to take part in some fun! Thank you to the teachers 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,  
RTCS Administration.



## Scent Awareness

Just a reminder that Rosedale Traditional is a scent sensitive school. We ask that students refrain from wearing perfume or cologne in addition to not using aerosol scents in the school. We have many staff and students who experience negative health impacts due to scents.

### Parking Lot

We know that parking is at a premium in the morning and at the end of the day. Please make sure you are not parking in the through lanes, bus lanes, or in no parking areas. Our drop-off area is just outside the library. If that is full, please park in the parking lot to avoid unsafe situations and blocking off traffic. Please use the crosswalk and crossing guard when moving back and forth between the parking lot and the school.

### Drop Off

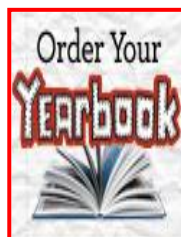
Supervision for students begins at 7:30 am. Please do not drop off your students or have them walk to school before supervision begins. We also ask that if you are using the drop-off lane, that you remain in your car. This will keep traffic flowing. If you need to get out of your car, please park in the parking lot.

### End of Day Pick Up

We are doing our best at the end of the day to ensure that students get to their busses on time, or for those that are picked up by a parent, that this happens safely. To reduce congestion, we ask that students and parents do not congregate at the front entrance so students can get to their bus or car without walking through a crowd. Students who are getting picked up by a car are asked to wait on the sidewalk in front of the Library. We also ask that students who are walking, biking, or scooting home, to leave the campus right away. Those waiting for late buses are asked to wait on the playground and to avoid the front entranceway.

### Yearbook Reminder

Just a reminder to order your school yearbook early. The cost of the Yearbook is currently **\$50.00** if you order from the school office and pay before December 31<sup>st</sup>. The price of the yearbook will increase to \$55.00 after December 31<sup>st</sup>. We ran out of yearbooks last year so be sure to order your child's yearbook soon!



### UPCOMING EVENTS



- November 6  
..... School Photo Retake Day (AM)
- November 7  
..... Remembrance Day Assembly 9:00 am  
..... Last Day of Grade 7 Fine Arts Rotation 1
- November 8  
..... Non-Instructional Day (School Closed)  
..... National Indigenous Veterans Day
- November 11  
..... Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday (school closed)
- November 12  
..... First Day of Grade 7 Fine Arts Rotation 2
- November 14  
..... Div. 4 & 45A Trip / Grey Cup Festival
- November 21  
..... Div. 64 Trip / END Ninja Parkour
- November 22  
..... Div. 3E, 3W & 4 Trip / Chwk Coliseum
- November 25  
..... RTCS PAC Meeting (6:30 pm)
- November 28  
..... Div. 63 Trip / END Ninja Parkour
- November 29  
..... Casual Friday
- December 17  
..... Elementary Christmas Show (1:00 pm)
- December 18  
..... Grade 7 & 8 Band Concert (7:00 pm)
- December 19  
..... Term 1 Report Cards Issued
- December 20  
..... Casual Friday  
..... Grade 6-8 Skating Trip  
..... Last Day Before Winter Break

## 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 payments for all School District middle/high school students in your family at one time.

Field trip consent/permission forms (for all Grades K-8) are also required to be completed electronically as well. Instructions are attached to this newsletter.

## School Photo Retake Day



School photo retakes will be taken in the morning on **Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**.

All students and staff are requested to wear their uniform shirts for photo day.

## Elementary Christmas Show

Rosedale elementary grade students will be putting on a Christmas Show! This is a small production where classes will all be singing one song. The show will be on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Doors open at 12:45. All family and extended family are welcome. There will be no tickets, but a canned food donation would be appreciated!



## Christmas Band Concert

Save the date! Our Christmas Band Concert (Grades 7 and 8) is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. We will be joined by music students from Chilliwack Senior Secondary. We hope you will be able to join us!



## Grades K-5 Super Readers

All elementary students are invited to participate in the SUPER READER program. When your child reads or is read to for 15 minutes (or more) a night, record it in their "Reading Log" found near the front of their planner (or for kindergarten and a few classes, on a red form that was sent home in early September). Once they have completed 25 nights, students bring the log to the library on their library day for some great prizes, with special presentations sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Chilliwack upon reaching 100 nights and 250 nights. It is never too late to join. The first date that can be circled is September 3<sup>rd</sup>, but this can be started any time!



# RTCS PAC

# NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER  
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## Fundraisers & Events

### COUPON BOOKS

Coupon Books are available for purchase through the Student Quick Pay at \$15 each.

### NEUFELDS FUNDRAISER

Orders are due by November 4th. Pickup is on November 14th at 2:00 PM.



### PURDY'S CHOCOLATE

Orders are due November 17th.  
Pick up: December 3rd at 2:00 PM

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1152520-121038>

**Head over to the RTCS PAC Facebook page! It's your go-to source for all the latest updates and information. Join us in supporting our community and making a difference. Don't miss out—like and follow our page today!**



## Breakfast Club

We need volunteers for our School Breakfast Club! If you can help serve breakfast and brighten our students' mornings, please get in touch. Whether you can commit weekly or monthly, your support is appreciated. Thank you! Please email [rtcs-pac@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:rtcs-pac@sd33.bc.ca) to sign up.



## Spring Carnival

Help us make this year's Spring Carnival unforgettable! We're seeking donations of goods, services, or funds, and we need volunteers for activities and set-up. Your support fosters community spirit and creates a vibrant celebration. Interested? Contact us today!

## Upcoming PAC Meetings

**Meetings are held in the school library at 6:30pm**

November 25, 2024  
No Meeting in December  
January 27, 2025





**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.



## Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Multicultural Awareness

We are privileged to be a diverse 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

Antipoverty Month

Indigenous Education Month

Hindu Heritage Month

Albanian Heritage Month

Day of the Dead (Mexico) – November 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>

Inuit Day – November 7<sup>th</sup>

Indigenous Veterans Day – November 8<sup>th</sup>

Remembrance Day – November 11<sup>th</sup>

World Kindness Day – November 13<sup>th</sup>

International Transgender Day of Remembrance – November 20<sup>th</sup>

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women – November 25<sup>th</sup>

Buy Nothing Day – November 27<sup>th</sup>

## Inuit Day

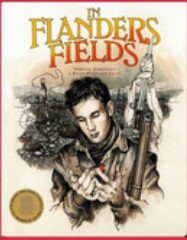
*Fishing with Grandma* by Susan Avingaq and Maren Vsetula

Grandma and the kids enjoy a day of jigging in the ice for fish. Grandma shows them every step they need to know to complete a successful fishing trip, from what clothes to wear, to how to drill and clear holes in the ice, and to how to make a traditional Inuit jigging rod.

Primary



## Remembrance Day



*In Flanders Fields* by Norman Jorgensen

A homesick soldier, fighting in the trenches of Flanders Fields in World War One, sees a robin stuck in the barbed wire of no man's land.

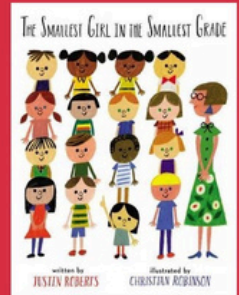
Primary/Intermediate/Middle

## World Kindness Day

*The Smallest Girl in the Smallest Grade* by Justin Roberts

Sally notices everything—from the twenty-seven keys on the janitor's ring to the bullying happening on the playground. One day, Sally has had enough and decides to make herself heard. And when she takes a chance and stands up to the bullies, she finds that one small girl can make a big difference.

Primary



*Be Kind* by Pat Zietlow Miller

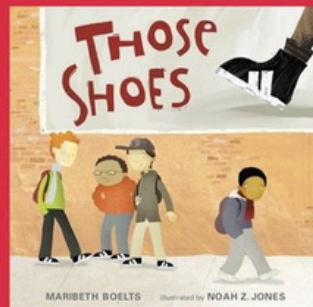
From asking the new girl to play to standing up for someone being bullied, this moving and thoughtful story explores what a child can do to be kind, and how each act, big or small, can make a difference—or at least help a friend.

Primary/Intermediate/Middle

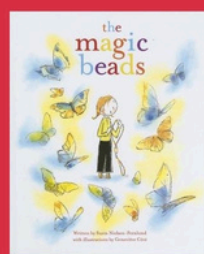
## Antipoverty Month

*Those Shoes* by Maribeth Boelts

Jeremy navigates his "wants" and "needs" when his shoes fall apart. After buying When Jeremy's shoes fall apart at school, and the guidance counsellor gives him a hand-me-down pair, the boy is more determined than ever to have those shoes, even a thrift-shop pair that are much too small. But sore feet aren't much fun, and Jeremy comes to realize that the things he has — warm boots, a loving grandma, and the chance to help a friend — are worth more than the things he wants.



## Antipoverty Month



*The Magic Beads* by Susin Nielsen-Fernlund

When seven-year-old Lily has to do Show and Tell at her new school, her tummy fills with everything from butterflies to buffalos. She has just moved into a family shelter with her mother, and feels she has nothing to show.

Primary



# Tempó:kw'

Tempó:kw' (Time for  
Chehalis Spring Salmon)  
October 26 – November  
24

The term “*tem*” means  
time or season  
and *po:kw'* means  
Chehalis River spring  
salmon. Caught Chehalis  
spring salmon is smoke-  
dried in smokehouses  
during this month.

Key Halq'emeylem  
Vocabulary

Xwelmexw Hákw'eles Swáyel  
- Aboriginal Veterans Day

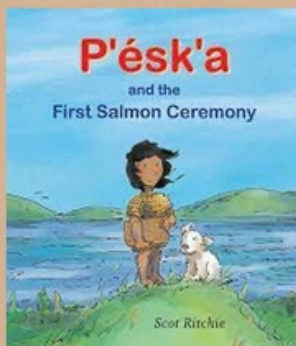
Hákw'eles Swáyel –  
Remembrance Day



Indigenous oral stories connected to this  
time of year

Sto:lo New Year and the Fall Run of Spring Salmon by  
Naxaxalhts'l 'Sonny' McHalsie [click here!](#)

Indigenous texts connected to this time of  
year



*P'eska and the First  
Salmon Ceremony* by  
Scot Ritchie

# Friday Night

## FUN ZONE

**NOVEMBER 2024**

### **1ST | Lego Builders Night**

Let creativity flow while watching the Lego movie on the big screen.

### **8TH | Ninja Night**

Challenge yourself by completing obstacle courses.

### **15TH | Bingo Night**

Compete against your friends to win prizes.

### **22ND | Mantracker**

Hide and Go Seek tag levels up during this fan favourite game.

### **29TH | Escape Room**

Can you solve the mystery and escape?

**Grades 3-5**

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**6:30PM-8PM**

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**\$3 Admission**

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**Concession**

**Open**

Limited space,  
pre-registration is  
required.

Please email [rtcss@rtcss.ca](mailto:rtcss@rtcss.ca)  
for registration link.  
50850 Yale Rd, Rosedale  
**(604) 378-0300**

# **YOUTH NIGHT ESCAPE ROOM**

**Can you solve  
the mystery?**

**Calling all gamers  
and party  
enthusiasts!  
It's time to level  
up your Friday  
night. Join us on  
November 29th for  
an escape room  
mystery!**

**November 29th**

**8:30-10PM**

**Grades 6-8**

**Concession Open**

**Games**

**\$3 Admission**

**Limited space,  
pre-registration is required.  
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(604)\_378-0300**

# Tea and Tots

## Parent and Tots Free Drop In Social



Looking to make new friends for your little one? Then come on down to RTCSS, a safe, inclusive, and clean environment. Beverages will be provided!

Email for more information:  
[rtcss@rtcsc.ca](mailto:rtcss@rtcsc.ca)

**Where:** Rosedale Traditional Community School Society  
**When:** Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00am  
**Who:** Parents/Guardians and their children aged 0-5years.

**Starts Wednesday**  
**October 2nd,**  
**2024!**