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Remembrance Day Assembly- Thursday at 10:45 am. Everyone welcome

STUDENT SAFETY –

As part of our effort to keep our students safe, we try to connect with every person who enters the building. You can help by stopping at the front office to check in and out, letting the secretary (Mrs. Holden) know who you are and why you are there. If you are dropping off, coming to pick up early, or delivering something, please check in. The office needs to know which children are in attendance and that the adults in our hallways belong there. Volunteers must also sign in, please. Thank you!

RAINY DAYS ARE OUTSIDE DAYS

In our efforts to keep our students active and healthy, we are going to be going outside as much as possible. In other words, we will have fewer “IN” days and more “OUT” days. So students need to come to school prepared for rainy and snowy days, we recommend boots, hats, gloves and rain jackets, and you may want to send along a change of pants if you think your child will get muddy. While we realize this might be a bit messy at first, we believe that it is better for our children. Of course, we will use judgment to determine when it becomes too stormy, muddy or cold to be outside. Thanks for your cooperation

Our Students Gift to You

Our students, both the primary grades and the intermediate choir, are going to be working hard in the month on November preparing their Christmas Concert: **PAINT THE TOWN IN DECEMBER !** They are very excited to share this Christmas gift with their audiences on Tuesday December 13th for a Matinee (12:15) and a 6:30pm Evening Performance. Tickets will be available this year at the Chilliwack Cultural Centre on Corbould St. You can purchase them in person or online at www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca/tickets for \$6.00 per ticket. This venue will allow us to accommodate more family members.



Coming events:

- Nov. 10- Remembrance Assembly (10:45am)
- Nov. 11- **Remembrance Day ~ no school**
- Nov.24- *Spirit Day- Moustache*
- Nov.18-Dec. 2- *Salvation Army- Canned Food Drive*
- Nov. 25 - **Non-Instructional Day ~ no school**
- Dec. 12- Kindergarten Christmas Concert – 6:00 pm at FG Leary
- Dec. 13- Primary Christmas Concert- Matinee (12:15) and Evening Performance (6:30) at Chilliwack Cultural Center
- Dec. 15- Report Cards sent home
- Dec. 16- Pancake Breakfast- 8:45 am & Last day before Christmas vacation
- Jan. 3 - First day back

We are a Nut-Aware School

We encourage everyone to think about the foods that they bring to school. There are a number of students who have a life threatening reaction to nuts.

This allergic reaction would require the use of an EPI Pen and a call for an ambulance. There are other students who have a variety of allergic reactions to food and animals. Students are asked to wash hands, face and desktops carefully. It doesn't matter if there isn't a student in the class who has an allergy we need to think about all the students in the school when it comes to keeping them safe.



Try to save peanut butter sandwiches and treats to enjoy at home.

Electronic Devices At School:

We have an increase in the number of students who are bringing electronic devices (Ipods, Nintendo DS) to school. We would encourage you to keep these items at home. Cell phones can only be used after school and should be turned off and kept in a safe place during the day. Students are encouraged to socialize and play during the break times. There are a number of events and activities for students to participate in at school. We will also not be responsible for damaged or stolen items that have been brought to school.

Bad Weather Guidelines & Information for Parents & 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 and general condition of buildings. 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, tune into radio stations **STAR FM 98.3**, **The Drive 89.5**, or **The Weather Network (cable channel 90, STAR Choice 398 or Bell Expressview 505)** to receive up-to-date information on school closures and information on the buses. Reports will start after 6:00am and will be repeated often. The information broadcast is directly from the School District. The reports are confirmed and there is **no need to call your school**, the School District Office or the radio station. Students will be marked absent for the day, but such an absence will not affect a perfect attendance record. In the event that there is inclement weather but the school remains open, it is the parent's decision, based on their assessment of the relative safety of travel conditions, as to whether or not their children attend school.