



*~ January 16, 2023 ~*

The first two weeks of 2023 have been incredible. It was wonderful seeing everyone's smiling faces following the Christmas Break and classes have been settling back into routines as we look forward to a productive Term 2.

A special thank you to Mr. Payne and Mr. Hamanaka (school custodians) for all their hard work over the Christmas Break cleaning and waxing school floors. The school was in tip-top shape to welcome everyone back.

Warm regards,  
Ms. Lisa vanDalfsen and Mr. Brad Driscoll

### [Accessible Parking Spaces](#)

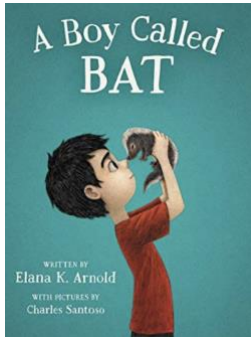
Please remember to keep the accessible parking spaces at the front of our school and in the Walden Park parking lot available for those who require them. Thank you for your assistance.



- Jan 18<sup>th</sup> – Science World Visits Leary IAT
- Jan 19<sup>th</sup> – PAC Meeting (6:00pm in school library)
- Jan 20<sup>th</sup> – PAC Grade 5 Cupcake Sales at lunch
- Jan 24<sup>th</sup> – Chilliwack Curling Club Field Trip (Mr. Willms & Mrs. Nelson)
- Jan 25<sup>th</sup> – Ocean Wise Visits Leary IAT (use this [LINK](#) to learn more about Ocean Wise)
- Jan 26<sup>th</sup> – PAC Hot Lunch (Jim's Pizza)
- Jan 27<sup>th</sup> – School closed to students (Assessment & Evaluation Day for staff)



### One School, One Book



Leary Lions have started our **One School, One Book** event. This event is intended to promote literacy across the grades, foster a love for reading and build school spirit as we all enjoy a good read together. More information can be found on our school website through this [LINK](#).

A special THANK YOU to Mrs. Eggen for organizing this fun and important school-wide event.

### Grade 4 & 5 SNOW PASS

Please see the attachment or click the [LINK](#) for more information about this great program for getting grade 4 & 5 students out on the slopes!



### Leary IAT PAC

#### PAC Facebook

Make sure to join our PAC Facebook group to stay up to date with the latest information. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/fgleary/?ref=share>

### Leary Swag

The Leary Swag store is now open for ordering shirts and hoodies. Use this [LINK](#) to purchase Leary Swag.



### Illness & Self-Assessment

A daily health check is a tool to reduce the likelihood of a person with a communicable illness or disease coming to school when they are infectious.

- Parents and caregivers should assess their children daily for illness before sending them to school. Utilize the provincial [Provincial Health Assessment Tool](#) each day.
- Anyone who is sick should stay at home to reduce the introduction spread of communicable illnesses.
- Visit the [Communicable Disease Prevention Measures](#) school webpage for more information.




# ONLINE STORE




**SCAN TO VIEW  
ONLINE STORE**

**The Leary Integrated Arts and Technology Elementary Online Store will open on January 12th 2023 and close on January 25th 2023. No orders will be accepted beyond the closing date.**

**All sales final on logo'd items  
 Orders will not be processed until the sale has expired.  
 Please allow approximately 4-5 weeks from the date the store closes to receive your goods.  
 Orders will be delivered to the school upon completion  
 ALL PRICES INCLUDE TAX**



**January 9, 2023**

**Dear Leary Families,**

Today Leary Lions are starting our **One School, One Book** event. This event is intended to promote literacy across the grades, foster a love for reading and build school spirit as we all enjoy a good read together. Every family in our school will receive a copy of this year's novel, **A Boy Called Bat**, to share, read and keep. If time permits in your busy schedule, it is our hope that you can enjoy this novel together as a family. The novel will be brought home by the eldest child in your family. Monday to Friday your child will be expected to read a chapter or be read to (No readings take place on the weekend). Students may also listen to the daily chapter read by a staff member on the school website at <https://leary.sd33.bc.ca/one-school-one-book>. Students will have the opportunity to answer a question at school about the assigned chapter. If their answer is correct their name will then be entered into a daily draw for a prize.

During the first two weeks of February, your child will be offered the opportunity to be involved in fun extension projects connected to the novel to be completed at home. These projects are voluntary but encouraged to help your child get the most out of the event. These projects may be completed by individual students or by families working together that would like to participate. Projects will be displayed **Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> - Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**.

One **Service Project** we will be undertaking is a **fundraiser** in which we are asking each Leary Lion, if they are able, to bring **\$2** to help wildlife rescue. Money raised will be sent to our local BC SPCA to support their Wild Animal Rehabilitation Centre.

There will be a school **Art Contest** to design a new front cover for the novel and the chosen artist will then be provided with a canvas to paint their cover. Their painting will be hung in the library as a record of the 2023 One School, One Book event.

**The following is a calendar for One School, One Book 2023:**

**Jan.9<sup>th</sup>: Virtual Book Launch Assembly (Novel brought home.)**

**Jan.9<sup>th</sup>-Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>: Read Chapters 1-5**

**Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup>: Read Chapters 6-10**

**Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Read Chapters 11-14**

**Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> -Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> Read Chapters 15-19**

**Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> -Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> Read Chapters 20-24**

**Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>-Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> Read Chapters 25-26**

**Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> One School, One Book Display**

Happy reading everyone!

Sincerely,

Ms. Eggen  
Teacher Librarian



## 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 Hillside. 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.



October 3, 2022

To All Chilliwack Grade 5 Students/Parents:

**SUBJECT: GRADE 5 "GET ACTIVE!" FACILITY PASS**

The Chilliwack Active for Life Committee is once again pleased to provide the Grade 5 "Get Active!" facility pass program. Thanks to our partners, the City of Chilliwack Recreation and Culture Department, The YMCA of Greater Vancouver and the Chilliwack School District #33, the facility passes will be made available to all Grade 5 public, private and home-schooled students in Chilliwack. The primary purpose of the program is to increase participation and fitness levels of Grade 5 students and encourage healthier lifestyle choices.

The "Get Active!" facility pass provides free admission to public swims, skates and selected drop-in sports programs at the following facilities from September 1, 2022 to August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023:

- Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre (604-793-7946)
- Cheam Leisure Centre (604-824-0231)
- Chilliwack Family YMCA (604-792-3371)
- Sardis Sports Complex (604-793-2904)
- Chilliwack Coliseum Center (604-793-2904)
- Rotary Outdoor Pool (mid- May to September long weekend 604-795-5562)

To receive your free photo ID for the "Get Active!" pass please **bring this letter and proof of age along with a parent or guardian**, to one of these two facilities:

1. Chilliwack Landing Leisure Center – 9145 Corbould Street
2. Cheam Leisure Centre – 45501 Market Way

For more information, please contact one of the facilities listed above or email [recreationandculture@chilliwack.com](mailto:recreationandculture@chilliwack.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carol Marleau", written over a horizontal line.

Carol Marleau  
Active for Life Committee Member





**FEB 21 3:30-5:00**  
**LOCATION: CHILIWACK**  
**SECONDARY SCHOOL**

# **FAMILY GATHERING**

**BANNOCK TACOS**

**FOR YOUR DINNER TICKETS EMAIL**

**CSS-INDIGENOUS@SD33.BC.CA**

We will have door prizes and dinner. Make sure you RSVP

Families and communities gathering to hear about services and local support services in Ts'elxweyeqw.

Want to see your report card and access office 365? Bring a device or use a school lap top.





## Join Us For Generation Health This Winter!

Learn about healthy eating & physical activity and build long-lasting healthy habits as a family in Generation Health. This 10-week program for families with children ages 8 to 12 is free, interactive and FUN!

Delivered virtually through YMCA BC starting February 2023 on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings.

Interested? Register today!

Call 1-888-650-3141 or email [generationhealth@gv.ymca.ca](mailto:generationhealth@gv.ymca.ca)



[generationhealth.ca](http://generationhealth.ca)



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