



~ January 30, 2023 ~

As we near the end of January, we continue to be amazed with the incredible growth of Leary IAT students. We know this couldn't be possible with the outstanding efforts of Leary IAT staff and parent/guardians. Thank you everyone for continuing to partner together.

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



- Jan 30th – Monthly Assembly (12:45 in school gym)
- Jan 31st – Chilliwack Curling Club Field Trip (Mr. Willms & Mrs. Nelson)
- Feb 1st – A.D. Rundle Grade 5 Parent Evening (6:30pm @ A.D. Rundle)
- Feb 2nd – Integrated Arts & Technology Town Hall Meeting Via Zoom (6:30pm)
- Feb 7th – In-Person Integrated Arts & Technology Town Hall Meeting (5:30 pm @ A.D. Rundle)
- Feb 16th – PAC Meeting (3:30pm in school library)
- Feb 17th – School Closed to Students (Professional Development Day)
- Feb 20th – BC Family Day (School Closed to Staff & Students)
- Feb 22nd – Pink Shirt Day



Parking – WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE

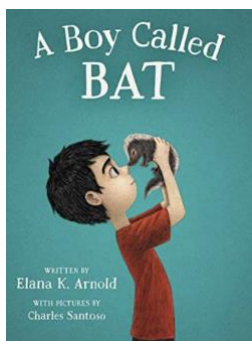


We are once again experiencing vehicles parked in No Parking areas at the front of our school creating a potentially unsafe area for your child(ren).

Please assist us in keeping our school area safe by following these requests.

- Walk or roll as much as possible.
 - We invite everyone to walk or roll as much as possible. In addition to the parking at Walden Park, students can walk to **Sitka Place** (250 meters) or **James Street** (400 meters) for drop-off/pick-up.
- As an absolute last option, if you need to drive into the front area of the school, please:
 - **Remain in your vehicle at all times** when dropping off or picking up your child from the curb lane and remember to signal when merging into the thru lane.
 - Never park in the thru lane or “No Parking” area immediately in front of staff parking.
 - 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.

One School, One Book



Our school continues connecting together with 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](#).

BC Family Day

BC Family Day is February 20th and school will be closed to staff and students. Some of our classes will be using this as a learning opportunity to engage students in discussing about family while being open and sensitive to different family structures. Given that we often find “celebrating” Mother’s Day and Father’s Day to be difficult for some students, students will not be creating take home gifts for these days allowing families the continued opportunity to celebrate mothers and fathers in their own special way.





[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](#)

Opportunities to order Leary shirts and hoodies will be made available soon. Please watch your email for the details!



[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.





A.D. RUNDLE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Integrated Arts & Technology



Imagine High
INTEGRATED ARTS & TECHNOLOGY SECONDARY

2023-2024 INFORMATION SESSIONS: INTEGRATED ARTS & TECHNOLOGY CHOICE STREAM (K-12 IN SD33)

Want more information about programming and availability of seats in the SD33 Integrated Arts and Technology choice stream? Wondering if this approach to learning might be a good fit?

Join us **VIRTUALLY:**

February 2 @ 6:00 PM on zoom

To register click here:

<https://sd33-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5AofumqrjorEtD0aiRpUVh6ke3-NGY08M1h>

or

Join us **FACE TO FACE:**

February 7 @ 6:30 PM at AD Rundle Middle School

To register click here:

<https://calendly.com/imaginehigh/iat-k-12-info-session>



**Chilliwack
School District**



Dear Leary Families,

I am pleased to announce that we are about to start **100 Nights of Reading** at Leary IAT!

This home reading program encourages students to read daily by having them track the nights that they read (either independently or with an adult) at home. Students will receive prizes at significant milestones (25, 50, 75, and 100), allowing them to track their progress and celebrate their achievement as they work towards their goal!

To participate, students must record the dates of nights they have read at home and have a parent or guardian initial or sign for that date. They may then return their signed form to the library to claim a prize. Forms for the next challenge, (i.e., 50-75) are available in the library.

How you can make our home reading program a success

- Encourage your child to read every day.
- Make the home reading program part of your regular routine. As a reminder, post the home reading form where it can be easily seen, such as the fridge, etc.
- Keep track of the nights that your child reads independently or with an adult.
- Upon completion, sign and return the home reading form to the Teacher Librarian.

If you have any questions about our home reading program, please feel free to contact the school. Thank you for helping our students to become Master Readers!

Sincerely,

Mary Eggen
Teacher Librarian
Leary Integrated Arts and Technology Elementary

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 21st - Friday, February 24th**.

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.9th: Virtual Book Launch Assembly (Novel brought home.)

Jan.9th-Jan. 13th: Read Chapters 1-5

Jan. 16th -20th: Read Chapters 6-10

Jan. 23rd-26th Read Chapters 11-14

Jan. 30th -Feb. 3rd Read Chapters 15-19

Feb. 6th -Feb. 10th Read Chapters 20-24

Feb. 13th-Feb. 14th Read Chapters 25-26

Feb. 21st-24th One School, One Book Display

Happy reading everyone!

Sincerely,

Ms. Eggen
Teacher Librarian




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**





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 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



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.



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



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