

OCTOBER 2024

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# THE BULLDOG



**Monday 7th** Mentor Monday

**Friday 11th** Terry Fox Run

**Monday 14th** Thanksgiving

**Thursday 17th** After school conferences

**Friday 18th** Early Dismissal 10:53am

**Wednesday 23rd** Picture Retakes

**Thursday 24th** Hot lunch

**Friday 25th** Pro D Day

Abbotsford Canucks Game

**Thursday 31st** Costume Parade

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Routines are set and we are well on our way to success. We have some shorter weeks this month but we are still moving forward and packing in all the events while keeping the learning at the forefront. We are so thankful for our space and place that we get to come and learn and grow everyday. As Thanksgiving is this months celebration, we stop and take a moment to enjoy our family and friends.

## TERRY FOX

Our Terry Fox run will be on October 11th this year! We are trying to reach our school goal of \$1500. We have already reached \$1040 through t shirt sales. If we reach \$1200 the school will earn an extra recess. If we reach \$1500 we will stick a mystery person to the wall at assembly! Please bring in your loonies, toonies and bills to help fight cancer. If you would like to donate online please visit our school fundraising link at: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/YarrowElementary>



## PICTURE RETAKE DAY



You should have received a card with a QR code that will enable you to view your child's picture. If you do not have your log in code, visit this link: <https://www.mountainwest.ca/support-for-families> and fill in the required information to view your child's picture. If you are not happy with your child's photo, or if they missed picture day, retakes are on October 23.

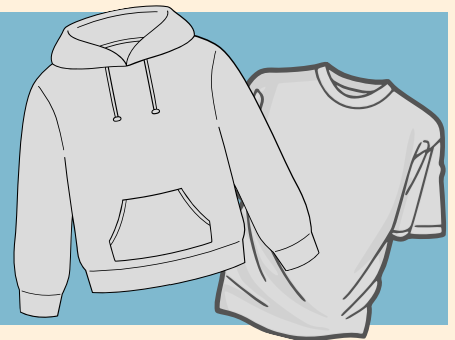
## STUDENT CONFERENCES

Thursday Oct. 17 from 2pm -5pm we are holding student conferences. Your child's teacher will reach out to let you know what how they will be conducted that day. You will also be receiving an interim report the week of October the 7th.

On Oct. 18th dismissal will be at 10:53am and bussing will be running.

## YARROW SWAG

We will continue to take t-shirt and hoodie orders. Order forms are at the office and we accept cash or cheque.



## PAC

We had over 20 parents out at our last PAC meeting. Thank you for an excellent turn out. It is important that you stay connected and we appreciate parent involvement. Our next meeting in on Tuesday October 29th. We are thankful for all the work that goes into fund raising and holding extra events that make our school a great place to learn.

## ATTENDANCE

Teachers will be following up on those that miss 5 or more days of school in a month and those that are late 5 or more days in the month. Please see attached Administrative Procedure 319.

# COSTUME PARADE

On October 31 at 10:10 we will be having a costume parade at the front of the school. We ask that students do not wear masks and costumes are not scary. There are a few classes on a field trip but they leave at 10:45.



# FRESH AND FAST CART

This is funded by the government and is access to healthy options in a stigma and barrier free way. We ask that students take one item at a time.



# SOCKTOBER

OCTOBER 1 - 31

## What is Socktober?

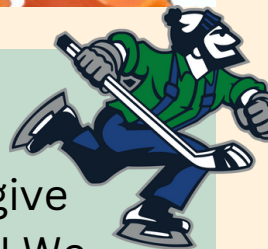
An event that gives students a chance to show kindness to those in need of **NEW SOCKS.**

A small act of love, such as donating a pair of socks, can make a big difference in the lives of our neighbors who are homeless.

# ABBOTSFORD CANUCKS GAME - OCT 25

The Abbotsford Canucks have partnered with our school to give us special rates on tickets as well as the chance to win prizes! We are selling tickets to the Oct 25 Abbotsford VS San Diego game at Abbotsford Centre and a portion of the ticket sales will go towards our school! Visit the link below to purchase tickets!

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Yarrowcommunity2>



# Library News

## SUPER READER



We hope everyone is doing a great job reading at home everyday! Make sure to mark off your Super Reader sheet for each day you read at least 15 minutes at home. The first day to bring in your 50 nights sheet will be Thursday, October 24. Keep on reading!

## CANADIAN LIBRARY MONTH

October is Canadian Library Month so to celebrate we will be doing a bookmark contest! Students can get an entry form at the library. Make sure to follow the guidelines when creating your bookmark. Be original, be bold and be careful. Entries need to be handed in to Mrs. Falk by Thursday, October 31. Winning bookmarks will be reprinted and used as bookmarks students can take from the library when they need one.



YOU ARE INVITED TO

# Seniors Lunch

AT YARROW COMMUNITY  
SCHOOL

Inviting any senior from the Yarrow Community to join us on the first Wednesday of every month from 12:00pm - 1:00pm for a sit down lunch and games with the students of Yarrow Community School

Lunch will be provided

At Yarrow Community School 4595 Wilson Road

Please RSVP to Yarrow Community School

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# Yarrow Community School PAC NEWS



The first month of the school year has come and gone and hopefully everyone is settled in with some good routines, friends, and is enjoying their learning. We had a fantastic turnout at our first PAC Meeting of the year and are excited to look through all of your suggestions and ideas for this year. If you are looking for ways to be involved or you are able to help here and there, keep an eye out for Facebook posts for volunteers or send us an email. We appreciate your help!



We are looking into doing some parent nights this year and also looking to add to our PAC meetings. If you have ideas on topics (ex. kids & anxiety, internet safety, etc) of things you want to learn more about or discuss with other parents...send them our way!

Keep an eye out for more details soon.

## Fundraisers

We raised over \$1200 from our Coupon Book Sales! Thanks for the Support :)

We have 2 Fundraisers happening this fall.

First is our fall Neufeld Farms Fundraiser

Scan the QR Code to place your order.

Orders Due October 15

Pick up October 24 @ 2:15pm



We are also doing Fresh to You - a produce bundle through the BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation. Order forms have been sent home and there are extras hanging on the PAC Bulletin Board next to the office if you are missing one. You can also email us at [yarrowpac@gmail.com](mailto:yarrowpac@gmail.com) for one. Orders due October 18. Pickup later November.

In the past PAC has done the Anti-Fundraiser Fundraiser. Where you or your family would like to support the PAC but don't want to buy all the things. Colleen Braun wrote a poem to her family asking for their support and it is pretty cute so we thought we would share it. ❤️



- 4 - Movie Night
- 10 - Popcorn Day \$1
- 11 - Terry Fox Run
- 14 - Thanksgiving - No School
- 15 - Neufelds Orders Due
- 16 - Hot Lunch Orders Due
- 18 - Early Dismissal - Fresh to You Orders Due (Pick up will be mid/late Nov)
- 24 - Hot Lunch - Rivers
- Neufelds Order Pickup
- 25 - Pro-D Day - No School
- 29 - PAC Meeting - 7PM
- 30 - Smoothie Day

## October

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

You know I go to a school called Yarrow  
 I work hard and stay on the straight and the narrow  
 But once in a while we like to let loose  
 To have fun events, maybe visit the Moose  
 Everything costs as I'm sure you're aware  
 But our PAC counts each nickel, and budgets with care  
 You want to support us but might not need chicken  
 (Though I hear Neufeld's wings are sure finger-lickin)  
 Have I got good news for your Purdys-weary ear  
 You can simply send money: we'll use it this year!  
 For smoothies and busses and special spring fun  
 Performances, BBQs and Terry Fox run!  
 Please send us your cash and we'll smile back  
 You can send your e-transfer straight to the PAC!  
 Thank you!!

[yarrowpac@gmail.com](mailto:yarrowpac@gmail.com)

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## ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE 319 STUDENT ATTENDANCE

The collection of student attendance records supports student learning and student safety. Section 3 (d) and (e) of the Ministry of Education Student Progress Report Order requires that the number of days a student is absent and the number of days a student is late, are to be communicated on all student Learning Updates and the Summary of Learning.

The Chilliwack School District (the "District") supports and encourages regular and prompt attendance, supports timely communication with parents/guardians about student attendance, and ensures that accurate records of student attendance are kept. The school will also make this information available online.

### **Elementary/Middle:**

**Will take daily AM/PM attendance and record in the Student Information System (ie. MyEd) within 30 minutes of the start of the day and after lunch.**

### **Secondary:**

**Will take daily block attendance and record into the Student Information System by the end of every block.**

## UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

### Elementary/Middle

If an elementary/middle school student is absent with an unexcused absence at any time in the school day, the student's parents/guardians will be notified immediately. First through the online School Messenger System and a follow-up phone call if there is no parent response.

If an elementary/middle student has five (5) or more unexcused absences in a single month, the teacher will have a documented Attendance Conversation with the parent/guardian and student.

### Secondary

If a student in secondary school is absent with an unexcused absence at any time of the school day, the school shall notify the student's parents/guardians at the end of the school day using the automated School Messenger System.

If a secondary student has missed five (5) or more blocks of a single course in a single month, the teacher will have a documented Attendance Conversation with the parent/guardian and student.

### Attendance Conversations

The purpose of the conversation is to identify the barriers to the student's regular attendance and the supports and resources that may be available to help the student regularly attend

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Related Legislation:

Cross References:

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Amended: xxxx

# THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 33 (CHILLIWACK) Administrative Procedure



school. Communication with families regarding attendance must be documented in the Student Information System (currently MyEd Journals) in alignment with Administrative Procedure 312 Student Records.

If the student's attendance pattern continues, the student will be referred to the School Based Team.

## **LATENESS**

Students are expected to be in class on time. The teacher shall counsel with those students who are developing a pattern of being late. The teacher shall contact home and, if the pattern continues, refer the student to the School Based Team. Communication with families regarding attendance must be documented in the Student Information System (currently MyEd Journals).

## **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Regular school attendance is the goal for all students in the district. However, students at times may be absent from class for valid reasons. The following principles shall govern the development and administration of attendance procedures within the district.

1. The Principal or designate has the authority to determine if an absence meets the criteria to be deemed an excused absence. The following represent examples of excused absences:
  - Participation in a district or school approved activity or instructional program.
  - Illness, health condition or medical appointment for the student or a person for whom the student is legally responsible.
  - Family emergency including, but not limited to, a death or illness in the family.
  - Religious or cultural purposes including observance of religious or cultural holiday or participation in religious or cultural instruction.
  - Court, judicial proceeding, or serving on a jury.
  - Post-secondary, technical school or apprenticeship program visitation, or scholarship interview.
  - Principal and parent/guardian/emancipated youth mutually agreed upon activity.