

December 2024

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THE BULLDOG December

- 3-5 Bookfair
- 10 Science World Here
- 11 Sr. Lunch Sinclair
- 12 Grade 5's Skating
- 13 Report cards go home
- 13 Read a thon \$ in
- 16 Christmas Spirit Week
- 17 Dress Rehearsal
- 18 Christmas Concert
- 20 Hot Lunch
- 20 Santa here
- Jan 6 Back



As we step into December, we want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible effort, determination, and teamwork that have brought us through the first term of the school year!

It's hard to believe how quickly time has flown by, and we are so proud of all the growth, learning, and achievements we've seen so far.

Students have worked so hard, showing up every day with curiosity, creativity, and a willingness to give their best. Whether they have been mastering new math skills, exploring exciting books, or learning about the world around them.

We couldn't have made it this far without parent's incredible support and involvement. Your encouragement at home, whether through helping with homework, reading together, or simply cheering on your child's efforts, has made a huge difference. Thank you for partnering with us to help your children succeed! We know it hasn't always been easy, but your hard work has truly paid off.

As we head into the winter break, we hope you take time to relax, reflect, and recharge for the adventures the new year will bring. Remember, the holidays are also a great time to celebrate your accomplishments and set exciting new goals for the second term. We look forward to see what can be done in the new year.

Wishing everyone a joyful December filled with laughter, learning, and lots of love. Let's finish this year strong together!

SD33 PAY ONLINE

We are encouraging online payment for field trip fees. Log in here: <https://www.studentquickpay.com/sd33/> to pay via credit card, or to see if you have any outstanding fees on your account. You can also find the link on our school website. Please contact the office if you have any questions or have any trouble logging in. We can still accept cash or cheque for field trip fees, **but it must be paid directly to the office, not given to the classroom teacher.**



STAFFING UPDATE

We wish Mrs. Falk all the best as she is going off on a maternity leave.

Mrs. Dibblee has decided to retire after 23 years at Yarrow. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her all the best as she enters her next chapter.

SPIRIT WEEK 16th - 20th

Monday

Merry Monday!

Wear **red** and
green

Tuesday

Santa's Helper

Dress like you work in
Santa's shop!

You can be Santa, an
elf, reindeer, toy, tree,
etc!

Wednesday

Night Before
Christmas

Wear your coziest,
festive PJ's

Christmas Concert

Thursday

What not to wear!

Wear your ugliest
Christmas
sweater

Friday

Festive Friday!

Go all out and wear
your most
festive sweater
or
outfit



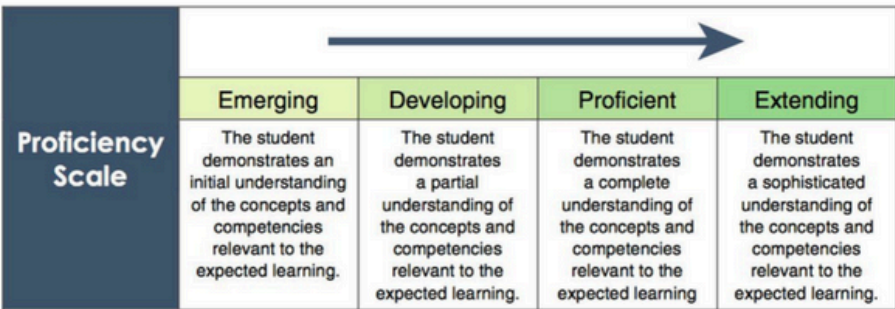
REPORT CARDS

As we approach the release of report cards, we want to take a moment to provide some context regarding the progress your child has made. It's important to remember that each child's learning journey is unique, and report cards reflect where they are at a particular moment in time.

At times, your child may be marked as "extending" in a certain area. This indicates that they have not only mastered the concept but have gone beyond the expectations for their grade level, showcasing a deep understanding and readiness for more advanced content. While this is a significant achievement, it's crucial to remember that this doesn't mean they will always be extending in that same area. As we move forward into Term 2, new information will be introduced, and the focus will shift to different skills and concepts. It's completely normal for your child to progress in some areas and need more time to develop in others as new topics are explored.

We view these shifts as part of the natural ebb and flow of learning. Mastery in one area doesn't guarantee that every subsequent concept will be easy, but with continued practice and dedication, your child will keep making strides toward success. Our goal is to ensure that they continue to grow, learn, and develop the skills they need to thrive.

Please remember, your involvement in their learning makes a tremendous difference. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's progress in more detail, don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to work together to support their growth.



Proficiency Scale	Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
	The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

COMMUNICATION

We always have an open door policy. If you have any questions please make sure you address them to your child's teacher. If you have whole school questions my door is always open. Good communication sets the foundation for a positive and supportive environment. Let's continue to work together as a community.

SENIOR LUNCHESES

Last year we started to invite Seniors to come to school for a special lunch. The feedback was so great that we've continued this special event and even expanded it to a monthly tradition. Inviting seniors to the school not only fosters meaningful connections between generations but also provides students with opportunities to develop empathy, communication skills, and a sense of community. If you know of a Senior that would like to come for lunch and play some games or do a craft please let the office know. The next one is on December 11th, and after that they are usually on the first Wednesday of the month.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - DEC 18

Join Us for "Twas the Night Before Christmas"

We are excited to announce this year's concert titled "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Our

Grade 5 students will narrate this classic holiday story, while the classes will perform festive songs in between. We hope you can join us for one of the performances! The shows will be held at 12:30 PM and 6:30 PM. We look forward to celebrating the holiday season with you on Wednesday December 18th



READ-A-THON

Thank you to those that came to our Christmas Read a thon. Proceeds go towards Ruth and Naomi's , 5 Senior baskets and our Community Toy Drive. Students can continue to bring in money until December 13th. Thank you for your generosity.



Library News

BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair is back! Student wish lists will be coming home on Tuesday, December 3 and students can bring money to shop on Wednesday, December 4 and Thursday, December 5. The only day it will be open after school is on Wednesday, December 3 until

4pm. A great gift for teachers is books, come check out their wish lists in the library or on the PAC Facebook page. Every purchase from our Book Fair supports our library, we hope to see everyone there!

Tuesday Dec 3: Book browsing and wish list day (no money)

Wednesday Dec 4: Book buying day + open afterschool until 4pm, parents welcome!

Thursday Dec 5: Book buying day!



BOOKS OVER CHRISTMAS BREAK

Students are welcome to have library books home over the holidays. Please just make sure they are taken care of and don't go missing! If they prefer not to have library books from school, make sure to visit the public library over the break.

SUPER READER

Keep on reading at home! Many students have brought in their 50 nights of Reading and are working towards their 100 nights of Reading. The first day to hand in 100 nights of Reading is Tuesday, December 17. We will have class celebrations in the New Year for those who reach 100 nights of reading.

Yarrow Community School PAC NEWS



We have had some good PAC meetings and planning for the year in the last couple months. Thanks to all the parents who have come out. Be sure to read the meeting minutes posted on the PAC webpage and Facebook page to keep up to date with the latest happenings. We had a great parent night with Angela Murphy and hope to plan another parent night in the new year. We have had Neufelds and Purdy's fundraisers wrap up...thanks for all of your support and a big thanks to Marie for organizing all of these! We are hoping to plan a Fun Fair in the spring 2025...so keep an eye out for how to get involved in that. Hope you all make many special memories with those you love this holiday season!



We have Movie Night coming up this Friday,
December 6, 2024.
Dinner at 5:30 Sponsored by
Chilliwack Valley Septic & Tank Plumbing!
Movie Starts at 6:00pm. Movie - IF

December

- 2 - Deck the Halls
- 3 - 5 Book Fair
- 4 - One School, One Book Ends
-Purdy's Order Pick Up
- 6 - Movie Night - IF!
Dinner - 5:30 Movie Starts - 6:00
- 10 - Science World @ YCS
- 12 - Popcorn Day \$1
- 13 - Report Cards Go Home
- 16 - Christmas Spirit Week Begins
- 18 - Christmas Concert
12:30 & 6:30
- 20 - PAC Pizza Lunch
-Santa Visit
- Dec 21 - Jan 5 - Winter Holidays
No School!

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From the
Community School



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Santa Breakfast at the Community Hall

We send a crew of volunteers over to help with the annual Santa Pancake Breakfast at the Community Hall Saturday, Dec 7th. Be sure to join us for the kickoff to the festive season!

All Sports

Saturday mornings, January 11 - February 15 9:30 - 10:30. Girls and boys grades 3-5 are invited to join Josh to come and play in the gym... floor hockey, 4 corner soccer, basketball. Lots of fun - only \$25 for 6 sessions. Forms available at the school or call Sally for more info.

Babysitter Course

Registration starting soon for kids 11 and up (or turning 11 soon!) to sign up for the Red Cross Babysitter Course here at the school Friday, February 14th 8:30-4:30pm. The cost is \$75 per student. The course is very popular and space is limited so be sure to look online or pick up a registration form at the school. Call Sally with any questions.

Crafts with Cleo and Her Friend Jess

Free! Parent participation on Monday morning for Tots and their grown up. Join us in the multi-purpose room for a simple craft, snack, story and a bit of free play. Must pre-register by calling Sally 604-823-0257 or email sallylum@shaw.ca as space is limited.

Seniors Tech Day

Saturday, January 18th 9am - 12noon. We will have volunteer helpers with some tech experience or even expertise so please call Sally to book a 1/2 hr time slot. You can bring your phone, iPad/tablet or laptop and volunteers will help you with any questions about your device. Call Sally to book a spot 604-823-0257



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

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



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All About "K"

Do you have a child who will be starting Kindergarten in September 2025?

Follow us on Facebook: [SD33 Early Learning & Child Care](#)

Join Us for:

- Snacks
- Craft
- Activities
- Help with K Registration
- Ask General Questions



Locations & Times

Central Elementary
Tuesday Dec 17th
12:00pm to 1:30pm

Unsworth Elementary
Wednesday Dec 18th
9:00am to 10:30am

NEED HELP REGISTERING FOR KINDERGARTEN?

Please bring:

- photo or scan showing proof of child's age and citizenship
- photo or scan showing proof of residency
- photo or scan showing parent's proof of citizenship
- immigration and employment information if a temporary resident in BC



All About "K" Event
(Central/Unsworth)



Sign up for our event!

All About K - Sign Up Here!

Questions? Email: laura_callaghan@sd33.bc.ca

