

THE BULLDOG

JANUARY

Happy New Year

We trust that everyone had a wonderful holiday, filled with time spent with family and friends. Our students have returned to school ready to learn, and they have seamlessly slipped back into their routines. As we enter a new year, we are excited to embrace the new opportunities and challenges ahead. Let's continue to stay curious, support one another, and make this year even better than the last.

The second term of school is always an exciting time! Students are now building on a solid foundation and are ready to tackle new learning challenges. It's the perfect time for growth, and we look forward to seeing all the wonderful things our students will achieve.

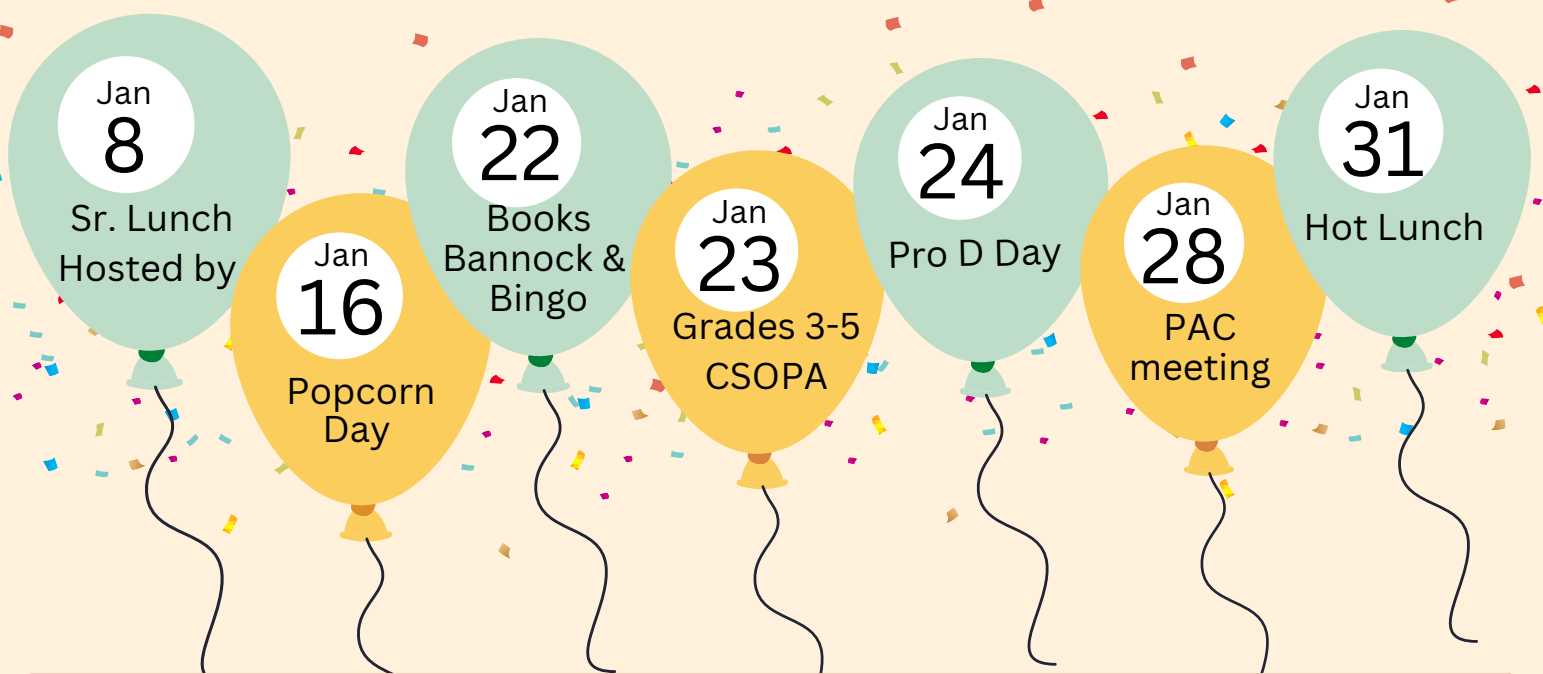
Giving Report

We are always amazed by the generosity and giving hearts of our school community—thank you for making a difference! Through the donations raised during our Read-a-Thon, we were able to raise an incredible \$3,700. These funds were used to purchase toys, senior hampers, and a cheque for Ruth and Naomi's.

Additionally, the community came together to donate food to the Salvation Army, spreading kindness to those in need. We would also like to give special recognition to one of our Grade 4 students, Paxtyn, who raised an amazing \$1,300 all on her own!

Your contributions have made a huge impact, and we couldn't be more grateful for the kindness shown. Thank you for your continued support in making this a wonderful and caring community.





STAFFING UPDATE

We welcome Mrs. Timms who has replaced Mrs. Falk for her maternity leave.

We would like to welcome Mrs. Bergman who has accepted a permanent Educational Assistant position after Mrs. Dibblee's retirement

Welcome back Mrs. Torenvliet



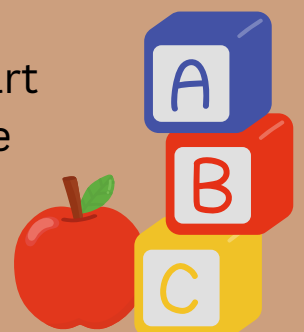
SD33 PAY ONLINE

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.**



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If your child turns 5 in 2025, then they are ready to start school in September 2025. Registration is open, please register online at: <https://sd33.bc.ca/registration>



SENIOR LUNCHES

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.

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.



BOOKS, BANNOCK & BINGO

Come enjoy an evening of Bingo while eating Bannock and winning Books. This will be our third annual BBB night. It is always a great way to spend time as a family. Invite your friends and neighbours and come on out. The evening is free. Bring your own dabber or purchase one for a toonie.



Library News

RETURN YOUR BOOKS

If you had books over the Christmas break (or before), please make sure they come back to school! Mrs. Falk will be sending home overdue notices next week for those books that did not get brought back. Any books that have gone missing will need to be paid for in the office or to Mrs. Falk in the library.

SUPER READER

We just reached 100 nights of reading before the break so if you've been reading over the break, you may have reached that goal! Bring in your signed sheets once you reach each 50 nights goal. We will be having our first 100 nights celebration during library blocks at the beginning of February.

TOURNAMENT OF BOOKS

At the end of January, we will be starting our school wide Tournament of Books! We have done this event for 3 years now and it's always a hit! It starts with 16 picture books getting matched up in pairs, we read them all in our classes, vote on which ones we liked best and in the end, there is one champion! Be sure to stop by the bulletin board outside the library to see which books will be in the tournament this year.

Yarrow Community School PAC NEWS



A new year is here! Hope you all found joy this holiday season as you spent time with those around you.

The PAC has the usual events happening this month with hot lunch, popcorn day, smoothie day, and PAC meeting. A big thank you too all of the volunteers who make these run each month. The school is hosting Books, Bannock, & Bingo which is a super fun night.

We hope to plan a few more events for the rest of the year to build connections and community. We hope to support each other and our school as our children learn and grow.

Books, Bannock, & Bingo

What Family Bingo Night...Win Books...
and Enjoy Eating Bannock!
When January 22 - Wednesday @ 6PM
Where Yarrow Community School Gym



Generously Sponsored by United Way British Columbia. Thank you!!
Hope to see you there :)



Fundraisers



West Coast Seeds

Keep an eye out for more details about our West Coast Seeds Fundraiser.

Ordering starts February 5th!

We thank you for any support for the PAC.



We are putting together a team of people interested in planning a FUN FAIR for this spring! Please reach out if you would like to join the organizing committee or help out at the event :)
yarrowpac@gmail.com



Yarrow PAC

- 6 - Welcome Back to School!
- 15 - Smoothie Day
- 16 - Popcorn Day \$1
- 22 - Books, Bannock, & Bingo 6PM
- 23 - Hot Lunch Orders Due
- 24 - Pro-D Day No School
- 28 - PAC Meeting 7PM
- 31 - Hot Lunch Mary Power's Kitchen

Coming in February
7- Movie Night
5-19 Westcoast Seeds Fundraiser



January

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Smoothie Day

Popcorn Day \$1

Books, Bannock & Bingo - 6 PM

Hot Lunch Orders Due TODAY

NO SCHOOL Pro-D Day

PAC MEETING 7PM

Mary Power's Kitchen



From the
Community School

604-823-0257 | sallylum@shaw.ca

Seniors Tech Support

FREE! Saturday, January 18th 9-12 noon. We will have volunteer helpers with some tech experience or even expertise so please call Sally to book a ½ hr. time slot. You can bring your phone, iPad /tablet or laptop and volunteers will try and help you with any questions or challenges. Bring a list of your questions so you are ready to make the most of your time. Call Sally at 823-0257 or email sallylum@shaw.ca if you have any questions or to book your time.

Babysitter Course

There are still a few spots left in the very popular Red Cross Babysitter Course.

Feb. 14th 8:30-4:30 for kids age 11 (or almost 11) The cost is \$75/student. Forms are available online or here at the school.

Crafts with Cleo and Her Friend Jess

FREE! Parent participation on Monday mornings 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.

You must be pre-registered as space is limited. Call Sally 823-0257 or email sallylum@shaw.ca to get signed up.

Adult Sewing Class

Four Thursdays starting Jan. 23rd 7-8:30pm. Join Mrs. Bergen to learn (or re-learn) some basic machine sewing skills. You will make a couple of simple projects to take home. \$50 to sign up please call Sally at 604-823-0257 or email sallylum@shaw.ca. Space is limited.

Family Place

Is a Free drop in program for caregivers and their little ones. Tuesday mornings 8:30 – 10am in the multi-purpose room. Come by for a cup of coffee while the little ones play.



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



YARROW FAMILY PLACE

Yarrow Community School
(Multipurpose Room)



Community Connections
School Readiness
Playdough Play
Crafts
Circle Time
Play-based Learning



Come meet your neighbors—parents, grandparents, and caregivers—with children aged 0-6 for a morning of engaging, attachment-based activities. It's a great way to connect, share experiences, and have fun!

Coffee will be on!

Please bring a healthy snack to share.





Free Winter Program for Families!

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

Delivered through YMCA BC starting February 2025 on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings.

Families who join this program will receive a complimentary YMCA membership.

Register
today!



gv.ymca.ca/generation-health-community
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