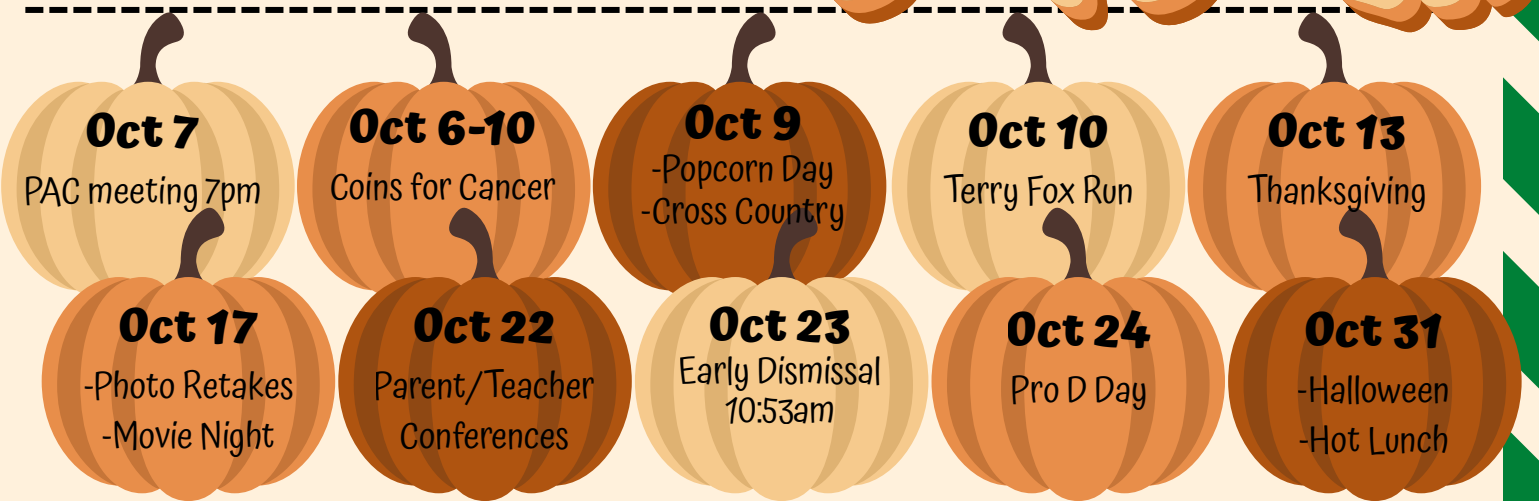


THE BULLDOG OCTOBER



October is such a special month at Yarrow! With the beautiful fall colors around us, our students are settling into routines, friendships are growing stronger, and classrooms are buzzing with learning and creativity.

This month, we look forward to celebrating the spirit of gratitude and community. Our focus will continue to be on strengthening literacy and numeracy foundations, while also encouraging kindness and respect—qualities that help our Bulldogs shine. October also brings exciting opportunities for students to learn beyond the classroom—whether through hands-on projects, outdoor exploration, or upcoming fall events that bring us together as a school community.

As we move through this season of change, let's continue to celebrate growth, support one another, and model the values that make Yarrow such a special place. Thank you for all you do to partner with us in making our school a place where every child feels safe, inspired, and proud to be a Bulldog.

Thank you to everyone who came out and joined in the conversation about Yarrow possibly becoming a K-8 school. The school board will be looking at this possibility on October 7th. Stay tuned for more information.

Terry Fox

Our Terry Fox Run will be next Friday Oct 10th at 12:30. Thank you to all the people who ordered T shirts - we have already raised over \$1300! We will be collecting donations all next week for the Terry Fox organization. Please send in your loonies and toonies for Terry. (bills also welcome!). Any parents who would like to volunteer to help along the route please email emma_johnson@sd33.bc.ca and Mrs. Gillingham will be in touch with you.



School Photos



School photos are ready to be viewed and ordered.

Visit this link to access the gallery:

<https://vando.imagequix.com/K9L3W9Z>. Your webcode to access your images was provided on photo day. Orders are due October 8th.

If you are missing your login code, visit

<https://www.mountainwest.ca/support-for-families> and enter the information required.

If you are not happy with your child's photo, retakes are on October 17th. Head to the school website homepage to sign up for retakes.

Parent/Teacher Conferences - Oct 22

It is time to connect with your child's teacher. On Wednesday Oct. 22 we invite you to come in after school and check out all the learning we have done so far. Your child's teacher will be reaching out to you to outline their process.



Library News

The first 50 nights for Super Reader can be handed in on Tuesday October 21st!



Halloween Costume Parade

On October 31st we will be having a costume parade at the front of the school after recess! We are excited to see everyone's costume, we ask that students do not wear masks and that costumes are not too scary.



Yarrow PAC Newsletter

October 2025



A Note From The PAC

The first month of school has flown by, and we hope students are settling into routines, making new friends, and enjoying their learning adventures! 🎉 A huge thank-you to everyone who joined us at the Meet the Teacher BBQ—what an incredible turnout! It was wonderful to connect as a school community, and we're extra grateful to the amazing volunteers who made it all happen.

Want to get involved but not sure where to start? We'd love to have you! Keep an eye on our Facebook page for volunteer sign-ups and come join us at our PAC meetings. None of this happens without our incredible volunteers... that's YOU! 🙌

Our next meeting is October 7 at 7 PM in the school library. We'll be planning this year's budget, talking technology, and more. Hope to see you there!

Fundraisers

- Great Little Coupon Books are wrapped up—thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser! All remaining orders will be sent out the first week of October.
- Neufeld's Fundraiser is on now! Orders can be placed until October 15, 2025, with pick-up on October 22 at 2:00 PM.
- Purdy's Chocolates are back! 🍫 Our holiday fundraiser will launch in November, with pick-up in early December—perfect for sweet treats and gift-giving.
- We've got some new fundraising ideas in mind for this year, so stay tuned! And if you have a favorite or fresh idea, we'd love to hear from you.

Every purchase helps support our kid!
Thank You for making a difference!

Upcoming Dates

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 MEETING PAC MEETING @7PM	8	9 POPCORN DAY TRACK & FIELD CROSS-COUNTRY	10 TERRY FOX RUN	11
12	13 THANKSGIVING NO SCHOOL!	14	15 due today NEUFELD ORDER DUE	16	17 PHOTO RE-TAKE DAY	18
19	20	21	22 NEUFELD PICK UP	23 HOT LUNCH ORDERS DUE	24 PRO-D DAY NO SCHOOL	25
26	27	28	29	30 EARLY DISMISSAL LUNCH	31 HOT LUNCH HALLOWEEN COSTUME DAY!	

NOTES:

7 - PAC MEETING IN THE YCS LIBRARY @7PM
9 - POPCORN DAY, \$1.00 (1BAG PER CHILD MAX)
9 - TRACK & FIELD : CROSS-COUNTRY
SARDIS SPORTS FIELD
10 - TERRY FOX RUN
13 - THANKSGIVING - NO SCHOOL!
15 - NEUFELD ORDERS DUE BY END OF DAY
17 - PHOTO RE-TAKE DAY
17 - MOVIE NIGHT : SKEWON GUM
MOVIE STARTS @ 6:00PM
22-NEUFELD PICK UP @2:00PM
23- MUNCH-A-LUNCH ORDERS DUE
23- EARLY DISMISSAL @ 10:53AM
24 - PRO-D DAY - NO SCHOOL!
31 - HOT LUNCH
31 - HALLOWEEN COSTUME DAY!



Contact Us

Yarrow Community School PAC

✉ yarrowpac@gmail.com

📍 Yarrow Community School PAC

📅 PAC Meetings First Tuesday – YCS Library @7:00pm

View our Gourmet Foods by scanning the QR code below
All of your favorites are just a click away...



**Yarrow Community School
NEUFELD FARMS FUNDRAISER**

Orders In By: October 15 2025, end of day
Pick up: October 22nd 2025, 2:00 pm



<https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2025-yarrow-community-school-eff8bb768d>

From the
Community School

604-823-0257 | sallylum@shaw.ca

Youth Ball Hockey

Free drop in boys and girls grade 5 - 9 Friday October 3rd 6:00-7:30pm. Bring a gym safe hockey stick

Sew Fun

Now registering for October 15th Halloween Treat Bag Sew Fun! Kids in grade 4 and 5 can register for beginner sewing with Mrs. Bergen, forms are available at the office.

Licensed Child Care

Registration has re-opened

Puddle Jumpers Daycare - for children 30 months - 5 years old

Jellybeans Preschool - licensed 3 and 4 yr. old programs. Please email jellybeanspreschool@gmail.com

Out of school care - Out of school care for school age children. Full and Part time rates available this year.

All programs have waitlists this year!

Facility Rentals

Our spaces are available for rent afterschool, evenings, and weekends year-round for community use. Please call coordinator Sally Lum at 604-823-0257 or sallylum@shaw.ca for more information on the following programs or to inquire about facility rentals. We are always interested to hear from anyone with new ideas or proposals for programs or events.

Family Place

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.

Fair Notice



Common programs and integrated services shall provide information to those who receive or are affected by their services. This is referred to as **Fair Notice** that such a multi-agency program/initiative exists. The Chilliwack School District is committed to providing a safe and inclusive environment for all staff, clients, students and community members, and as such, is a member of the Chilliwack Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA or ARTO) Protocol.

WHAT IS A VIOLENCE THREAT RISK ASSESSMENT (VTRA) PROTOCOL?

The protocol is designed to enhance communication between all partners. It is incumbent upon the partners to share necessary and appropriate information that may initiate or facilitate the Assessment of Risk to Others (ARTO) process. It is a trauma-informed and equity-inclusion guided practice that utilizes and Assessment of Risk to Others (ARTO) process to:

- To ensure the safety of all individuals,
- Begin to understand the factors that contribute to the Individual of Concern's (IOC's) threatening or high-risk behaviour,
- View the Individual of Concern (IOC) as in need of intervention and support rather than discipline.
- Be proactive in developing an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the Individual of Concern (IOC). It may include disciplinary action but will include appropriate supports to aid in the Individual of Concern (IOC) in developing and using more appropriate strategies,
- Promotes the emotional and physical safety of all.

It is NOT a Disciplinary tool or response.

WHAT IS A THREAT?

A threat is an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something. Threats may be verbal, written drawn, posted on the Internet, or made by gesture. Threats must be taken seriously, investigated, and responded to appropriately.

DUTY TO REPORT?

Often when we hear in the media about a violent incident, we learn that the Individual of Concern had made threats in advance of acting violently. To keep our communities safe, staff community members, students, and parents all need to act responsibly and report all threat-related behaviours and high-risk activities. This report can be made to any community partner of the Chilliwack VTRA/ARTO Protocol.

When a report of a threat is received by any member of this protocol, and upon screening it is determined the threshold for the "Categories of Action" is met, the Chilliwack VTRA/ARTO Protocol will be activated.

"Categories for Action" may include, but are not limited to:

- Serious violence or violence with intent to kill,
- Violence with intent to do serious bodily harm,
- Verbal/written threats to kill others ("clear, direct and plausible"),
- Verbal/written threats to do serious bodily harm ("clear, direct and plausible"),
- Social Media/Technology generated threats to harm/kill others,
- Possession of weapons (including replicas),
- Bomb threats (making and/or detonating explosive devices),
- Fire setting,
- Sexual intimidation or assault,
- Ongoing pervasive and targeted bullying and/or harassment,
- Gang related intimidation and violence,
- Hate incidents motivated by factors including, but not limited to, race, culture, religion, and/or sexual and gender diversity,
- Suicidal ideation or attempts as related to "Fluidity" or "Conspiracy to Two or More".

CAN I REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE?

It is important for all parties to engage in the process. If for some reason there is a reluctance to participate in the process, by either the Individual of Concern or parent/guardian, the threat assessment will continue in order to ensure and restore a safe and inclusive environment for all.



City of Chilliwack Fire Department

Proudly Serving Our Community Since 1906

Family Letter

This Fire Prevention Week, October 5 – 11, 2025, your local fire department and your child's school have teamed up for safety! Your child has been learning about ways to prevent home fires, fire and burn hazards, working smoke alarms and home fire escape planning.

The theme this year is **"Charge into Fire Safety"** This is a reminder that practicing proper battery safety at home is essential.

Most fatal fires occur in residential settings where people feel safest. Fire can spread quickly through your home, leaving only precious minutes to escape. Your ability to get out fast depends on advanced warning from smoke alarms and advanced planning – creating a home fire escape plan. Remember only a fire safety plan that has been practiced, will work. Reduce your family's risk from fire by following the tips below.

Smoke Alarms

- Make sure everyone in your home can recognise the sound of the smoke alarm and knows exactly what to do when it sounds.
- Install working smoke alarms near sleeping areas and on every level of your home. For maximum protection also install smoke alarms in bedrooms.
- Smoke alarms should be tested and maintained in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Alarms should be tested **once a month** by pushing the test button and listening for the alarm.
- For battery operated smoke alarms, replace batteries at least once a year or for extended life batteries, refer to manufacturer's instructions. Batteries should also be replaced when the smoke alarm makes a chirping sound.
- Smoke alarms should be cleaned at least every 6 months by gently vacuuming the exterior.
- Smoke alarms do wear out and should be replaced **at least every 10 years.**
- To find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm; the alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date.

Home Fire Escape Plans

- Create a home fire escape plan showing **2 ways out** of every room. Practice your plan with your entire family by having a home fire drill at least twice a year.
- Choose a Family Meeting Place a safe distance away from your home. All family members should be taught to report to the family meeting place after leaving the home.
- One person should then go to a neighbour's house or the nearest phone in a safe location to contact 9-1-1 or your local emergency number.

Thank you for making fire safety your priority in your home!
Chilliwack Fire Department



Get it, Use it, Trash it Right

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2025

We're excited to challenge students from Kindergarten to Grade 7 to learn the skills they need to be community safety conscious, promote fire prevention, and help protect our community.

Students - submit for a chance to win:

- One of two Nintendo Switch™ OLED consoles for BC students
- One Nintendo Switch™ OLED console for students from FPOABC's Zone 6 (Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Yukon & Northwest Territories).

No purchase required, must be a student in kindergarten to grade 7 to qualify. To enter, ensure all questions in section 3 are complete.

Contest runs from September 29th to November 1st.

Draw date: November 15th. Only the winner will be contacted.

BONUS - enter to win a prize from your local fire department.

The Chilliwack Fire Department
WIN a pizza party for your class
For more information contact: fpo@chilliwack.com



Enter to win - for both the provincial & local draw!



This October 16th,
Get Ready to
ShakeOut.

