



December 6th, 2020

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Communicating Student Learning

Incredibly, we have already reached the end of Term One. You will be receiving your child's Progress Report on Friday, December 11th. In the redesigned curriculum, the 'Big Ideas', 'Curricular Competencies' and 'Content' areas are more sequential, more implicitly interwoven between subject areas, and meant to be developed over the course of the school year. A Progress Report is meant to show you how your child is progressing at this time in relation to the learning outcomes being focused on by the classroom teacher. This report is a snapshot in time. Take the time to review it with your child, celebrating the successes, and noting the areas in need of further attention. We still have another two full terms to push our students' learning, and see what amazing growth they will continue to make.

School Goal

To increase our critical thinking in Literacy, Numeracy, and Social Responsibility.

Inclement Weather

The decision to close schools due to inclement weather is made by our superintendent, and announcements will be made on the district website [www.sd33.bc.ca] and on local radio. Please do not call the school.

Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child that will turn 5 years old before the end of 2021, or know of anyone with kids this age, it is time to register for Kindergarten. You can apply online at any time, <https://sd33.bc.ca/registration>.

Early French Immersion

You can apply online any time at <https://sd33.bc.ca/registration>. All applications received by 12:00 pm on January 8th, 2021 will be included in our lottery draw.



This is a snapshot of events on the horizon. Please keep your eyes on the website for details and updates.

Important Dates

- Dec 11: Term One Reports and Santa Visit
- Dec 15: Christmas Scavenger Hunt
- Dec 16: Photo Retakes
- Dec 18: Last Day of 2020
- Dec 19-Jan 3: Christmas Break
- Jan 4: First Day of 2021

Student Illness

Cheam has had its share of colds and flues already this year. Thankfully, no students or staff have contracted COVID-19. Thank you to parents for continuing to keep your children at home if they are feeling ill, and doing your part to protect our community. The measures we are taking are working. But remember, this is a marathon, and there is still quite a way to go. We all need to stay focused, and continue to adhere to the health measures in place. This is hard work. But, in my humble opinion, most things worth doing are difficult. Let's keep wearing our masks, washing our hands and staying on top of illness during this flu season. Flu clinics are popping up now, so you might want to consider getting immunized this year. Let's do all we can to stay healthy for the holidays! Here's a link to Fraser Health: www.fraserhealth.ca/immunizations.

Parking Lot

Thank you for your continued patience in and around our parking lot. I feel this patience may be tested in the coming weeks, if the weather takes a turn for the worse. I ask that you all, as you turn onto Banford Road, to take a deep breath and exhale slowly, knowing that the drop off and pick up process may take longer than normal. Please remember, we have adequate supervision before school, that you do not need to rush in the morning. Similarly, there's no need to rush at the end of the day. I know many of you arrive very early to get parking. However, if you have the flexibility in your schedule, I invite you to wait until 2:20 - 2:25 pm. Once the buses are gone, our parking lot becomes very quiet. Your kids will be safe waiting a few extra minutes.

Salvation Army Food Drive

We are holding a canned/non-perishable food drive to support the Salvation Army. We are also accepting cash donations on their behalf. We're not going to set a specific goal, but if you can afford to send a food item and/or a Twoonie to support this cause, that will go a long way towards helping the many families that are in need this season. We will continue to collect items until December 18th. Thanks for your support.