

June 1st, 2021Iain Gardner, Principal | Tel 604.792.1416 | iain_gardner@sd33.bc.ca | <http://cheam.sd33.bc.ca>**The Final Push**

This has been a challenging year. There's no other way to say. I am so thoroughly impressed by how well our school community has navigated working through a pandemic. I am so thankful we have been able to keep the kids coming to school every day. So many parts of the country, and world, have had to keep their doors shut to their students. I wouldn't call this year anything close to normal, but I am so proud of everyone for giving it their best to approximate this for our kids. And haven't our students just weathered this like champs!

Planning for September

Staffing is directly related to student enrolment. If you are planning to move, or transfer to another school in Chilliwack, please contact the office as soon as possible.

At this time, it looks like we will continue to have combined grade classes at just about every level. The more accurate a picture we have of our student population, the more proactively we can build our classes for next year. We don't have a lot of flexibility, but where we do, we want to make the wisest decisions.

Student Placement Information

Staff will be meeting before the end of this school year to discuss the placement of students in classes for next year. To achieve a good balance in each class, we consider many factors:

- Academic achievement and needs
- Class size and composition
- Peer relations
- Previous placement history
- Learning styles

While considering the needs of the school/class as a whole, we take into account the learning and social needs of each child.

Staff members will be working together closely to make thoughtful student placement decisions through a comprehensive process. As mentioned earlier, these plans are tentative, and there may be changes made before classes are finalized in September.

School Goal

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

With respect to combined classes, please remember that combined classes are a fact of school life and are more the norm than the exception. The thought process we apply in our selection for combined grade classes, in situations where we have options, is as unique as the students we are working with. We are very confident that the students in these classes receive a full and rich academic program at their grade level. We will re-assess our classroom organization during the first week of school when our student enrolment is confirmed.

Summary Learning

Our School District Summer Learning Program is now open for online registration:

<https://www.sd33.bc.ca/summer-learning>.

At the Elementary Level there is a blend of 'open to all' and targeted programs. The programs run through July 5th -16th, 4 hours per day, for a total of 40 hours, and will run out of Chilliwack Senior Secondary.

School Bus Registration

Registration for bus transportation for the 2021/2022 school year opens soon. Visit <https://sd33.bc.ca/transportation-department> to register your child.

PAC Meeting

Our next PAC meeting is the AGM. It will be held on Monday, June 7th at 7:30 pm on Zoom. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Student Illness

Thank you to parents for continuing to keep your children at home if they are feeling ill. There is no denying it is inconvenient, but these small sacrifices really do support the good health of our whole community. Attached at the end of this newsletter is an updated Daily Health Check form, with links to various sources of information on COVID-19.

Parking Lot

The safety of students, staff and community members is our number one concern in and around our parking lot. It is very important we all take time to review the expectations at drop-off and pick-up. All foot traffic through the lot should be contained to the sidewalks and painted crosswalks. If there is a line-up of cars, please wait until you can pull forward to the crosswalk before letting your child out. If you need to get out of your vehicle to assist your child, please park in a designated stall.

T-Bird Ball Caps

As we head into Spring and the sun begins to shine, the time is right to start wearing hats to protect you from the sun. Why not look really sharp and support your school while doing it, too? T-Bird ball caps are on sale at the office. We have adult and youth sizes, \$20.00 each (discounts available if purchasing multiple units).

Happy Father's Day

Last, but not least, on behalf of the staff, I'd like to wish all our dads out there a very happy Father's Day on June 20th. Enjoy!


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

Important Dates in June

June 4 Break the Rules Day
June 7 PAC meeting (AGM)
June 9 Staff Appreciation Lunch/Hot Lunch
June 18 Hawaiian Shirt/Wacky Tourist Day
June 24 Early Dismissal/ Report Cards

Calendar and Bell Schedule

The 2021-22 calendar and bell schedule have been posted to the website.

 <h2 style="text-align: center;">DAILY HEALTH CHECK</h2>	
KEY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS	WHAT TO DO
Fever (above 38°C)	If yes to 1 or more of these symptoms: Stay home and get a health assessment.
Chills	
Cough	Contact a health care provider or 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.
Difficulty breathing	
Loss of sense of smell or taste	
OTHER SYMPTOMS	WHAT TO DO
Sore throat	If yes to 1 symptom: Stay home until you feel better.
Loss of appetite	
Headache	If yes to 2 or more of these symptoms: Stay home for 24 hours.
Body aches	
Extreme fatigue or tiredness	
Nausea and vomiting	
Diarrhea	If symptoms don't get better or get worse, get a health assessment; contact a health care provider or 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL:	WHAT TO DO
Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	<p>If yes: All students and staff who have travelled outside of Canada are required to self-quarantine for 14 days after arrival under both provincial and federal orders.</p> <p>This includes students who are attending school from abroad. Students from outside of Canada should plan to arrive in Canada at least two weeks before they are scheduled to attend school to adhere to the self-quarantine orders. Additional information is available here.</p>
CLOSE CONTACT	WHAT TO DO
Have you been contacted by public health and notified that you are a close contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	<p>If yes: Please follow the instructions provided by Public Health.</p> <p>You can call 8-1-1 anytime to get advice about how you are feeling and what to do next. Pay attention to how you are feeling. If it becomes harder to breathe, you can't drink anything or feel much worse, seek urgent medical care at an urgent care clinic or emergency department.</p>

Check your symptoms with the [K-12 Health Check](#). If you have any questions, or the symptoms get worse, contact your healthcare provider, or call 8-1-1. For more information on COVID-19, please go to www.bccdc.ca. If you develop severe symptoms, such as difficulty breathing (e.g. struggling to breathe or speaking in single words) or chest pain, call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest Emergency Department.