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The Final Push

This has been another challenging year. I have heard it said that we don't grow when things are easy, we grow when we face challenges. As I review report cards and assessment data, I see this so clearly in our students. They have risen to the challenges thrown at them by the pandemic and are thriving. Thank you to our staff, our PAC, and our broader Cheam community for working together to support our kids so well.

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, 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, these 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.

School Bus Registration

Registration for bus transportation for the 2022/2023 school year is open. Visit sd33.bc.ca/transportation-department to register your child.

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.

Report an Absence

You can now report your child's absence through our school website. The notification goes directly to Mrs. Adrian and Mr. Gardner.

<https://cheam.sd33.bc.ca/form/report-an-absence>

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.

Calendar and Bell Schedule

The 2022-23 calendar has been posted to the website and included here in this newsletter.

Bell Schedule for 2022/23

- 8:00 am *Playground Supervision Begins*
- 8:10 am *Warning Bell*
- 8:15-10:05 am *Classes in Session*
- 10:05-10:20 am *Recess Break*
- 10:20 am-12:10 pm *Classes in Session*
- 12:10-12:55 pm *Lunch Break*
- 12:50 pm *Warning Bell*
- 12:55-2:15 pm *Classes in Session*
- 2:30 pm *Playground Supervision Ends*

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 16 Bridal Falls Waterpark
June 17 'Superhero' Summer Fun Day
June 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 23 Early Dismissal/ Report Cards

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 19th. Enjoy!



Here is a list view of our upcoming school calendar and bell schedule. More specific details on various events will continue to be posted to our school website as the year progresses.

2022-2023 Local School Calendar	
Days in Session	182
Minimum Number of Instructional Days	176
Number of Non-Instructional Days	9
Schools Open (Early Dismissal- 10:15 am)	September 6
Nat'l Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Statutory Holiday)	September 30
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY	October 7
Thanksgiving Day	October 10
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY	October 21
Early Dismissal (11:15 am)	November 4
Remembrance Day (Statutory Holiday)	November 11
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY	November 25
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY (Assessment/Evaluation)	November 28
Last Day before Christmas Holidays	December 16
Christmas Holidays	December 19 to January 2
Schools Reopen after Christmas Holidays	January 3
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY (Assessment/Evaluation)	January 27
Early Dismissal (11:15 am)	February 16
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY	February 17
Family Day (Statutory Holiday)	February 20
Last Day before Spring Vacation	March 17
Spring Vacation Period	March 20 to March 31
Schools Reopen after Spring Vacation	April 3
Good Friday (Statutory Holiday)	April 7
Easter Monday (Statutory Holiday)	April 10
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY	April 28
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY	May 19
Victoria Day (Statutory Holiday)	May 22
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY (Assessment/Evaluation)	June 2
Last Day (Early Dismissal 11:15 am)	June 29

 <h2 style="text-align: center;">DAILY HEALTH CHECK</h2>	
KEY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS	WHAT TO DO
Fever (above 38°C) Chills Cough Difficulty breathing Loss of sense of smell or taste	If yes to 1 or more of these symptoms: Stay home and get a health assessment. Contact a health care provider or 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.
OTHER SYMPTOMS	WHAT TO DO
Sore throat Loss of appetite Headache Body aches Extreme fatigue or tiredness Nausea and vomiting Diarrhea	If yes to 1 symptom: Stay home until you feel better. If yes to 2 or more of these symptoms: Stay home for 24 hours. 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?	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. 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
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?	If yes: Please follow the instructions provided by Public Health. 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.

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.

Please check BCCDC's [Symptoms of COVID-19](#) regularly to ensure the list is up to date.