



**May-June, 2024**

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## The Final Push

Wasn't that just a sensational display of talent, creativity and hard work we enjoyed at the performance of *The Surprising Story of the Three Little Pigs*? Thank you to everyone who came out to support our community. Can you believe that was only three weeks ago? So many things have happened for our students since then, including our *Indigenous Activity Day* at Honeymoon Bay. What an experience that was! Still coming up for everyone is *Break the Rules Day*, *Summer Fun Day* and our annual trip to *Bridal Falls Water Park*. Unbelievably, amidst all this and other class-based field trips and special events, the teachers and students are still managing to get projects and other assessments completed. Summer holidays are nearly here. We're all going to need the break!

## Planning for September

At this time of year, schools are busy making plans for next year. If you are planning to move, or transfer to another school in Chilliwack, please contact the office as soon as possible.

At this time, our classes are all looking full. 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. These plans are tentative at this moment. The more detailed and accurate our information is now, the better prepared we will be come September. And we already know September always throws a few curveballs at us!

### 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.

If you have pertinent details to share regarding your child's class placement, I am open to hearing your thoughts. If you send me an email, I promise this information will be taken into consideration, along with all the other factors already mentioned. If you put 'Student Placement Information' in the

subject line, that will help ensure I don't miss your email.

### School Bus Registration

Registration for bus transportation for the 2024/2025 school year is open. Visit [sd33.bc.ca/transportation-department](https://sd33.bc.ca/transportation-department) to register your child.

### PAC AGM

The last PAC meeting of the year will be held at the school on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. This is the Annual General Meeting, where PAC Executive positions are voted on.

### Calendar and Bell Schedule

The basic 2024-25 calendar has been posted to the website and included here in this newsletter.

### Bell Schedule for 2024/25

- 8:00 am *Playground Supervision Begins*
- 8:15 am *Warning Bell*
- 8:20-10:20 am *Classes in Session*
- 10:20-10:35 am *Recess Break*
- 10:35 am-12:15 pm *Classes in Session*
- 12:15-1:00 pm *Lunch Break*
- 1:00-2:18 pm *Classes in Session*
- 2:30 pm *Playground Supervision Ends*

### T-Bird Ball Caps

As we inch towards summer and the sun shines more regularly, 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).

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

### Important Dates in May and June

- May 30 Break the Rules Day
- May 31 Pro-D Day
- June 4 Kindergarten Orientation
- June 7 Summer Fun Day/Hot Lunch
- June 11 PAC AGM
- June 14 Grade 5 Grad Event
- June 17 Bridal Falls Waterpark
- June 20 District Track and Field Meet
- June 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day
- June 27 Early Dismissal/Last Day/Report Cards

### 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 16<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy!



<b>2024-2025 Local School Calendar</b>	
Days in Session	187
Minimum Number of Instructional Days	177
Number of Non-Instructional Days	10
Schools Open ( <b>Early Dismissal- 10:15 am</b> )	September 3
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY (District)	September 27
Nat'l Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Statutory Holiday)	September 30
Thanksgiving Day	October 14
<b>Early Dismissal (11:15 am)</b>	October 18
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY (Provincial)	October 25
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY (Assessment/Evaluation)	November 1
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY (In Lieu)	November 8
Remembrance Day (Statutory Holiday)	November 11
Last Day before Christmas Holidays	December 20
Christmas Holidays	December 23 to January 3
Schools Reopen after Christmas Holidays	January 6
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY (Assessment/Evaluation)	January 24
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY (District)	February 14
Family Day (Statutory Holiday)	February 17
<b>Early Dismissal (11:15 am)</b>	February 28
Last Day before Spring Vacation	March 14
Spring Vacation Period	March 17 to March 28
Schools Reopen after Spring Vacation	March 31
Good Friday (Statutory Holiday)	April 18
Easter Monday (Statutory Holiday)	April 21
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY (CTA)	April 25
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY (In Lieu)	May 16
Victoria Day (Statutory Holiday)	May 19
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY (Assessment/Evaluation)	May 30
Last Day ( <b>Early Dismissal 11:15 am</b> )	June 26