



# École Cheam Elementary School Newsletter



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School District

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## End of Term

Term Two Learning Updates will be issued on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Please take some time to review it with your child and celebrate the successes they have achieved.

Your teachers will also indicate some areas your child could benefit from focusing on, especially with such a long break ahead of them. The kids have all earned a break from the day to day, but we don't want their progress to be halted. Whereas Term One is like a warm-up for learning, and Term Two sets the pace for learning, Term Three is the long straight away (with some definite uphill sections) to the finish line. This has been an exciting term, and I know there's still so much more adventure in store.

### School Goal

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

## School-Based Team

Many of you will be familiar with the term 'school-based team'. For the benefit of those that don't, an 'SBT' is a group of staff within a school that meets regularly to problem-solve and plan interventions for students who are struggling with any aspect of their education.

The regular members of our SBT include our Principal, our Learning-Assistance teachers, our Resource teacher, our Counsellor and our Child and Youth Care Worker. The SBT will also include the classroom teacher, the parents/guardians of the student in question, and Educational-Assistants that support the student in class. The student may also participate in these meetings (determined

case by case in consultation with parents). At times, other District staff and outside agency representatives may be invited to participate. Additionally, parents can invite a supportive friend or family member to join them.

Typically, it is the classroom teacher that makes the initial referral. However, there are times when it is the parents that request an SBT to discuss concerns they may have. The first step in both cases is for the teacher and parents to talk. If, after discussion, it is felt a larger meeting would be helpful, the teacher will then submit a formal referral to our SBT.

At Cheam, we schedule our SBT meetings on Monday afternoons (between 1:00-2:18 pm). We have some flexibility to meet at other times, however this is the one block of time where we have all staff on site and are able to provide coverage to release the classroom teacher to attend.

If you have any questions about this process, you may also call me at school or email me ([iain\\_gardner@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:iain_gardner@sd33.bc.ca)).

## Preliminary Boundary Review Discussion

Many of you may have heard about a new 500 student capacity school being built on the old Rosedale Elementary site. This may have a direct impact on Cheam. District staff will be hosting a meeting on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm in our gym to discuss the situation. This will also be the first opportunity to provide feedback. Please see details at the end of this newsletter.

**World Book Day**

Help us celebrate World Book Day on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. As a culminating event for our *One School, One Book* initiative, and to celebrate literature in general, students are invited to come dressed as their favourite character from *Nim’s Island*. If that’s too difficult to pull together, come dressed as any character from other books you have read.

**Spring Break**

Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> is the last day of school for Term Two. Schools are closed for Spring Break from March 15<sup>th</sup> to March 30<sup>th</sup>. School is back in session for Term Three on Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.



**Save the Date**

Cheam is celebrating its 150th anniversary! Mark your calendars and save the date: Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. This is the day we are setting aside to celebrate this extraordinary milestone! More details will be coming soon as we get closer, but we would like to let you know of one special event that will be happening on that day to mark our celebration. We will be having a Talent Show to

showcase the many skills and talents that our students have. The talent show will



be open to students in Kindergarten through Grade 5 by audition. Auditions will be taking place in early April when students return after Spring Break. There will be a meeting during the lunch recess in the library on Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> for those students who are interested in auditioning. Attending the meeting does not mean

committing to audition. Please encourage your child to come out, even if they are just interested in finding out more.

Here’s a preview of some of what we have in store after the Break. Updated information will be provided as we approach the various events. Please keep informed by checking our website regularly.

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

**Important Dates to the End of the Year**

- Mar 12: Reports sent home
- Mar 14: World Book Day/Hot Lunch
- Mar 15-Mar 30: Spring Break
- Mar 31: School Returns
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- Apr 17: Hot Dog Day
- Apr 18 and 21: Good Friday/Easter Monday
- Apr 22: Earth Day
- Apr 23: Admin Ass’t/Custodian/Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- Apr 24: Ready, Set, Explore
- Apr 25: Pro-D Day
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- May 1: Class Photos
- May 10: Cheam 150 Carnival
- May 15: World Education Support Staff Appreciation Day/Hot Lunch
- May 16: Pro-D Day
- May 19: Victoria Day
- May 29: Break the Rules Day
- May 30: Pro-D Day
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- Jun 3: Kindergarten Orientation
- Jun 6: Summer Fun Day/Hot Lunch
- Jun 19: District Track and Field Meet
- Jun 16: Bridal Falls Water Park (TBD)
- Jun 26: Early Dismissal/Reports Home...Last Day of School!

### Kindergarten 2025

If you know of any children who will be 5 years old by the end of 2025, please remind their parents to get their child registered at their neighborhood school as soon as possible. Please go to <http://www.sd33.bc.ca/e-registration>.

### Ready, Set, Explore

Formerly known as *Ready, Set, Learn*, this is an event for pre-school-aged children and their parents. Led by our Kindergarten teachers, this is a fun and informative event to introduce your pre-schooler to their future school. More details will be provided prior to the event on April 24<sup>th</sup> (10:30 am-12:00 pm). Follow this link to more information about Early Learning across our district:

<https://earlylearning.sd33.bc.ca/ready-set-explore>

### BASC

Registrations are open for school-operated Before/After-School Care centres. Please follow this link for more information and to access request forms:

<https://earlylearning.sd33.bc.ca/after-school-care-sites>





## Preliminary Boundary Review Discussion

School district staff are planning for the opening of the new east side elementary school in the 2026/2027 school year.

Along with the PAC, we're inviting parents, guardians and caregivers at École Élémentaire Cheam Elementary School to join us at a parent meeting to talk about it.

### École Élémentaire Cheam Elementary School Parent Meeting

District staff will share scenarios for enrolment at the new school. Parents can provide feedback, ask questions, and help shape the best plan to present to the Board.

**Date:** Monday, March 3rd at 6:30pm

**Location:** Gymnasium

**RSVP:** to Amy at [communications@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:communications@sd33.bc.ca)



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