



École Cheam Elementary School Newsletter



Chilliwack
School District

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Welcome Back!

The kids all seemed to be feeling relaxed and refreshed upon their return, and will undoubtedly settle back into routines here at school. I'm really looking forward to Third Term.

School Goal

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

Planning for Next Year

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>.

Students in our English program that are moving on to Middle School next year will automatically transition to RTCS. Our Grade 5 Immersion students will be transitioning to Chilliwack Middle School. If you are thinking of attending a different Middle School, you need to apply online. I suggest you do so ASAP.

Transportation

If you qualify for bussing, it is time to register for next year. Please visit the District's Transportation webpage for details: <https://sd33.bc.ca/bus-registration-2025-2026>

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>

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

Important Dates in April

Apr 14: PAC Meeting
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

Important Dates in May

May 1: Class Photos
May 9: Talent Show Dress Rehearsal
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

Important Dates in June

June 3: Kindergarten Orientation
June 6: Summer Fun Day and Hot Lunch
June 16: Bridal Falls Water Park (TBD)
Jun 19: District Track and Field Meet
June 20: Nat'l Indigenous Peoples Day
June 26: Last Day of School-Early Dismissal-Final Report Cards

Heading towards the end...

We have so many exciting things on the schedule before we reach the end of the year. Here's a preview of some of what we have in store. Updated information will be provided as we approach the various events. Please keep informed

by checking our website regularly.

Boundary Review Discussion...To Be Continued

The School District has just about completed the preliminary boundary review discussions with all of the potentially impacted schools. FYI, the Superintendent talked to us about how the new school in Rosedale could impact Cheam, but there are other potential changes needed elsewhere across the district. Chilliwack is a growing community so there are pressures on other sites, as well. Once they have collated all of the feedback that has been garnered thus far, they will share this information with the School Board. Once that has happened, we will get a clearer outline for the formal consultation process. You can expect to hear more about this towards the end of April. In the meantime, if you have questions, reach out to me (iain_gardner@sd33.bc.ca), your PAC executive (cheam-pac@sd33.bc.ca), or the District Communications Manager (amy_dhanjal@sd33.bc.ca).

Save the Date

Plans are coming together very nicely for our 150th anniversary celebration. Currently, we have some classes conducting research on our school and community over the past 150 years. They will have some of their work on display for our Cheam 150 Carnival on May 10th. Auditions are set to begin for our student Talent Show, as well as the formation of a student choir to sing at our carnival. Our PAC will be hosting a concession stand at the carnival, as well. Additionally, we also have a couple other projects in the works: a Legacy Cookbook and a Time Capsule. More on that to come.

As we get closer to the date of our carnival, we'll provide more details regarding what you can expect. My only real concern about the carnival is in regards parking during the event. You are all quite aware of our limitations in that area. In the next couple of weeks, I will send out a link to an on-

line form where you can sign-up for a preferred timeslot to visit. We won't hold people to this, and certainly we won't turn anyone away if they haven't signed up. However, if you would prefer to come at a quieter time, or if dealing with parking is a particular frustration for you, you'll be able to get a bit of a sense when the busiest times over the 4-hour period of the event will be. Thanks in advance for your patience and understanding.



SAVE THE DATE

Come celebrate!

Join us for an afternoon of fun
as we celebrate **École Cheam
Elementary's 150th Anniversary!**

WHEN Saturday, May 10
11am - 3pm

WHERE École Cheam Elementary

More details coming soon!