



**February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

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**Planning for Next Year**

We are only half way through this school year, but we are already in full swing planning for next year. A child’s education begins in kindergarten when they are 5 years old. If your child is 5 years old, it is time to register. Please go to <http://www.sd33.bc.ca/e-registration>. If your child is 4 years old, but turns 5 before the end of December 2026, you are also eligible to begin in September. If you would like to discuss this, please contact the school.

Looking at the other end of the elementary years, due to enrolment pressures across our District, transition to Middle School is based on catchment area, not simply school of attendance. Grade Five students in our English program that live within the Cheam catchment area will automatically transition to Rosedale Traditional Community School. If you do not reside within our catchment, you will need to register at your catchment area Middle School.

Our Grade Five *French Immersion* students will automatically transition to Chilliwack Middle School, regardless of where you reside. If you are thinking of attending a different Middle School, you need to apply online. I suggest you do so ASAP.

Finally, our French program students are automatically transitioned to the next grade in the French Immersion stream. If you are considering moving to the English stream, you should be looking into this sooner than later. If you have any questions about this, please call the office.

**School Goal**

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

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

**Important Dates**

- Feb 6-15 Carnaval d’hiver
- Feb 6-22 Winter Olympics
- Feb 4 Global School Play Day
- Feb 6 Jump Rope 4 Heart
- Feb 12 Family Skate/Hot Lunch
- Feb 13 Pro-D Day
- Feb 16 Family Day
- Feb 20 PAC Family Fun Night
- Feb 25 Pink Shirt Day
- Feb 27 Early Dismissal

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- Mar 11 The Maple Man/Term Two Learning Updates
  - Mar 13 World Book Day/Hot Lunch
  - Mar 14-29 Spring Break

**Global School Play Day**

Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> marks the twelfth annual Global School Play Day. To show our support for this initiative, our teachers will be dedicating one hour during the day to pure, simple, unstructured, and creative play.



How this looks in each class will be a little different, and your child’s teacher may have additional information for you. In general, though, we invite students to bring their favourite toy or board game to share with friends. Please don’t send anything that is too fragile or expensive, and please, no electronics! For more details, visit:

- <http://www.globalschoolplayday.com/>.

**Carnaval d’hiver**

This year’s Québec winter carnival begins February 6<sup>th</sup> and continues to February 15<sup>th</sup>. On February 12<sup>th</sup>, everyone is invited to join us for a Family Skate at Sardis Sportsplex. We will be visited once again by The Maple Man, but not until March 11<sup>th</sup>.



**Pro-D, Family Day and Early Dismissal**

Our next Professional Development Day is Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> is Family Day. Our next Early Dismissal Day will be on February 27<sup>th</sup>, when the students are dismissed at 11:18 am. More details will be provided closer to the date.

**Pink Shirt Day**

Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> is national Pink Shirt Day. The purpose of Pink Shirt Day is to remind us to never lose our focus on working together and treating others with dignity and respect. For more information on this day, and to order t-shirts and other gear to mark the day, visit:

- <http://pinkshirtday.ca/>.



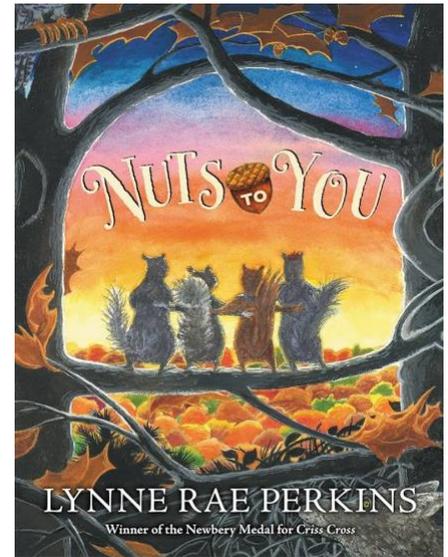
**One School, One Book**

This is an international initiative that was launched some time ago, designed to encourage the love of reading.

- <https://readtothem.org/programs/one-school-one-book/>

For several years, our PAC has funded the purchase of a chosen novel to gift to each of our families, in the hopes that parents and their children can enjoy

reading together. This year, we have chosen the Lynne Rae Perkins novel, **Nuts to You**. Mme Sarrazin has shared a variety of materials on our school website to help keep families engaged and excited, including audio recordings of every chapter. We will celebrate together on our World Book Day, Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. On this day, students are invited to come dressed as their favourite character from this novel, or any other book they have read.



**Parking Lot**

Thank you for your continued patience in and around our parking lot. Please remember, you do not need to rush in the morning. Similarly, there’s no need to rush at the end of the day. We have supervision after school. I know many of you arrive very early to get parking. However, if you have the flexibility in your schedule, I invite you to wait until 2:20 - 2:25 pm. Once the buses are gone, the parking lot becomes very quiet. Your kids will be safe waiting a few extra minutes.

As pedestrians, the safest place to be walking is along the sidewalk. The sidewalks will guide you safely to one of two crosswalks- one by the main entrance, and the other just before the exit.

Additionally, we have narrow walking lanes along two sides of the lot, marked by striped, yellow

paint. Pedestrian traffic must remain within these areas.

Please respect that the bus lane is for bus use only, **at all times of day**. The *only* exception to this would be when directed by staff. In the morning, at times we can get a backlog of traffic along Banford Road, and the only way for folks to proceed is if cars are directed through the bus lane. As soon as the pressure has been relieved, we'll stop allowing cars through the bus lane.

### Facilities and Enrolment Public Consultation

At the January 27<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting, our Trustees approved a public consultation process to seek feedback on the proposed *Facilities and Enrolment* changes. Please follow this link to our district website to get further details:

<https://sd33.bc.ca/index.php/news/board-education-approves-public-consultation>.

The graphic below highlights some key dates where you can hear more about the proposal and ask questions and share your thoughts. A final decision will be made by June.



The poster features a stylized mountain range graphic in white and blue against a dark blue background. The top left corner has an orange section with the Chilliwack School District logo and name. The main title 'Facilities + Enrolment Public Consultation' is in large white font, with the dates 'JAN 28 - APR 10, 2026' in orange below it. The bottom section is divided into two columns: the left column lists 'Virtual Presentation' dates (Feb 24 and 25) and 'Presentation and Open House' dates (March 3 and 5), while the right column provides a 'More Information' link and a QR code.

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## Facilities + Enrolment Public Consultation

**JAN 28 - APR 10, 2026**

**Virtual Presentation**  
North Side - February 24 | 7pm  
South Side - February 25 | 7pm

**Presentation and Open House**  
North Side - March 3 | 6pm  
Chilliwack Secondary School

South Side - March 5 | 6pm  
GW Graham Secondary School

**More Information**  
[www.letstalksd33.ca](http://www.letstalksd33.ca)

