



Promontory Motto – "Clean Hands, Kind Hearts, Strong Learners"

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for Kindergarten 2021/22 is now open. If your child will be 5 on or before December 31st, 2021 then it is time to register. Registration is all completed online.

<https://sd33.vivosforms.com/Home>

You will need Proof of Address and a Birth Certificate. Please encourage any of your neighbors to register too.



PARKING LOT SAFETY

Thank you to everyone for your efforts in keeping the flow of traffic flowing smoothly. As we enter into Fall and Winter with poor weather conditions, this is even more important. Each lane of traffic has a purpose, and the image below should help clarify.

The **green lines** are for the "Thru Lane", which means **no stopping** in these areas.

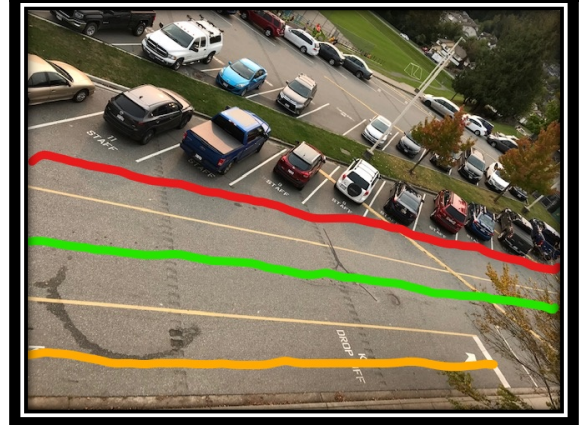
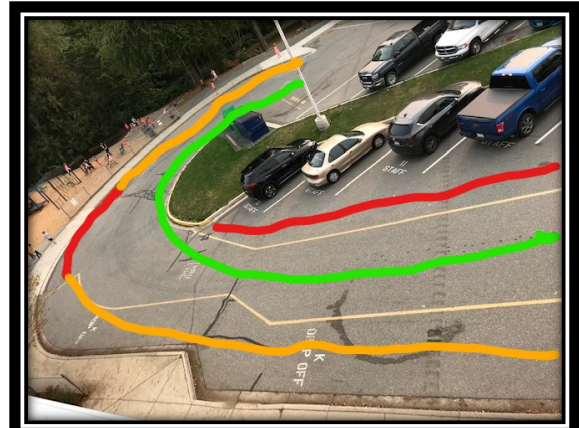
The **orange lines** are for **Pick up and Drop-off only**, which means **do not leave your vehicle unattended** and be prepared to move if asked. The lower section is marked for Kindergarten Drop-Off, so please respect the fact that these younger students may need to be dropped off closer to the school for their safety. Thank you.

The **red lines** mean **no parking** and are **not to be used** for Pick-up or Drop-off (we do not want children running across traffic).

If you arrive and your child is not ready to be picked up, and you cannot find a marked parking place, please continue to drive around the loop until your child is ready. This keeps the flow moving.

And as always, if your child can walk to and from school, or if you can park and wait off-site, please do so.

Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation.



DROP OFF/PICK UP

Thanks to parents and guardians to help us practice physical distancing during drop off and pick up times. We appreciate keeping the sidewalk along the North side of the school clear of parents so there is room for classes to pass through. When on the blacktop please remember to practice physical distancing and/or wear your mask. Thanks for helping us keep kind, calm, and safe.

IN/OUT DAYS

With the fall weather on its way, we can expect more frequent wet & windy weather. Even on days with drizzle or light rain children will be sent out for a period of time to get fresh air. The day is long and children do crave exercise and fresh air. **PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO MAKE RESPONSIBLE CHOICES AND ENSURE THEY ARE DRESSED PROPERLY FOR THE WEATHER.** Keeping a change of clothes in their backpacks is encouraged!

DAILY HEALTH CHECK – A commitment from you

Parents and guardians are an essential link in the safety protocols we are following, and your commitment to using the Daily Health Check is so important. Please continue to monitor your child's health each morning, and do not send a sick child to school. The latest Daily Health Checklist is here: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/about-covid-19/symptoms>. At this time, our district has not yet adopted the new protocols set out by CDC, we continue to follow the original list of symptoms.

Photo Day! Today (October 2nd) was Photo Day. If your child missed out, or if your child is in the Transitions Support Program, the next opportunity to get a school photo will be on Tuesday, November 3rd.

VIRTUAL PARENT NIGHT on ZOOM - Tuesday, October 6th at 7:00pm on Zoom. All parents are welcome to join this opportunity to connect virtually, gather information and ask your questions. Everyone who "attends" is eligible to win a great prize! Here is the link:

<https://sd33-ca.zoom.us/j/65779142678?pwd=aFRxYzcydmJXMy9ENlFBdEF3VEJKUT09>

Dates to Remember

Oct. 6	-Parent ZOOM Q&A meeting @ 7:00pm
Oct. 16	-Hot Lunch (Jim's Pizza)
Oct. 19	-PHECSA Annual General Meeting @ 7:00pm

Oct. 20	-PAC Meeting @ 7:00pm
Oct. 23	-Pro-D Day – No School
Oct. 29	-Early Dismissal @11:20am
Oct. 30	-Hot Lunch (Chopped Leaf)
Nov. 3	-Picture Re-take Day (and Transitions Support photos)
Nov. 10	-Remembrance Assembly (Virtual)
Nov. 11	-Remembrance Day – No School
Nov. 13	-Hot Lunch
Nov. 16	-Pro-D Day – No School
Nov. 27	-Pro-D Day – No School



LIBRARY NEWS

KIWANIS SUPER READER PROGRAM:



Read and earn rewards! Green log books were distributed in September. Students will receive a Super Reader Booklet the second or third week of school, after their first visit to the library. Every night a child reads for 15 minutes they receive a check mark in their booklet. Every 50 nights of reading return the booklet back to your classroom teacher for a reading prize. Parents are allowed to back date the booklet as of September 8. Happy reading!

STORYBOOK PUMPKIN PATCH CHARACTERS:

This year we are shifting the event to an online model. Every student will be given a Story Book Pumpkin Info Sheet later this month with additional details.

When: All October long! Please have all of your photos added by Oct 29. Classes will be viewing the pictures in the classrooms on Oct 30.

Where: Online, please post pictures of your work to our "Promontory Heights Story Book Character Pumpkin Patch" Padlet. Follow the link below to post your picture. https://padlet.com/matthew_mueller/f9h8kmmmbmk1wrl3z

How: Pick a pumpkin of any size. As a family, turn it into a story book character anyway possible. You can paint a pumpkin or carve a pumpkin (new for this year).

Materials: acrylic paints or permanent markers & other items to decorate. If you wish to carve a pumpkin, only do so with adult supervision.

Stuff to feature in your photo: Your decorated pumpkin & a book/picture that has your character in it, and your first name/ last initial.

READ-A-THON:

Our school wide Read-a-thon is on Friday October 30 from 8:50am–9:50am. This year our students will be staying in their classrooms to read for 60 minutes (grades 2 – 6) or 30 minutes (K-1). Primary students will do an abbreviated version of the readathon.



Last year we fundraised enough money to buy 5 brand new iPads, and a charging tub, for the library and makerspace. For the readathon this year we will be starting a 5year plan to improve the library. Our goal is to update our MAC computer lab in the library. Here at Promontory we are extremely lucky to have one of the only MAC labs in Chilliwack. Unfortunately, our current collection is becoming outdated and therefore obsolete. I would like to replace those computers with newer technology. Every year for the next 5 years I would like to purchase at least one or two new MAC computers. Ideally, we purchase laptops that can be used around the school when needed. The staggered purchasing will ensure our collection does not become obsolete all at once. This year our goal will be \$3 dollars from every student. **The class that raises the most money will win a PIZZA PARTY!!!**

THE BOOKMAN:



We have a Promontory Library account set up there. Please donate the credits you receive and we are then able to buy good used books at great prices! Thank you to the families that did that this past year.

Mature Content books: If your child would like to take out the 'mature content – teen books' we have in the library, he or she may get a library permission slip. These are books that have some violence, coarse language or mature subject matter e.g. The Hunger Games, Five Nights at Freddy's, and some various comic books. This only needs to be done once, as it is kept on file.

PAC NEWS

Our next PAC Meeting is on Tuesday, October 20th at 7:00pm (Zoom Meeting). Here is the link:

MUNCH-A-LUNCH IS OPEN FOR HOT LUNCH AND FUNDRAISING!

Hot Lunch & Fundraising on Munch-A-Lunch

We are so excited for the new school year. Welcome back!

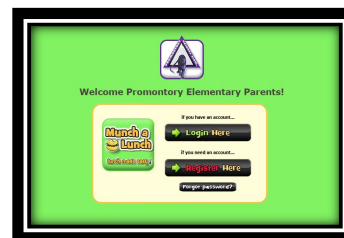
Parents can place their orders online only using [MunchaLunch.com](https://munchalunch.com)! Orders can be paid for online with Visa or Mastercard, prepaid credit card or visa debit. **Due to COVID we will no longer be accepting cash or cheque.**

If this payment doesn't work for you please contact Karmen & Kristie (Hot Lunch) or Leah (Fundraising). Our emails are below.

Note to returning parents upon first login. Any returning parents who login will see this message: "Welcome to the 2020-21 school year, please update your child's grade/teacher/div BEFORE ordering". You must complete this step before you will be able to order.

HOW TO REGISTER:

- 1) Go to:
<https://munchalunch.com/schools/PromontoryHeights/>
- 2) Click the **"Register Here"** button (as shown below). The system will guide you through from there.
- 3) After adding your children, click the green **"Order Lunch!"** button to order
- 4) Next time, just click the **"Login Here"** button to access your account.



HOT LUNCH ORDERING DETAILS:

- Online ordering will be open at least 2 weeks before the hot lunch date. Ordering closes 1 week before the date of hot lunch.
- Orders are paid for using a credit card online through Munch-A-Lunch secure system. If payment is not received by deadline you will be notified of your order cancellation.

Please only order for the dates you intend to pay for. Munch A Lunch does not accept partial payments. Thank you!

Please note if your child is ill on a lunch date, you are welcome to plan ahead of time to come and pick up their lunch at 12 pm from the front office; otherwise please consider it a donation for a child who does not have a lunch. Consistent with previous years, there are NO REFUNDS as this is a PAC fundraiser. Please make sure to make an appointment with the office before showing up at the school.

We appreciate your support for our hot lunch program as the funds go towards needs of the school and general fundraising within the school.

We love having parent volunteers, but due to COVID restrictions this will be paused for now to limit people inside the school.

If you have any questions, please email the following:

Hello! Hello!

It's that time of year again!

Neufeld Farms is BACK!!!

This socially distant fundraiser will run through our fabulous Munch A Lunch Program!

Fundraiser Runs: Oct 5 – Oct 19

Pick up Date: Saturday Oct 31 @ 10am in the school parking lot

Time to stock your freezers with all your family's favourites! Heritage Chicken breast, ground beef in 1lb rounds, pre-cooked bacon...cookies...pies and so much more! Check it out!

The Great Little Coupon Book

We still have lots of coupon books left. Please order through your Munch a lunch account!

Books are \$10 each and will be delivered to your child at school

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Fall 2020 Programs

Registration is open for our next At Home Alone 10+ course designed to teach children to make safe choices while at home alone; register early to secure your spot!

Course Date: Friday, October 23rd 9:00-1:00 at Promontory Heights Elementary

School Aged (6-12 years)

- Panther Pen Before & Afterschool Child Care Program
- Private Piano Lessons
- Babysitter Course/At Home Alone

Youth (13+)

- Private Piano Lessons
- Babysitter Course

Community School News

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic access to Chilliwack School District facilities are limited. PHECSA is required to suspend all adult programs, drop-in programs, special events and rentals until further notice. Thank you so much for being a part of our community and we look forward to hosting your favorite activities again soon!

We are hiring! PHECSA is looking for a guitar teacher, 1-2 afternoons per week. Contact our office for more info! 604-858-2999