



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

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CHILLIWACK SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION 2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR SURVEY

The Chilliwack Board of Education wishes to ensure that parents, employees, community members and partners are aware of the proposed Draft 2021-2022 Local School Calendar Options and is extending this opportunity to provide feedback. Please note that this [survey](#) will be open from 10 pm, Tuesday November 24 to midnight, Sunday December 6. Thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback.

- [OPTION 1](#): Calendar includes a One-Week Spring Break, Six Non-Instructional Days and One Administration Day
- [OPTION 2](#): Calendar that includes a Two-Week Spring Break, Six Non-Instructional Days and One Administration Day
- If you need, you are also welcome to set up a time to come to the school and pick up a paper copy to fill out, or stop by the School Board Office on Airport Road and fill one out there.

"MATS FOR A CAUSE" PLASTIC BAG RECYCLING

Have you ever wondered what to do with that growing pile of grocery bags you've been collecting? A young lady in Chilliwack has started an initiative with the help of the Youth Advisory Committee to collect plastic grocery bags and weave them into sleeping mats for those who are homeless in Chilliwack. Your help would be greatly appreciated to continue with the success of this drive.

There are 4 drop-off locations for anyone who is willing to donate:

Stó:lō Nation @ 7201 Vedder Road (Building 7 behind the pharmacy doors)

44656 Connaught Place

Aura Crystals and Oddities @ 4724 Teskey Road

Kirkwood Kitchens @ 46192 5th Avenue (Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30)

<https://www.theprogress.com/news/bag-drive-begins-in-mats-for-a-cause-chilliwack/>

DROP OFF/PICK UP

We have seen a marked improvement in parking lot flow and mask wearing during drop off and pick up times. As the weather becomes colder and wetter, please keep following the rules of the parking lot and not creating bottlenecks. Stay with your vehicle, and move ahead as far as you can in the drop off/pick up lane. Do not park anywhere except in marked parking spaces. Your cooperation is what makes it work for everyone.

We appreciate keeping the sidewalk along the North side of the school clear of parents so there is room for classes to pass through. It is best if you "drop and go" to open up space, but if you must remain on the blacktop and basketball court, please remember to practice physical distancing and wear your mask. Thanks for helping us keep kind, calm, and safe.

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.

REPORT CARDS

Our teachers are currently working on the final touches of Term 1 Report Cards. We have a flexible reporting period, which means the report cards will go home the week of Dec. 7-11. The Report Card will give you a snapshot of your child's strengths and work areas. Please go over your child's Report Card with him/her. Talk about what they are doing well and what they need some extra support on. Together set a goal for Term 2.

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 need 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!

SALVATION ARMY FOOD DRIVE

This is the time of year where we traditionally do a canned food drive to support our local food bank. For the past couple of years we have encouraged cash donations over food items, and we would like to continue that this year. We will still accept non-perishable food items, but if you are able, financial donations are preferred for a number of reasons:

- With the buying power of a registered charity each dollar goes further than a food donation.
- The food bank can use financial donations to target the food items that are most needed.
- Coins and cash are easier to collect, store and donate.
- In our classes we will have the opportunity to address the financial literacy aspect of our math curriculum, by tracking our impact and learning about how far each dollar can go.

Please support our campaign this year to raise \$1000 for local families in need by sending donations to your child’s class between December 1-17th. Any donation helps and is appreciated!

This year we have made it even easier and you can click this link to [donate online](#) using Munch-a-Lunch.

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOKS OVER WINTER BREAK

All library books are due back to school before winter break. Please return all library books during the week of Dec 14th to 18th or earlier. Students will have to read classroom books or books from home during the last week of school.

SUPER READER PROGRAM:

Please do not forget about the Kiwanis Super Reader Program. We are approaching 100 nights of home reading fast! The earliest date for 100 nights is December 14. Please return your child’s Super Reader Booklet to their classroom teacher. This year the assembly is cancelled but prizes will award in the library in the New Year.

It is not too late to start Super Reader! There are extra booklets available in the library. Logs can also be back dated. Students are required to read or be read to for 15 minutes a night. This is a great way to build reading into your routine. Students receive different prizes at the 50,100,150,200,250-night levels.

100 Nights of Reading Prizes from Kiwanis

- Kindergarten: T-shirt & McDonalds Goodie Bag
- Grade 1: Picture Book & McDonalds Goodie Bag
- Grade 2: Chapter Book & McDonalds Goodie Bag
- Grade 3/4: Binder & McDonalds Coupon
- Grade 5: Stylus Pen & McDonalds Coupon

Camp Read S’more (READ-A-THON):

Congratulations to Mrs. Beesley’s Kindergarten class for raising the most money and winning the pizza party! The raised a record breaking \$646.



The annual Fall Readathon was super successful this year. Our school raised \$3681.65 to buy new Mac Computers for the Library Learning Commons and Makerspace. Thank you to everyone in our school community that made this possible. We will combine the Readathon money with the profits from the Scholastic Book Fair and Virtual Book Fair to purchase the new laptops.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We had a great turn out at our in-school and virtual Book Fair this year. All book fair purchases benefit our school and students. Rewards earned from the book fair are invested into our Mac Computer update project and prizes for our Super Reader program. Check out our January newsletter for more information about the results of the book fair.

CHECKED OUT BOOKS - EMAIL NOTICES

On Fridays in December, families will receive email notifications that list the books their children have checked out. This is intended to help parents/guardians find the books so they can be returned back to school, after you read them. This email notice will also list any books that are overdue on their account. We do not access fines for overdue books but would like them returned back to the school as soon as possible. If you think a book on your child’s account has been returned, they will have time during their next library block to find it. We are a student run library so mistakes can happen. Please note, if a book is lost or destroyed it must be paid for immediately before your child can check out any more books.

MAKERSPACE NEWS

Check out what we are making in the Makerspace! Please visit our Instagram page: “Promontorymakerspace”

PLEASE NOTE: Due to storage reasons, we are no longer accepting any used cardboard or plastic containers at this time. Students will be asked to bring in some of their own materials when building projects in the Makerspace. If you have materials that would be useful in the Makerspace, please contact Mrs. Buck or Mr. Mueller.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- 1.) Pipe Cleaners
- 2.) Elastics
- 3.) Toothpicks
- 4.) Pom Poms
- 5.) Beads
- 6.) Marbles
- 7.) Nails/Screws
- 8.) Magnets

PAC NEWS

The PAC hosted their first ever all Zoom meeting in November. We were able to accomplish a lot and will be using this format going forward until restrictions are lifted. Attendees can find all needed documents to attend the Zoom meetings on our updated PAC webpage on the school site. This includes past meeting minutes, the current agenda and updated financial statements:

<https://promontory.sd33.bc.ca/pac>

Our next PAC Meeting is on Monday, December 14th at 7:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting <https://sd33-ca.zoom.us/j/5330010082?pwd=c3NzenBCRVVsUks1K3I0L1FhcVJKUT09>

Meeting ID: 533 001 0082

Passcode: 589807

We are so happy to have our hot lunch program back up and running. Our PAC volunteers make sure the students receive their tasty lunches in a safe manner following all recommended safety protocols. It has helped bring back a sense of “normal” for our staff and students. How encouraging!

Other big school events such as Carnival and the Pancake breakfast are still on hold at this time, but we are continually drumming up ideas to encourage school spirit and morale. For instance, in lieu of the Pancake Breakfast this year, we are

offering “Breakfast for Lunch” in our hot lunch program on December 18. Log on to Munch a Lunch to place your order.

This holiday season, you can make a monetary donation for the Salvation Army Food Bank drive right on our Munch a Lunch website. So easy! Please consider giving to this cause.

MUNCH-A-LUNCH IS OPEN FOR HOT LUNCH AND SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS!

Hot Lunch & Fundraising on Munch-A-Lunch Ordering is now OPEN for December Dates.

December 11 – White Spot
December 18 – McDonald’s Pancakes

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.**

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.

If you have any questions, please email the following:

Karmen & Kristie -Hot Lunch Co-ordinators

promontoryhotlunch@gmail.com

Leah Shields - Fundraising Co-ordinator shields@gmail.com

Dates to Remember

Dec. 7-11 -Report Cards sent home this week

Dec. 11 -Hot Lunch (White Spot)

Dec. 18 -Hot Lunch (McDonald's – Pancake Lunch)

-Last day of School before Winter Break

Dec. 21-Jan 1 -*Winter Break*

Jan. 4 -First day back to School after Winter Break

Jan. 22 -*Hot Lunch*

Feb. 3 -Ready, Set, Learn

Feb. 5 -Hot Lunch

Feb. 11 -Early Dismissal @ 11:10/11:20 busses running

Feb.15 - Family Day Holiday (no school)

FEB.19 -Pro-D Day (no school)

**PLEASE SEE BELOW A FLYER FOR WINTER CAMPS AT
PANTHER PEN**

Promontory Heights Elementary Community School Association

PHONE 604-858-2999

Email: phecsa@phecsa.ca

Web: www.phecsa.ca



Panther Pen Winter Break Camps

Registration is open for our Winter Break Camps. We will be offering fun-filled full day camps on December 21st-23rd and December 28th-30th from 7:00am to 6:00pm. Please contact the PHECSA office for more information and registration.

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 favourite activities again soon!

