



Promontory Heights Elementary Community School Newsletter



Chilliwack
School District

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

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P/VP MESSAGE

As we write this, there are only 7 weeks of school left in the 2020-21 school year. We are in the "home stretch".

Unfortunately, due to the current Covid-19 restrictions, many of our typical year-end events will not be happening for the second year in a row. However, our classroom teachers are continually planning many and varied activities for your children. We are actively enjoying the local environment, and most of our staff have recently done three sessions on learning about the hill, creek, trails, and forest. This learning will definitely be passed along to your children.

May is also assessment season, and your classroom teachers are using some time to collect year end data that we use to guide our planning. Some of this information will make its way into the Term 3 report cards, which go home the last week of June.

There is a definite change in the atmosphere, probably due to the time of year, the nice weather, and of course Covid-19 restrictions. Kids are busier than usual, so we appreciate your continued good work in creating a standard routine with good sleep patterns, less screen time, and a healthy diet. All of us working together makes for a great end to the school year!

SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS 2021

You can find more info about available programs, here:
<https://www.sd33.bc.ca/summer-learning>

GRADE 5 YEARBOOK ORDERS

The annual yearbook is such a great memento, and we hope that every Grade 5 child will receive one. The order site <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/> will again be **available for orders from May 10th until May 17th**. \$20 is a great price for this glossy book, and we encourage all Grade 5 families to get theirs. A huge **thank you** to the parent volunteers and the teachers who have been working hard to make this yearbook happen.

KINDERGARTEN MEETING ON ZOOM – June 1st @ 7:00pm

On Tuesday, June 1st, we will be hosting an evening meeting on Zoom for the parents of children who will be starting Kindergarten in September. The purpose is to share some

timely information and to answer any questions you may have. It would be super helpful to have some of these questions ahead of time so we can be prepared. You can send the questions to chuck_bloch@sd33.bc.ca and we will address the questions at the meeting.

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 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.

UPDATE

There is now a B.C. K-12 daily check app can be found at the following addresses:

Apple: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/bc-k-12-daily-health-checker/id1547334827>

Google:
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.qp.k12APP>

WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure your child has a refillable water bottle with them each day. Drinking fountains are closed, so water bottles are necessary.



LIBRARY NEWS:

MAJOR LIBRARY RENOVATION COMING!

We have some very exciting news regarding the library learning commons. Next year the library will be getting a major renovation!

On Tuesday April 20th the Promontory PAC approved a "dream" proposal to update the library. This September the library will look and feel like a new space. We will be getting a plethora of new wooden bookshelves and tables. We will also be acquiring a new carpet and some furniture for the story time zone.

The new bookshelves will give our library the space it needs to grow bigger. Right now, we have about 20,000 books. An exemplary elementary school library in Canada has about 24,000 books. With this reno, we are on the path to achieve this goal.

Fundraising Update:

Earlier this year we began raising funds to purchase to a new MAC book lab. We dedicated the earnings from the 2020 Readathon and November Book Fair towards the project. Right now, we have raised \$5,353.61. Our goal is to raise another \$3500 to complete the project. If we can do this, we could potentially debut the new MAC lab with the completed library renovation in the Fall of 2021. With the money raised, we would like to purchase a minimum of 6 Mac Book Airs, 6 MAC dongles, 4 Barcode Scanners, and a lockable Laptop charging locker.

Is your family in a position to help? Families can donate directly to the school fundraiser or purchase new books through the Scholastic Book Fair.

Virtual Scholastic Book Fair:

What are you reading t reading this summer? Pick up some new books to read over for the Summer break and help our school build a new MAC computer lab.



NEW for 2021, the Scholastic Virtual BOOK FAIR!!

Parents, you can now shop safely online and have the new books shipped directly to

your house before the holidays! Together, Scholastic and Shopify have created an easy and secure Virtual Book Fair store for your convenience.

Please follow this secure link below to our Virtual Book Fair store:

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5159422>

****There will also be a link of the school's library webpage****

The Virtual Book Fair will be open from May 24 to Monday May 31. It is open earlier, and the sale is a few days longer than the physical book fair. **Parents can go online and shop at any time during the fair.** Please note that because of COVID19 restrictions, parents are not supposed to enter the school. **With the Virtual Book Fair, you can shop at home! Orders are delivered right to your home!** It is safe and easy. Scholastic offers FREE STANDARD shipping with orders over \$40.

Family members who live far away can buy books as gifts for your children and have them shipped directly to your house. This is a great idea for students who have summer birthdays! **Please feel free to share this link above, with any extended**

family members. Simply copy and paste the link above into an email or text message.

When you shop at the Scholastic Book Fair, your purchases also help our school. Our school will earn reward money for every book sold during the virtual and physical Book Fair. All proceeds will be invested back into the library learning commons and used to update the Mac computer lab. We are very close to our goal.

Scholastic Book Fair

Runs May 25, 26, 27(AM only) ****For students only****

The physical Scholastic Book Fair will be open to students on Tuesday May 25, Wednesday May 26, and Thursday May 27. Both cash, credit and debit are accepted. Students can buy books when their class visits the fair or parents can purchase books online at home through the virtual book fair link above. Please note that because of COVID19 restrictions, this year parents are not supposed to enter the school.

This year students will also be encouraged to write down a Book Wish List to take home. Parents can then use this wish list to buy books online through our Virtual Book Fair link above. All purchases made at the Book Fair help our school to earn reward dollars. The plan is to invest the money we make at the Book Fairs into new Mac computers for the library.

Book fliers and additional info will follow in the next couple of weeks. Please be aware that there will be no regular book exchange times during the week of the Book Fair and Virtual Book Fair.

250 NIGHTS OF READING:

Please do not forget to participate in the Super Reader program. This is a great way to make reading part of your daily routine at home. Students will win prizes as the practice their reading.

If your child has read EVERY day since September, then May 12th is the first day for the 250 nights of reading to be handed in to receive the \$6 Cole's bookstore coupons. The library will be handing out the coupons up until the last week of school. Please note that the COLES bookstore coupon is time sensitive and expires in early September. COLES has also formally requested that all visitors and store patrons wear a facemask when redeeming their \$6 coupon.

READING LINK CHALLENGE

This year our school has been participating in the Reading Link Challenge. The RLC is a competitive reading competition that asks students to read 6 novels and answer trivia

questions from the material. The pandemic forced me to run the program a little differently this year. I am hoping the program can run regularly in the 2021/22 school year. This year's Grade 5 team, "The Cliff Hangers" came in second place out of all of the Chilliwack elementary schools that participated. The first and second place teams will get a chance to participate in the regional challenge with schools from all over the Fraser Valley on May 5th. Good luck Panthers!

"The Cliff Hangers" are...

Rashmika Singh, Faiha Ferman, Annalise Baker, Laken Olson, Owen Ooms, and Riley Kisch.

Sometime during the month of May the "The Cliff Hangers" will receive an ice cream treat party from Dairy Queen as a reward for the hard work and effort over the last few months.

FVRL ONLINE LIBRARY CARDS AVAILABLE

Sign up for an eCard today

at <https://onlineregistration.fvrl.bc.ca/> and get instant access to all of our digital content, including eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, streaming movies and TV, eLearning, and more!

MAKERSPACE NEWS:

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

Supplies Needed:

We are always looking for supplies to use in the Makerspace. Please check out the list below to see if you can help. If you have something unique, that is not on the list, please contact Mrs. Buck or Mr. Mueller.

- 1.) Magnets
- 2.) PVC Pipe Pieces/Plumbing Pipe Scraps
- 3.) Pipe Cleaners
- 4.) Elastics
- 5.) Toothpicks
- 6.) Gently Used Puppets
- 7.) Beads
- 8.) Marbles
- 9.) Nails/Screws
- 10.) Hammers/Screw Drivers & other hand tools

PAC NEWS:

What a great April! It was character day on April 23 where staff and students came dressed as a character from a book, movie, tv show or video game. Kids and grown-ups love

these spirit events. Mark your calendar for our next event "Patriot Day" on **May 28**. Show your Canadian pride by dressing in red and white and any Canadian themed apparel.

At our April 20th Zoom meeting, the PAC approved a substantial funding for library upgrades. Mr. Mueller delivered a fantastic presentation (with the help of some adorable photo bombs from his cat Milo) that outlined how the library needs more functional shelving, a proper home for graphic novels, new tables/miscellaneous furniture, and a general need to add more colour to the library to inspire our young readers. We are so excited about these additions and would like to give a big thanks to our enthusiastic librarian Mr. Mueller for executing them.

We also approved funding for a new scooter rack to be installed in the Grade 5 wing. This will allow kids to store scooters safely indoors and to prevent the scooters from being a distraction or hazard at the back of classrooms.

This April the PAC recognized our school's Administrative Assistants Mrs. Thiessen and Ms. Elderton for their ongoing hard work and dedication in the office. They were each gifted a hanging basket and Starbucks gift card as a token of our appreciation. Thank you from the PAC!



Kindergarteners new to the school this September, welcome! As a parent/guardian of a student at our school, you are part of the PAC. A few PAC representatives will be handing out the Kindergarten packages at the drive through event on Friday, May 7th from 9:00-12:00. Feel free to speak to us at that time or contact us by email to find out how to get involved in the PAC.

Did you know that the PAC offers two \$500 scholarships to high school graduates who are former Promontory Elementary students? 2021's recipients have already been selected, but if you would like more information on how next

year's Grade 12 students can apply, please email the PAC for more information.

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<https://www.facebook.com/Promontory-Heights-Community-Elementary-School-PAC>

Email: promontory-pac@sd33.bc.ca

HOT LUNCH:

Our Hot Lunch program continues to be running smoothly and is offered once or twice a month. Please see ordering info below.

In a normal year we would be able to plan several activities before the end of the school. We currently do not have any special events finalized, but a few ideas are still bouncing around and we have not lost hope! Stay tuned...

Thanks to those who continue to log on to our monthly Zoom meetings. Your attendance is important to us and we value your input. You may also email any suggestions or ideas for how the PAC can help enhance our student's school experience: promontory-pac@sd33.bc.ca

PAC meetings are exclusively on Zoom at this time.
Upcoming meeting dates are:

Tuesday May 18 @7:00pm **AGM** (includes Executive position elections)

Tuesday June 15 @7:00pm

Please use this Zoom link to log on for all PAC meetings:

Link - <https://sd33-ca.zoom.us/j/67543165021>

Meeting ID: 675 4316 5021

No password required

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MUNCH-A-LUNCH IS OPEN FOR HOT LUNCH

Friday, May 14th – Fuel Catering

Friday, May 28th – Jim's Pizza

Hot Lunch

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

lshields79@gmail.com

DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 14	- Hot Lunch, Fuel Catering
May 18	- PAC (AGM) @7:00pm on Zoom
May 21	- Pro-D Day, No School
May 24	- Victoria Day, No School
May 28	- Spirit Day (Patriot Day)
	- Hot Lunch, Jim's Pizza