

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING DATES:

Dec 1 - Deck The Halls
& Dress Festive Day

Dec 8 - Hot Lunch
(White Spot)

Dec 14 - Intermediate
Play Performances
(1:00pm / 6:30pm)

Dec 19 - Choir Concert
(choir parents only)
@1:45pm

Dec 19 - Kindergarten
Christmas Performance
@6:00pm

Dec 22 - Hot Lunch
(Subway) & PJ Day!

Dec 23 - Jan 7 (Winter
Break), Schools Closed

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The joys and excitement of the holiday season are beginning to fill the classrooms and hallways of the school. We are happy to continue our traditions of performing, giving, and helping others as well as coming together as a school community to share in the holiday season. All classes have been challenged to creatively decorate their classroom door. A team of Grade 5 student leaders will join myself and Mr. Moore to 'judge' each festive classroom door to determine 1 Intermediate and 1 primary class as the top choice door décor. Winning classes will earn a special treat. Classes are also thinking about our community and working to fill many boxes of non-perishable items, particularly (soup, peanut butter, jam, pasta) for the Salvation Army. Classes will be challenged to collect a 1800 items of donations and will receive a bonus play period for meeting or exceeding this target.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED...

Term 1 Learning Update (formally referred to as Report Cards) will go home the week of December 11th. The Learning Update will provide a descriptive feedback and achievement based on the provincial proficiency scale for all areas of the curriculum:

	EMERGING	DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXTENDING
The Provincial Proficiency Scale	The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

The first term of school has brought many learning highlights and achievements to celebrate. Parents are encouraged to read the report and review the progress being made with your child - highlighting strengths, area(s) requiring further attention and creating a plan for meeting the goal(s) followed by regular check ins. A good conversation starter is talking with your child about what he/she like about learning or enjoy about school, feel most proud about, what he/she is good at and what they would like to get better at, and developing a plan to achieve the goal(s). Conversations, such as these, help to engage children in thinking about what he/she can do continue to grow their skills and helps develop personal ownership.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's classroom teacher or the school.

-Ms. Kass

DECK THE HALLS!



INTERMEDIATE WINTER PERFORMANCES

DECEMBER 14 - 1:00/6:30PM

Students and staff are busy preparing their Christmas Presentations. This year, Grades 3-5, will be presenting "Holiday Windows". Seating is limited due to fire regulations, so every family will be given 2 tickets. Every "body" needs a ticket (including babies on laps etc). Please select the show you want to attend and return the form to your classroom teacher. We encourage anyone who is able to attend the day performance, to do so.

If your family requires more than 2 tickets, there may be a limited number of extra seats. If there are extra tickets available, we will let you know closer to the performance. For extra tickets, we are asking for a \$5 donation per ticket. (All proceeds go back to the school)

BAKE SALE- PAC will be running a bake sale at both performances. (cash only) with funds going towards Gr.5 camp and our school music program. Individually wrapped goods can be dropped off the morning of December 13th. (to the office) -Thank you to those who donate items!

GRADE 5 STUDENTS - FRENCH IMMERSION (LFI)

Parent Meeting: Tuesday January 23th, 2024 at 7pm.

Click the link below to view the presentation from this information meeting.

[Parent Meeting Presentation Slides](#)

Online applications for students entering Grade 6 in September 2024 can be submitted at any time by visiting <https://sd33.bc.ca/registration> and select either Chilliwack Middle School (LFI) or Vedder Middle School (LFI) as your school of choice. If the number of applications exceeds the number of spaces available, a lottery system for selection will be used, within the parameters of our Selection Process. All applications received by 12:00 pm on February 9, 2024 will be included in this draw.

Applications after February 9 at 12:00pm can also be made online by selecting either Chilliwack Middle School or Vedder Middle School as your school of choice. If space is not available, applicants will be added to the existing wait list. Please note, grade six students do not require previous French experience.

SALVATION ARMY FOOD DRIVE

This year our school has been asked to focus on the following designated items:

Condensed Soup - Pasta (all kinds) - Peanut Butter & Jam.

We will of course accept any and all donations that are made. Food items can be given directly to your child's teacher. Each classroom will be given a box for donation collections.

Donations will be accepted for the month of December. (Dec 1- 21)

If we can meet our school goal of 1800 items, all students will receive a bonus play period!

LOST & FOUND

The lost and found will be out on display beginning December 5th. We will have all items on display until December 15th. The lost and found is currently **OVERFLOWING** and we would really appreciate if you took the time to come and collect your child's missing items. Any/All unclaimed items remaining at the end of this year will be donated.

PAC UPDATES

December 14 - Purdy's order pick up after school and after the winter evening performance.

Bake Sale - Calling ALL Bakers! If you're able to donate individually baked goods to be sold at the winter performances please drop them off to the office on December 13th.

Registration for hot lunches can be found by signing into your Munch-a-Lunch account [HERE](#).

May your days be

**MERRY
& BRIGHT**

LIBRARY UPDATES

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 18th to 22nd or earlier. Students will have to read classroom books or books from home during the last week of school.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

COMING FOR CHRISTMAS - MONDAY DEC 4 to THURSDAY DEC 7
PARENT SHOPPING TIMES: DAILY 2:00pm-2:20pm.

- Both cash, credit and debit are accepted because Scholastic supplies a debit/credit machine.
- Students can buy books when their class visits the fair or parents can purchase books between 2:00 and 2:20 daily.
- During the Book Fair, the library is closed for book exchanges. The Book Fair is only open during school times.
- All purchases help our library and school community. Proceeds are invested into fundraising projects and prizes for reading programs.

DURING THE BOOK FAIR, ALL STUDENTS WILL HAVE A DEDICATED SHOPPING TIME WITH THEIR CLASS. PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT LIBRARY TIMES MAYBE BE DIFFERENT FOR STUDENTS DURING BOOK FAIR WEEK. For example, any students who usually visit the library on Friday's will have an alternative time slot, earlier in the week.

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 January 2. Please return your child's Super Reader Booklet to their classroom teacher. This year prizes will be awarded 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.

LIBRARY UPDATES

100 Nights of Reading Prizes from Kiwanis. We will reach this night right before the Winter break. The First Night to show your teacher is Jan 8. Prizes will be distributed during Jan and Feb.

Kindergarten: T-shirt & McDonalds Goodie Bag

Grade 1: Picture Book & McDonalds Goodie Bag

Grade 2: Chapter Book & & McDonalds Goodie Bag

Grade 3: Water bottle & McDonalds Coupon- NEW THIS YEAR!

Grade 4: Water Bottle & McDonalds Coupon - NEW THIS YEAR!

Grade 5: Stylus Pen + FREE chapter book & McDonalds Coupon

CAMP READ S'MORE READATHON

The annual Fall Readathon was super successful this year. Our school raised \$4657.90. We will be purchasing a class set of 18 Ozobot Evos for the school community to use. We will continue to explore different fundraising avenues to purchase the remain 12 robots.

Thank you to everyone in our school community that made this possible. Every year I am amazed by generosity of our community. You are helping to make our school a better place! Thanks again!

Congratulations to Mrs. Peterson's Grade 2 class for raising the most money and winning the pizza party! They raised a total of \$715. The second-place class was Mr. Erickson's Grade 2 class with \$345.75. The third-place class was Mrs. E. Johnston/Mrs Ross's Kindergarten class, who brought in \$325. Both 2nd and 3rd place classes will receive a popsicle party in Spring time.

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!

FAMILY ACCESS

Families can drop in Monday through Thursday after school between 2:20 and 2:35, to use the library. On Friday mornings, families can come in and use the library between 8:20-8:50. Please note that the library is closed and all book exchange times are cancelled from Friday DEC 1st to 8th because of the Book Fair.

LIBRARY UPDATES

FAMILY STORY TIME

Next Story Time Dates:

Friday Dec 15 and Dec 22 at 8:35 (Open from 8:20am - 8:50am).

During October I will be doing a special story time read aloud for parents and children 4 or younger. This is a great way to introduce young children to the school, library, and staff. If you would like to sign out books on this date please come in at 8:20. I would like to sign out books before the story to book shop and set up your family account.



WINTER WEATHER

A reminder to dress for the weather. With cooler weather now upon us, students are encouraged to wear waterproof outdoor clothing such as boots and jackets as well as gloves/toques. Slip and falls do happen from time to time, so we would like to encourage families to keep an extra pair of clothes in their child's backpack for those "just incase" moments.

With winter season now upon us, there will likely be more snow days ahead, turning our school grounds into a winter wonderland. On school days where snow falls, please have your child come wearing outdoor winter wear so they can play in outside on the fields and playground. (no sledding during school hours)

INCLEMENT WEATHER & SCHOOL CLOSURES

Schools are sometimes closed for safety reasons in the event of extreme weather [HERE](#), or tune into radio stations STAR FM (98.3 FM) and THE DRIVE (89.5FM) to receive up-to-date information on school closures and information on the buses. Reports will begin after 6:00am.

PHECSA WINTER PROGRAM GUIDE

PROMONTORY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Follow us for updates on classes, programs and special events!

www.phecsa.ca

Facebook: Promontory Heights Community School Association-PHECSA
Instagram: promcommunityschoolassociation

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30am - 8:00pm
Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm
Saturday 9:00am - 1:00pm

PHECSA provides educational, recreational and social opportunities for community members of all ages and abilities.

PRESCHOOL (0-5 YEARS)

Busy Bees Crafts and Coffee

THURSDAYS 9:00-10:30AM

FREE DROP-IN

Join us for morning crafts, cuddles and coffee! Complete a craft, sing songs, and stories revolving around a weekly theme!

Dandelion Fields Outdoor Preschool

A place for little ones who love to discover, explore, imagine and play in the dirt!

Email for information & registration package: dandelionfieldspreschool@gmail.com

Website: www.dandelionfieldsoutdoorpreschool.com

Chilliwack Isshin-Ryu Karate Club

Little Dragons Ages 4-7 Mondays & Wednesdays

Learn about Karate and Self-Defense in a fun atmosphere.

For information and to register call 604-799-6504 or visit www.chilliwackisshinryu.ca

Little Kickers Soccer

SATURDAYS: OCTOBER-MARCH

Learn through Play! Little Kickers gives your child a positive introduction to sport by teaching high quality soccer skills in a friendly, pressure free environment. For more information call 604-791-3595 or visit www.littlekickers.ca

SCHOOL AGED (6-12 YEARS)

PRISM Studio Ceramics

VARIOUS DATES 3:00-4:00PM GRADES 1-5 PER SESSION -\$25.00

Everything you need to complete a fun ceramics project. Join us to complete an Instructor led ceramics project using fun design ideas and techniques..

Session Dates: Wednesday, January 24th - Bowls

Wednesday, February 7th - Heart Mugs

Wednesday, March 6th - Boxes

Ready, Set, Bake!

Winter Session - New Recipes! 3:00pm-4:30pm \$70.00

Introduce your child to the world of baking! Each 1.5 hour class, students are empowered to bake on their own, which builds confidence, independence and healthy eating habits, all while gaining practical life skills. Participants will learn to measure, whip and mix ingredients to make an assortment of baked goods all from scratch. Let's get baking!

Session Dates:

Mondays - January 15th-February 26th (skip Feb 19th) K-Grade 2

Tuesdays- January 16th-February 20th Grades 3-5

Floor Hockey

WEDNESDAYS JAN 24TH-FEB 28TH 4:00PM-5:00PM GRADES 2-5 \$45.00

Join us for some Floor Hockey fun! Learn the fundamentals of hockey in a safe, fun and positive environment.

Basketball

THURSDAYS JAN 25TH-FEB 29TH 2:30PM-3:30PM \$105.00 (INCLUDES T-SHIRT)

Join BC BOUNCE for six-sessions of After-School Basketball! Sessions will focus on learning and developing skill sets and movements as we progress to controlled games and competition in an encouraging and fun environment.

LEGO Club

THURSDAYS 2:30-3:45PM GRADES 1-5 FREE DROP-IN!

LEGO lovers a fun way to showcase your creativity! Join us every week and bring your wildest creations to life! Monthly schedule posted!

All participants must have completed registration forms for the 2023-2024 school year on file to attend.

At Home Alone+

DATE: FRIDAY (PRO-D DAYS)

10+ YEARS

\$40.00

This is an interactive, participatory program that is designed to teach children to make safe choices while At Home Alone.

Next Course-Friday, February 16th from 1:00pm-5:00pm

Canadian Red Cross Babysitting Course

DATE: SATURDAY 9:00AM-5:00PM

11+ YEARS

\$60.00

Basic first aid and caregiving skills for youth 11-15 years old.

Participants learn how to provide care to younger children in a variety of age groups, and how to prevent and respond to emergencies.

Participants will receive a Canadian Red Cross Babysitting certificate upon completion. Please contact the PHECSA office to be added to the wait list!

Next Course-Saturday, February 24th 9:00am-5:00pm

Chilliwack Isshin-Ryu Karate Club

MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

ALL AGES

Train with mixed age groups. Families have a chance to train together or grow in martial arts together. For more information call 604-799-6504 or visit www.chilliwackisshinryu.ca

PANTHER PEN BEFORE AND AFTER-SCHOOL CARE

Need Before or After-School Child Care?

Panther Pen-Fully Licensed School Aged Program

Monday thru Friday from 7:00am-8:25am and 2:15pm-5:30pm.

Pro-D Day Camps

Winter Break Camps

Spring Break Camps

Sun-N-Fun Camps: 8 Weeks of Summer Fun!

Space is Limited - Must Pre-Register
For Registration Information and Packages

Phone: 604-858-2999

Email: pantherpen@phecsa.ca

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PROMONTORY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

YOUTH ZONE

Promontory Tween Night Grades 4-6

FRIDAYS 6:30-9:00PM

DROP IN \$5.00

Looking for something to do on Friday nights? Check out the many activities offered...sports in the gym, movies, board games, concession, and dance parties. New theme nights each week!!! Join your friends for FUN, FUN, FUN!!

Tween Night Registration—Parents of ALL participants MUST complete a one time registration form (for the current school year!) with contact information before attending. Please contact the PHECSA office for Tween Night Registration forms. Maximum capacity 50 participants.

Promontory Youth Crew 14+ years

Join the Youth Crew at Promontory! Get your work experience hours, help plan activities, special events, help out at Youth Night and qualify to apply for the PHECSA Scholarship. Call 604-858-2999 for information.

WEEKLY DROP-INS

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Pickleball

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY 5:45-8:00PM

DROP-IN \$3.00

Primetimers Social

FRIDAYS: 9:30-11:00AM

FREE DROP-IN!

Take time for coffee and conversation. Meet local seniors and enjoy games, field trips and much more.

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ADULT/SENIOR

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Pickleball

TUESDAY & THURSDAY 5:45-8:00PM

DROP-IN \$3.00

Hatha Yoga

THURSDAYS 7:00-8:00PM

JANUARY 11TH-MARCH 14TH

\$120.00 (10 SESSIONS)

Relax as you practice Hatha Yoga, blending together the benefits of an active and receptive practice, woven and deeply connected by the breath. Class will include a dynamic, warming all levels sequence and be balanced with a quiet, cooling set of postures for an integrated and nourishing practice to help calm and relax the nervous system. Beginners welcome!
Drop-In available for \$15.00 per session

ZUMBA

WEDNESDAYS 7:00-8:00PM

Come on out and join the Zumba party with our instructor Nicci. Zumba is a fun and exhilarating choreographed fitness class that incorporates cardio and Latin-inspired dance. It is a mix of high and low intervals that will get your heart pumping, body moving and put a smile on your face. Ages 13+ and all fitness levels are welcome.

\$15 drop-in / 5 class punch card for \$60 / 10 class punch card for \$120 (11th class is free!)
For more information email nicciszumba@gmail.com / Facebook Page Niccis Zumba.

MUSIC PROGRAM

Private Piano Lessons

6+ years

Monday-Thursday \$17.00 per 1/2 hour lesson

Private Guitar & Ukulele Lessons

6+ years

Tuesday & Wednesday \$24.00 per 1/2 hour lesson

Please contact PHECSA 604-858-2999 for lesson information and availability.

SPECIAL EVENTS

FOLLOW US FOR UPDATES ON CLASSES, PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS!
WWW.PHECSA.CA

FACEBOOK: PROMONTORY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION-PHECSA
INSTAGRAM: PROMCOMMUNITYSCHOOLASSOCIATION

FACILITY RENTALS

Our school facilities are used throughout the year for birthday parties, meeting, clubs, team practices, and many other social, recreational and educational community gatherings. Contact us about your special event!



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Service Canada

FUNDING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

THIS VENTURE HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE DUE TO A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT #33 AND THE CITY OF CHILLIWACK. PHECSA WOULD LIKE TO GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE FUNDING RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF CHILLIWACK AND SERVICE CANADA

Stay tuned for upcoming classes, programs & special events!

Have a program idea? We would love to hear about it! Send us an email at: phecsa@phecsa.ca

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December Tween Nights

Now Open!

FRIDAYS, 6:30PM-9:00PM @ PROMONTORY HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 4-6
(50 STUDENT CAPACITY)
\$5.00 ENTRANCE FEE PER STUDENT



December 1st

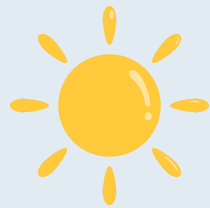
Welcome to our first Tween Night of the year!!! We will have a welcome back party for everyone with games in the gym, board games, karaoke and crafts!

December 8th

Join us for a P.J party and a movie!!! We will have popcorn, an open gym and group games!!!

December 15th

TURN UP THE HEAT FOR A CLASSIC SUMMER PARTY!!! We will have snow cones, a scavenger hunt and much more




NEW IMPORTANT INFORMATION - TWEEN NIGHT PRE-REGISTRATION

Parents of ALL participants MUST complete a one time registration package for the 2023-2024 school year before attending Tween Night. Contact the PHECSA office by phone or email for a registration package.



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LEGO CLUB

THURSDAYS 2:30-3:45

WE HAVE THE LEGO, YOU BRING YOUR IMAGINATION!

COMPLETE LEGO CHALLENGES

OR

CREATE YOUR OWN MASTERPIECE


**JOIN US AFTER SCHOOL THURSDAYS 2:30-3:45 IN ROOM #115,
STARTING NOVEMBER 30TH!**

PHONE: 604-858-2999

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A promotional poster for the LEGO Club. The background is white with a border of colorful LEGO bricks in various shapes and colors (red, blue, yellow, green, purple, brown, grey, black). The text is centered and uses a bold, purple, blocky font with a slight shadow effect.

LEGO CLUB

SCHEDULE:

NOVEMBER 30TH

DECEMBER 7TH

DECEMBER 14TH-CANCELLED

DECEMBER 21ST

**MUST HAVE A COMPLETED LEGO CLUB REGISTRATION FORM ON FILE FOR THE
2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR TO ATTEND.**

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