



Back To School NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2025

Principals Message

Welcome Back to a New School Year at Promontory Elementary!

After a summer filled with sunshine and record-breaking temperatures, we are thrilled to welcome everyone back for another exciting year of learning and growth at Promontory Elementary. Our dedicated team is committed to providing an engaging and enriching educational experience for all students. We want our learners to be excited about coming to school each day, to take ownership of their learning, and to embrace the many opportunities that await them.

This September, we are pleased to welcome many new faces to our school community. A special welcome goes out to our newest families and, in particular, to our Kindergarten students who are just beginning their educational journey. Whether you are new or returning, we are grateful for the warmth, support, and enthusiasm that you bring to our school—it truly makes Promontory a special place to learn and grow.

Our mission is clear: **to inspire students to reach their individual potential, become socially responsible citizens, and develop a lifelong love of learning.** Together, as a school community, we are proud to support each child on their unique path of discovery and development.

At Promontory Elementary, we believe in nurturing the whole child—both heart and mind. This belief is reflected in our school motto: **“Strong Learners, Kind Hearts.”** We are committed to fostering an environment where students thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

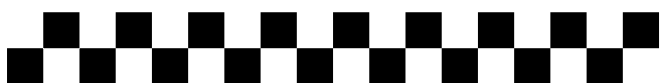
We look forward to a fantastic school year ahead and to working together in support of every student's success.

Sincerely,
Ms. Kass



New Teaching Staff

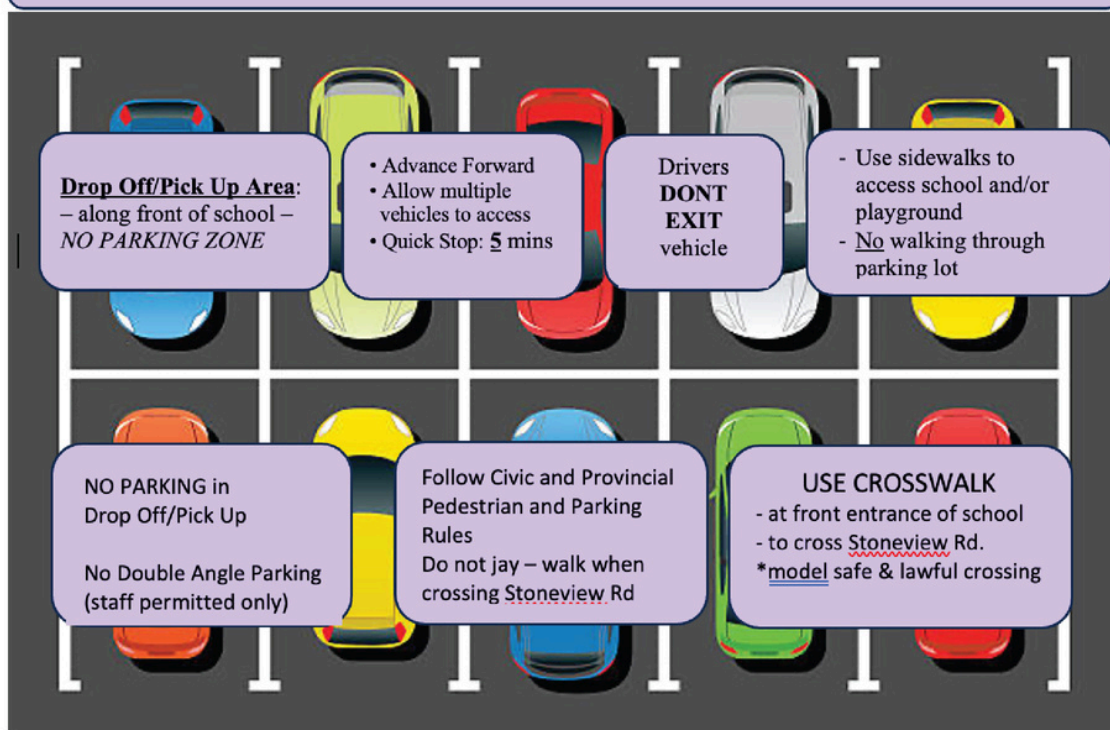
- Mrs. Kellington – Gr. K/1
- Mrs. Hood – Gr. 1/2
- Mrs. Roman – Gr. 2
- Ms. Wood – Gr. 4
- Ms. Jensen – Gr. 4
- Ms. Hayden – Gr. 4/5
- Mrs. Leone – Resource/LA
- Mrs. Steegstra – Resource Teacher



Parking Lot

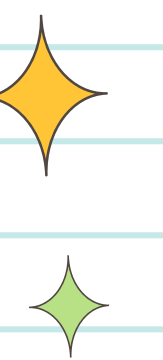
Drop Off and Pick Up times make our parking lot and neighbouring streets busy areas. Please respect the drive through and quick drop off procedure . For more Information: [Parking Lot Procedures](#).

Promontory Parking Lot Drop Off / Pick Up Procedures



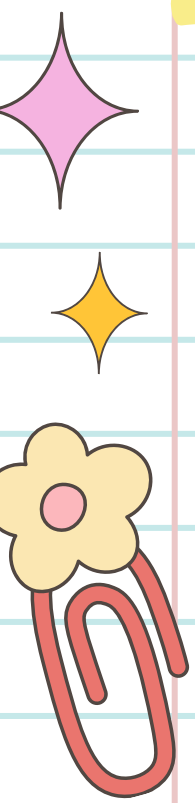


Bikes, Scooters, Healties, Skateboards & other wheeled items



A reminder that these “wheeled” modes of transportation should be **walked onto and off of school grounds for safety reasons**. This includes the front of the school and on the sidewalk. With many younger students and pre-school children walking or running about an unfortunate accident could occur. **Students riding these wheeled modes of transportations must also be wearing a helmet.**


In/Out Days



We will endeavor to go out for all play periods. Families are reminded to ensure their child is prepared for the weather, especially with fall around the corner, we can expect cooler, wet, and windy weather. Even on rainy days, students will be sent out to play. Please talk with your child about making responsible choices and ensure they are dressed properly for the weather.




Cell Phone



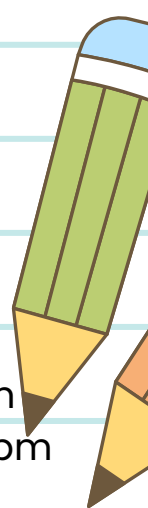
A reminder of the Provincial & District **No Cell Phone** use at school during school hours, this also includes smart watches that send/received messages. You can find the district policy here: **Cell Phone Policy**

Personal Electronics & Toys

Students are encouraged to leave these devices at home. Recognizing the importance they hold for students and family, we don't want them to be broken, damaged or misplaced as we cannot be responsible for their safekeeping while at school.



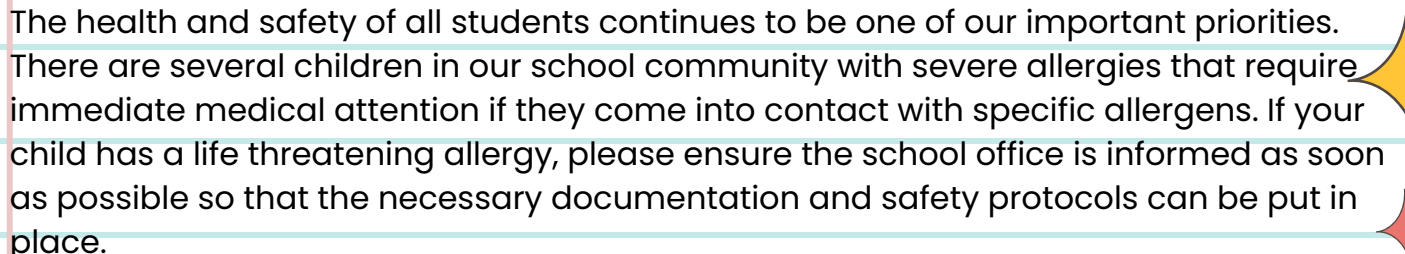
Bell Schedule



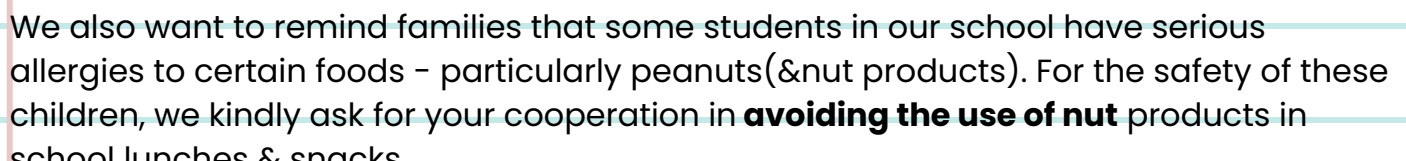
Morning Supervision – 8:13 – 8:23am
Afternoon Supervision – 2:23–2:33pm



Allergy Awareness



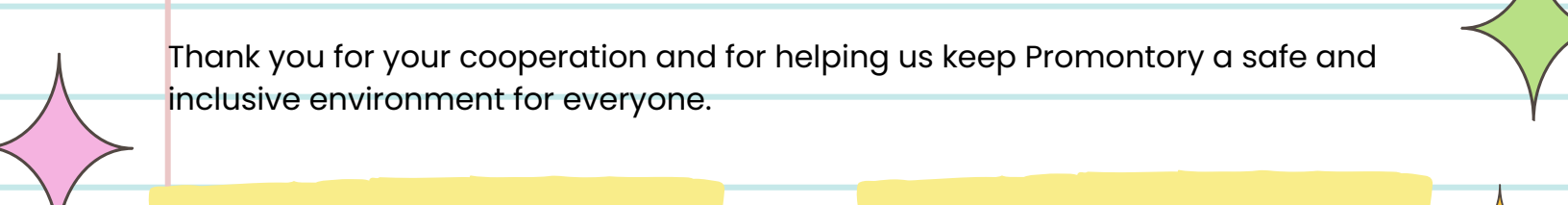
The health and safety of all students continues to be one of our important priorities. There are several children in our school community with severe allergies that require immediate medical attention if they come into contact with specific allergens. If your child has a life threatening allergy, please ensure the school office is informed as soon as possible so that the necessary documentation and safety protocols can be put in place.



We also want to remind families that some students in our school have serious allergies to certain foods - particularly peanuts (& nut products). For the safety of these children, we kindly ask for your cooperation in **avoiding the use of nut** products in school lunches & snacks

We understand it can be challenging to determine all the ingredients in certain food items. In classrooms where a student has a known severe allergy, we ask parents to be especially mindful and refrain from sending foods that contain those specific allergens.

While we recognize it may not be possible to make a school completely "allergen-free" our goal is to create a safe environment by being a **nut-aware school** and maintaining **allergen-aware classrooms**. Your support and understanding play a vital role in helping us protect the health and well-being of all students.



Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep Promontory a safe and inclusive environment for everyone.

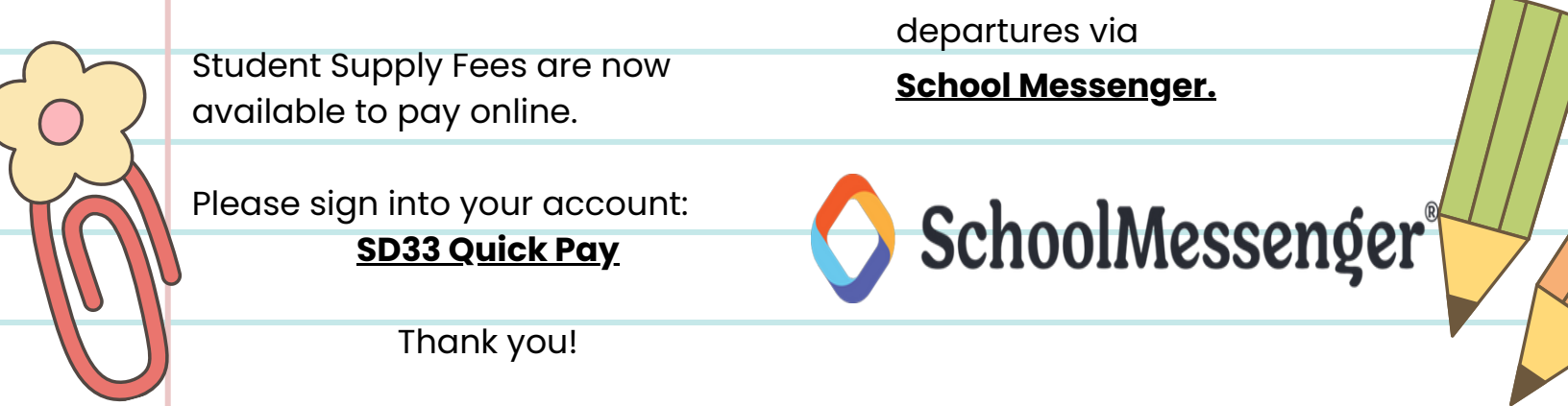


School Supplies



Kindergarten - \$60

Gr. 1 - 5 - \$50




Student Supply Fees are now available to pay online.

Please sign into your account:

SD33 Quick Pay

Thank you!

Attendance



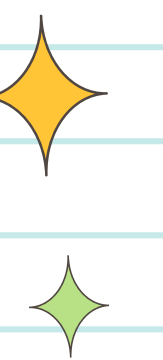
Please continue to report any student lates, absences or early departures via

School Messenger.





Parent Volunteers & Visitors



Are you interested in Volunteering at Promontory to help out with field trips, in the classroom, hot lunch and other events at the school? All Volunteers **must** have a Criminal Record Check (CRC) completed.

Please follow the link below for instructions on how to complete your criminal record check online.

Volunteer Information

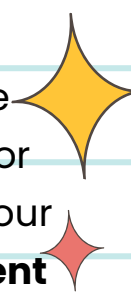


Communication Protocol

Communication & connection with our community is important and we want to be able to share & celebrate with you regularly. Please be sure to check out the info shared via the following platforms:
School Messenger, School Website, Email & Social Media.



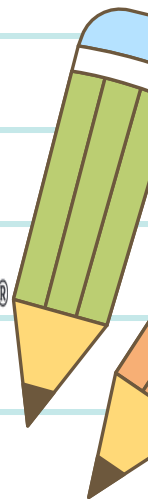
Custody/Court Orders



Please ensure your child's classroom teacher and the office staff are aware of any concerns or orders that have an impact on your child. **The office must have current copies of court orders, custody access documents and/or documentation that limits or restricts access, in order for the school staff to be able to support enforcement.**

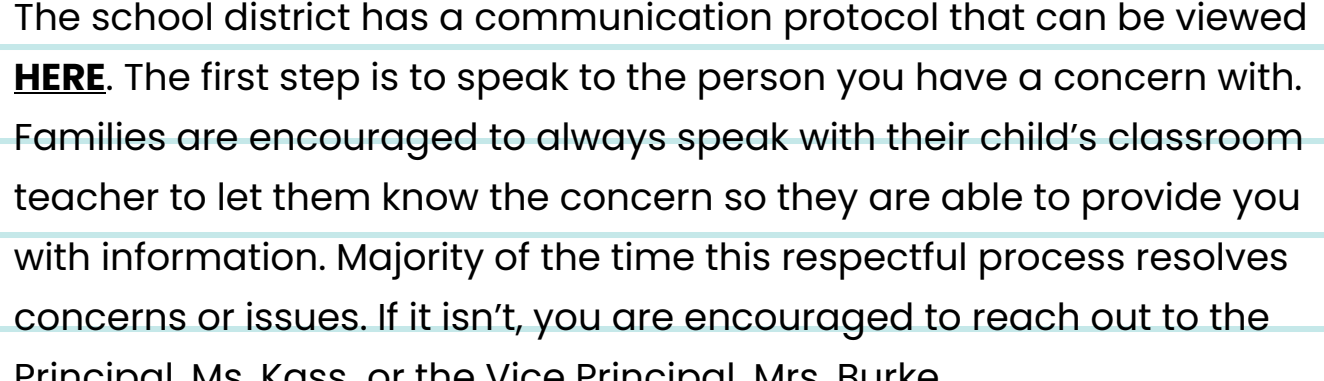
Important Forms - Due to the office

- Student Verification Forms
 - green forms brought home
 - Walking Field Trip Permission
 - Photo/Media Release
 - Technology Use Consent
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Communication Protocol (District)



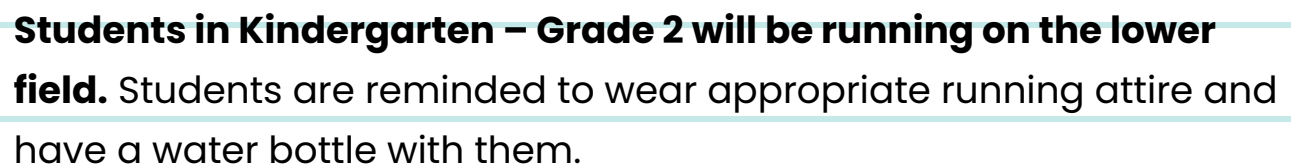
The school district has a communication protocol that can be viewed **HERE**. The first step is to speak to the person you have a concern with. Families are encouraged to always speak with their child's classroom teacher to let them know the concern so they are able to provide you with information. Majority of the time this respectful process resolves concerns or issues. If it isn't, you are encouraged to reach out to the Principal, Ms. Kass or the Vice Principal, Mrs. Burke.



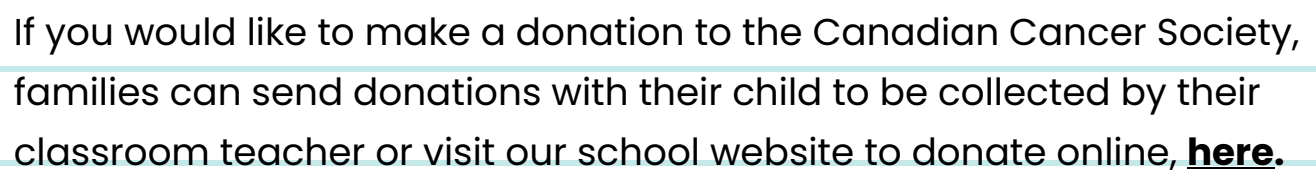
Terry Fox Run

Our school Terry Fox run will be held Thursday, September 18th. After a few words and a warm up in the gym, students and staff will head out to run. **Grades 3-5 Classes will be running a marked neighbourhood route supervised by staff and parent volunteers.**

Walking Permission Form Must be completed



Students in Kindergarten – Grade 2 will be running on the lower field. Students are reminded to wear appropriate running attire and have a water bottle with them.

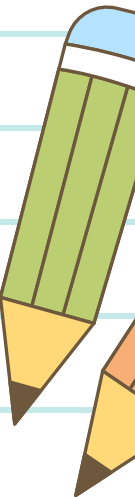
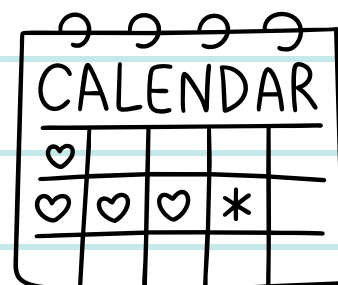


If you would like to make a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society, families can send donations with their child to be collected by their classroom teacher or visit our school website to donate online, **here**.





Upcoming Dates:

- **Sept 18** – Terry Fox Run
- **Sept 24** – Student Photo Day
- **Sept 29** – Pro-D Day, No School
- **Sept 30** – Truth & Reconciliation Day, No School

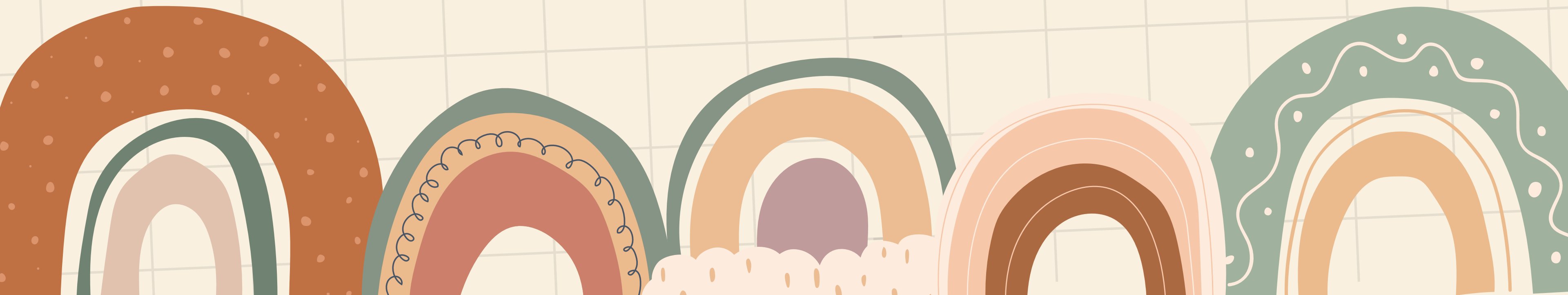




FREEZIE SALES



September 19th and 26th
\$1 each. (max 2 per student)



Fair Notice



Common programs and integrated services shall provide information to those who receive or are affected by their services. This is referred to as **Fair Notice** that such a multi-agency program/initiative exists. The Chilliwack School District is committed to providing a safe and inclusive environment for all staff, clients, students and community members, and as such, is a member of the Chilliwack Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA or ARTO) Protocol.

WHAT IS A VIOLENCE THREAT RISK ASSESSMENT (VTRA) PROTOCOL?

The protocol is designed to enhance communication between all partners. It is incumbent upon the partners to share necessary and appropriate information that may initiate or facilitate the Assessment of Risk to Others (ARTO) process. It is a trauma-informed and equity-inclusion guided practice that utilizes and Assessment of Risk to Others (ARTO) process to:

- To ensure the safety of all individuals,
- Begin to understand the factors that contribute to the Individual of Concern's (IOC's) threatening or high-risk behaviour,
- View the Individual of Concern (IOC) as in need of intervention and support rather than discipline.
- Be proactive in developing an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the Individual of Concern (IOC). It may include disciplinary action but will include appropriate supports to aid in the Individual of Concern (IOC) in developing and using more appropriate strategies,
- Promotes the emotional and physical safety of all.

It is NOT a Disciplinary tool or response.

WHAT IS A THREAT?

A threat is an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something. Threats may be verbal, written drawn, posted on the Internet, or made by gesture. Threats must be taken seriously, investigated, and responded to appropriately.

DUTY TO REPORT?

Often when we hear in the media about a violent incident, we learn that the Individual of Concern had made threats in advance of acting violently. To keep our communities safe, staff community members, students, and parents all need to act responsibly and report all threat-related behaviours and high-risk activities. This report can be made to any community partner of the Chilliwack VTRA/ARTO Protocol.

When a report of a threat is received by any member of this protocol, and upon screening it is determined the threshold for the "Categories of Action" is met, the Chilliwack VTRA/ARTO Protocol will be activated.

"Categories for Action" may include, but are not limited to:

- Serious violence or violence with intent to kill,
- Violence with intent to do serious bodily harm,
- Verbal/written threats to kill others ("clear, direct and plausible"),
- Verbal/written threats to do serious bodily harm ("clear, direct and plausible"),
- Social Media/Technology generated threats to harm/kill others,
- Possession of weapons (including replicas),
- Bomb threats (making and/or detonating explosive devices),
- Fire setting,
- Sexual intimidation or assault,
- Ongoing pervasive and targeted bullying and/or harassment,
- Gang related intimidation and violence,
- Hate incidents motivated by factors including, but not limited to, race, culture, religion, and/or sexual and gender diversity,
- Suicidal ideation or attempts as related to "Fluidity" or "Conspiracy to Two or More".

CAN I REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE?

It is important for all parties to engage in the process. If for some reason there is a reluctance to participate in the process, by either the Individual of Concern or parent/guardian, the threat assessment will continue in order to ensure and restore a safe and inclusive environment for all.



Growing Mindfully

A free 8-week group for children 8-12
experiencing mild-to-moderate anxiety, worry,
and stress, focused on mindfulness and
physical activity



For more information, contact
mentalwellness@bc.ymca.ca
or 1-250-376-4771 ext 115

CHILLIWACK FAMILY RESOURCE FAIR

INFORMATION , SUPPORT & CONNECTION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

You are invited to a **FREE** Chilliwack Family Resource Fair hosted by:



CITY OF
CHILLIWACK



Chilliwack
Healthier Community



Chilliwack
School District

Drop in anytime between 5–8pm to visit resource booths, learn about services, and attend short, family-focused sessions on topics like:

- ✓ Mental wellness
- ✓ Connect Parenting
- ✓ Supporting youth impacted by substance use
- ✓ Helping children with challenging behaviours
- ✓ Navigating grief & loss
- ✓ Supporting school attendance

Childcare and light snacks will be available, so bring the whole family!

Drop-in medical services by
CYHC Medical Director &
President of BC Family
Doctors, Dr. Darren Joneson



Wednesday
15 October, 2025



5:00PM-8:00PM



Chilliwack Secondary / NLC
46363 Yale Rd



Scan or click the
QR code to learn
more or to register

Registration not required but it helps us for planning!

