



Evans Elementary School

Parent Week at a Glance
Sept 20th – 24th, 2021



Chilliwack
School District

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Hello Evans Parents,

Welcome to the middle of September. Hard to believe we are already two weeks into the school year. Some of the events happening this week and in the next little while at Evans include:

Sept 20th - First Full Day of Kindergarten (8:00 - 2:07)
Sept 20th - Aboriginal Language Program for Students Begins
Sept 20th – 8:30 am School Assembly for students (in-person)
Sept 20th – Orange Shirt Orders are DUE (2:00 pm)
Sept 21st – 10:30am COPS for Cancer Ride By
Sept 22nd – POSTPONED (Family BBQ – See notes below)
Sept 23rd – PAC Hot Lunch forms DUE
Sept 28th – Terry Fox Run (details to follow)
Sept 29th – Orange Shirt Day (Truth and Reconciliation)
Sept 30th – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (School is Closed)
Oct 1st – 12:20 pm PAC Hot Lunch

Parent – Teacher BBQ Postponed – *We wanted to let parents know that, given the current concerns over COVID – 19 we have postponed the Parent-Teacher BBQ and we will do a video parent-teacher event similar to what was done last year.* Further details will be sent home on this in the next little while.

Orange Shirt Order – If parents wish to order Orange Shirts for Orange Shirt Day (Truth and Reconciliation) **these will need to be ordered by Monday, Sept 20th at 2pm.** (Order form is attached)

PAC Newsletter – Please find attached to this week at a glance the PAC newsletter for September.

Fraser Health Info – Please find information from Fraser Health on the process around COVID – 19 in schools.

(REPEAT) Student School Supplies – This school year we are working with several vendors to purchase supplies for students that are unique to each classroom and learning situation. The cost will be \$45.00 for students in grades 1 – 5 (including planners) and \$40.00 for children in Kindergarten. Classroom teachers will be in touch shortly to arrange for collecting funds from students. Payments can be made with cash or a cheque made out to “Evans Elementary School”.

(REPEAT) Bell Schedule - Our school has some changes in the bell schedule to accommodate a 2 week spring break this year for families and students. This fall we have a single Bell Schedule as there are no learning cohorts. Our bell schedule this year is as follows:

- 8:00 a.m. Warning Bell
- 8:05 a.m School Starts
- 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Recess
- 11:50 – 12:35 p.m. LUNCH (Play 11:50 – 12:20 + Eat 12:20 – 12:35)
- 2:07 p.m. Dismissal

(REPEAT) Calendar & Upcoming Events – The [Google calendar on our website is a “live”](#) calendar meaning it is updated in real time as soon as we add or change an event. Keeping checking our calendar for updates to information and events. Important dates and information will also be included in the Week at a Glance and any newsletters. Currently there are a number of events on the calendar listed as TENTATIVE as we will need to see if these events can go forward (in their current form) based on the current situation with COVID -19 and the protocols that are in place at the time. We thank you for your understanding around this.

(REPEAT) School PBS Matrix & Code of Conduct – Our school has two approached to helping students understand behavioral expectations. Our School Matrix (attached) are the positive behaviors we teach to students on a daily basis and are part of our “gotcha being good” draws. ***We focus on all students being Kind, Respectful and Responsible !!*** The Code of Conduct is a requirement of the BC Ministry of Education and sets out expectations for items such as conduct, dress, etc. while students are at school. The Code of Conduct can be viewed here..

(REPEAT) Website – As much as possible we will try and keep the website up-to-date once the school year has begun. Important information from the school district & school will be posted on the front page of the school website. Please keep checking this for the latest information. (Other pages on the website are currently being revised and should be updated shortly with information from the current school year).

(REPEAT) After School Care – Wind and Tide runs a before and after-school child care program at Evans Elementary School. Should you be interested in having your child in childcare please contact them directly at (604)847-3254.

(REPEAT) Volunteers– Our plan is to have parent volunteer opportunities at the school this year following COVID-19 protocols. As this will require planning and training of all volunteers (and in smaller numbers), we are in the process of putting this together. Once we have developed a volunteer protocol with the school district and staff, we will share a process for parents who wish to volunteer. All volunteers must have completed a Criminal Records Check. The forms can be obtained from our office.

(REPEAT) Drop off & Pick-Up Of Children

Morning Drop Off

In the morning when students are arriving at school we ask that they not arrive before 7:50am when supervision is available. For parents who walk their child to school (or are here with their child) we ask that you remain behind the fenced area at the front or on the “track area” if you walk your child to the side of the school. For parents who drive their children we ask that you drop and leave after ensuring your child is safely off the parking lot or driveway areas.

Afternoon Pick-Up

For parents who are who walking their child home (or waiting to pick their child up) from school we ask that you arrange to meet your child behind the fenced area at the front of the school or on the “track area” to the side of the school. For parents who drive their children and have their vehicles in the drop off and pick-up areas, we ask that you remain with your vehicles in the front driveway leaving only briefly to ensuring your child gets safely into the vehicle.

We thank you so much for your help and support with this plan. We are working hard to ensure that all children are as safe as possible at all times during the day including to and from school.

Evans Elementary School Matrix

	Kindness	Respect	Responsibility
Classroom & Pods	<p>I can make choices that are thoughtful of others.</p>	<p>I can treat classmates the way I want to be treated.</p> <p>I can use proper manners.</p>	<p>I can listen and follow expectations.</p>
Line-ups & Hallways	<p>I can be flexible, helpful, and patient while waiting in line.</p>	<p>I can keep my hands and feet to myself and be aware of personal space.</p>	<p>I can line up single file, stay in my spot, and keep to the right side.</p> <p>I can maintain “Quiet Coyote”.</p>
Bathrooms	<p>I can help keep the bathrooms clean.</p>	<p>I can give others privacy.</p> <p>I can use an inside voice.</p>	<p>I can flush the toilet, wash my hands, and leave quickly.</p>
Outside & Playground	<p>I can include others and play fairly.</p> <p>I can use kind words while playing.</p>	<p>I can keep my hands and feet to myself.</p> <p>I can follow directions from staff.</p>	<p>I can play safely and return all equipment.</p> <p>I can use my “WITS” when problem solving.</p>

In recognition of September's upcoming Truth and Reconciliation Day, Evans will be having an Orange Shirt Day on Thursday, September 29th.

Evans PAC is putting an order together for anyone that would like to pre-order a shirt from the Sto:lo Gift Shop.

Child \$20	Quantity	Total Cost
XS		
Small		
Medium		
Large		
Grand Total		
Adult \$22.40	Quantity	Total Cost
Small		
Medium		
Large		
XL		
XXL		
Grand Total		



Child's/Faculty name: _____

Teacher: _____

****Payment must be included with order****

Cheques can be made to Evans PAC

Orders due no later than Monday September 20th.



Evans Elementary PAC

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Back to School!

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year at Evans Elementary. Your PAC has lots planned already and we are excited to share with you. But first, let's get acquainted!

What We Do

As PAC members, we help organize fun events, fundraise for things the school needs, and help to support staff and students.

What's Coming Up

We are gearing up for a busy fall. Keep your eyes peeled for information coming out for Coupon Books, Spirit Wear (hoodies anyone?), hot lunches, Krispy Kreme Donuts, Santa Store, and more! School magnets with all important dates will also be coming home soon.

How You Can Help

Want to get involved? We love help—even if you only have a little bit of time to commit. We will need help on hot lunch days, as well as prepping for special events. Please email us at evans.elem.pac@gmail.com if you can help out, and also keep an eye on our Facebook page as we often post requests for volunteers there prior to an event.

Important Dates

1st PAC Meeting	Sept. 15 at 6:30
Hot Lunch Forms Due	Sept. 23
Hot Lunch	Oct. 1
Coupon Book Orders Due	Oct. 1
Early Dismissal	Oct. 8 at 11:05
PAC Meeting	Oct. 13 at 6:30
Picture Day	Oct. 19
Pro-D Day	Oct. 22

Did You Know?

Here are a few things the PAC has purchased/supported in recent years:

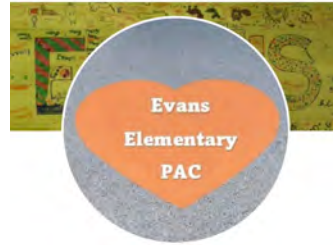
- Water Bottle Refill Station
- Class Field Trips
- Projector & Sound System for Gym
- Staff Year-End Lunch
- Wheelchair-Accessible Playground
- Books for Class Libraries



Connecting With Your PAC

Meetings—Everyone is invited! If you have a child at Evans, then you are already a member of the PAC. We generally meet the 1st Wednesday of every month, at 6:30 pm in the school. All parents get to vote on approving budgets, spending, new things for the school, etc. Come say “hi” and maybe even take home a door prize!

Facebook—Join our ***NEW*** Facebook page! If you are currently following us, please look for a post directing you to our new page, or search for “[Evans PAC](#)” and follow along for updates, announcements, reminders, and volunteer requests. The old page will be retired, once everyone has had sufficient time to migrate to the new page. Link to the page is here: [Evans PAC](#). The new page looks like this:



Email—evans.elem.pac@gmail.com

In Person—Please come say “hi” and ask questions when you see us around the school!

Jennifer O’Connal President

A stay at home mother of 6 kids, Jen is a veteran Evans parent of 15 years. She currently has a son in Grade 5.



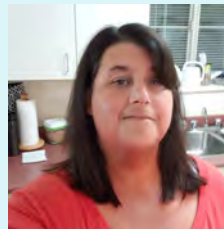
Erica Hansom Vice President

Erica is a stay at home mom of 3 busy girls. Two currently attend Evans in Grades 3 and 4. This is her second year on PAC.



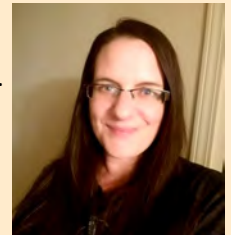
Crystal Menzies Treasurer

Currently a stay at home mom of 1 child in kindergarten. This is her first year at Evans and on the PAC.



Angela Vermeer Secretary

Angela is a full-time working mom of two daughters. Her youngest is in Grade 2. This is her 3rd year on the PAC.



Melissa Beirnes Member at Large

Melissa is a new parent to Evans Elementary. Her daughter is starting kindergarten this year. She works part time as a Controller and she recently moved here from Edmonton.



Erika Clark Member at Large

Erika is a mom of 3 kids who all currently attend Evans in Grades 5, 3, and kindergarten. This is her first year on the PAC and she is looking forward to being more involved.



Ashala Palaniuk Member at Large

Ashala is mom to two girls, who are currently in Grades 1 and 4. She works part-time making maps and loves dragon boating. She is looking forward to joining this great PAC group!



September 10, 2021

Re: Back to School in the Fraser Health region

Dear School Staff Members and Community,

As we begin the 2021/2022 school year, we would like to express our appreciation for the hard work and dedication teachers, school staff and school administrators have shown over the past 18 months, and continue to show, as you prepare for a safe return to school this fall.

On August 24, 2021, the province announced new [K-12 COVID-19 safety guidelines](#) for 2021/22. Below we have highlighted some of the key changes, as well as what we can expect to remain the same from last year.

Vaccination:

- Vaccination is the best way to protect our communities and ourselves. Vaccination protects both those who get vaccinated and those who are not yet eligible for vaccinations, such as youth under 12 years of age. Everyone 12 and older is encouraged to walk in to any of our vaccine clinics for same-day immunization as soon as possible. Clinic locations are available at fraserhealth.ca/vax.
- Health and safety measures – such as daily health checks, hand washing and the use of masks – are in effect at schools to protect both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals.
- For more information on youth immunization, please review the [BCCDC Q&A document](#), or visit the [province of B.C.](#) and [BCCDC](#) web resources for more information.

Masks:

- At this time, all K to 12 staff, students in grades 4 to 12, and visitors should wear masks in all indoor areas, including at their desks and on school buses.
- Mask use for students in kindergarten to grade three is encouraged.

Daily health checks:

- Students will continue to be required to complete daily health checks, stay home when feeling sick and practice diligent hand hygiene.
- The [K to 12 Health Check website](#) and app can help kids and parents decide if their child should attend school based on their symptoms. Encourage parents to bookmark the [health check website](#) or download the apps for [iPhone/iPad iOS](#) or [Android devices](#).

In-classroom learning:

- Strict physical distancing and cohorting is no longer required. However, schools can continue to create space between people by spreading people out where possible, managing flow of people in common areas to prevent crowding, taking students outside as much as possible and reminding students and staff about respecting others' physical space.

- Schools should continue to apply effective prevention measures such as cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces, ensuring ventilation systems are working properly and providing frequent opportunities for hand hygiene.

COVID-19 exposure at school:

As per provincial direction, public health will notify staff and students who need to take a specific action, such as self-monitoring or self-isolation, as a result of a COVID-19 exposure. The school community will be notified when appropriate, such as in the case of an outbreak, and this will be posted to our website. Public health will continue to provide contact tracing for all positive cases of COVID-19 in schools:

- If a student or staff member is confirmed to have COVID-19, and were potentially infectious while they were at school, public health will investigate to determine if there were any potential close contacts within the school.
- If it is determined that there are close contacts within the school, public health will notify the school administrators and request information to assist with contact tracing and provide guidance on what steps should be taken.
- Public health may then:
 - Recommend 14-day self-isolation if necessary
 - Recommend self-monitoring for symptoms if necessary
 - Provide follow-up recommendations if necessary
- Schools will ensure students who are required to self-isolate are able to continue their educational program. Together, schools and public health officials will determine if any other actions are necessary.
- Parents, caregivers and families will be notified by public health if their child is determined to be a close contact of a COVID-19 positive person.

Resources:

For more guidance and information to support children and youth in school during COVID-19, visit fraserhealth.ca/schools. For general school health resources, please see our [Healthy Back to School Guide](#).

Additional COVID-19 school information and resources can be found on the government of B.C.'s [COVID-19 safe school web page](#) and the [BCCDC's K-12 Schools and COVID-19 web page](#).

As we prepare for the new school year together, Fraser Health remains dedicated to working in close collaboration with our network of partners across all levels of the education system to keep students, teachers and our communities safe.

Sincerely,



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