



Evans Elementary School

Parent Week at a Glance
Sept 27th – Oct 1st, 2021



Chilliwack
School District

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Hello Evans Parents,

Welcome to the end of September and the start of October. It seems incredible that October is already here. Some of the events happening this week and in the next little while at Evans include:

Sept 27th – Kindergarten Bus Training

Sept 28th – Terry Fox Run

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

Oct 4th – Start FSA Assessments for Grade 4 Students

Oct 7th – Virtual Classroom Visit Event (Evening)

Oct 8th – 11:05 Early Dismissal (Reporting)

Daily Health Check Reminder – Just a reminder that all parents should be completing a daily health check on their child BEFORE sending them to school each day. Children who are sick should remain home until they are well. The BC Ministry of Education has a site that you can access here to help with this:

- Website: <https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s1>

Thanks for your help in completing these daily health checks with your family.

Kindergarten Bus Training- Our kindergarten students will be receiving training on expectation while riding a school bus and how to evacuate in case of emergency on Monday. This will allow them in the future to go on field trips on the bus.

Terry Fox Run - This week we will be collecting funds for the Terry Fox Foundation from families who wished to donate. On Tuesday, we will have an assembly followed by a run/walk in the afternoon to celebrate Terry Fox and his legacy. The run/walk will take place rain or shine and we asked that students dress for the weather on that day.

Orange Shirt Day (Truth and Reconciliation) - This Wednesday (September 29th) we are asking students to wear orange shirts in recognition of National Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 30th. Our school will have an assembly in the morning followed by a short walk.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Day - A reminder to families that the school will be closed on October 30th as we observe National Truth and Reconciliation Day.

Virtual Classroom Visit Event – In most years it has been the tradition of the school to hold a parent-teacher event where staff could connect with children and their families. With COVID-19 happening this year we have been unable to have this happen. As such we are again putting together a virtual parent-teacher event with online video's that will let you look into your child's classroom. Our hope is to have this ready to go by Thursday, October 7th. We will send further details home in the next little while as to how parents can access video's posted by classes.

Student Behavior Form – Our school staff believes in working with children to promote positive behaviors at all times. As a school, we understand that from time to time students will and do make mistakes. This year our school will again be using a "Student Behavior Form" as a way to communicate more minor behavior issues with parents. Should you receive one of these forms from your child, we would ask that you review it with them, sign it and have them return it to the school. Should you have further questions about an incident please do not hesitate to give the school a phone call.

Virtual Family Math Night - The Chilliwack School District is hosting a virtual family game night focused on Math Grades K-5 on October 20th 6:30-7:30pm. Attached is a flyer [with a link](#) to register for this event. Once registered we will supply families with an interactive game package and instructions for picking up this package. We are hoping both parents and kids will join us for this event.

Student School Supplies – This school year we have working with several vendors to purchase supplies for students that are unique to each classroom and learning situation. The cost is \$45.00 for students in grades 1 – 5 (including planners) and \$40.00 for children in Kindergarten. Payments can be made with cash or a cheque made out to "Evans Elementary School". We ask that funds be submitted to the classroom teacher at the earliest opportunity. Should this present a hardship to your family please speak with your child's classroom teacher. Thanks.

Foundation Skills Assessment – Our Grade 4 students will be undertaking the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) in the month of October. The FSA provides vital data that helps schools, districts, and the province plan effective programs for students. We know from international assessments that BC's students are among the best in the world. The information gathered through FSA will help us continue this work. Please find further information attached about the FSA's.

(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) 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>



Importance of FSA

From the Superintendent's Office - September 2021

What is the FSA?

The FSA (Foundational Skills Assessment) is a set of interactive exercises designed by teachers and education experts that reliably indicates how your child is doing in literacy (understanding and communicating with language) and numeracy (understanding and working with numbers).

Why is the FSA Important?

To ensure that we continue to support successful learning, we routinely check our students' growth and achievement.

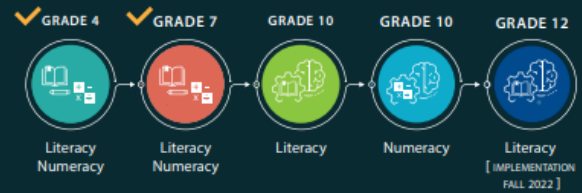
An important part of this is the B.C. Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) which is written by students in grades 4 and 7 each year. The FSA assesses basic knowledge and skills in literacy and numeracy. The FSA provides a systems level accountability check to ensure that we are delivering aligned learning experiences for all.

In Chilliwack we use this assessment to inform our instruction, in-service, and our resource allocation for the betterment of student learning.

Student participation on the FSA can greatly inform instruction, in-service, and resource allocation that benefits staff and students.

How Can Parents Help?

- Talk to your child about the FSA. Explain why we complete it and cheer them on. This is a chance for Chilliwack's students to show what they know!
- Ensure your child gets lots of rest and good nutrition.
- Read through the information and help your child try the sample questions at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/assessment/foundation-skills-assessment>



Facts:

1. FSA reflects B.C.'s redesigned curriculum.
2. FSA will be administered during the period of October 4 – November 12, 2021.
3. FSA is a set of interactive activities drawn from the provincial curriculum:
 - a. Literacy (understanding and communicating with language)
 - b. Numeracy (understanding and working with numbers)
4. There is an online section and a hand-written section.
5. FSA includes a group collaboration activity, a choice of reading themes and a self-reflection section.
6. FSA scores are not letter grades or percentages; they do not count toward students' report card marks or promotion.
7. The handwritten section of your child's FSA is scored in Chilliwack, by Chilliwack educators.



How is the FSA conducted in schools?

- All Grade 4 and 7 students in B.C. are required to complete the FSA in their own classrooms, under the supervision of their classroom teacher or school administrator.
- The FSA will take your child about 3.75 hours to complete over a few days during a six week period. The assessment includes online and written questions, a group activity and a reflection exercise.
- Your school principal may excuse your child from writing the FSA if they are not yet proficient in English, if they have an identified cognitive disability, or in the event of extenuating circumstances (e.g. extended illness or family emergency etc.).



What are the results of the FSA used for?

- Results are provided to you, your child, teachers, and the Ministry to ensure B.C. is providing high quality education to all of its students.
- Results ensure that no students are left behind in B.C., regardless of their background.
- The FSA does not contribute to your child's report card and is not used to rank students, teachers, schools or districts.



Why do all students in B.C. write the FSA?

- The FSA is designed to indicate how your child and all students in British Columbia are doing in literacy and numeracy.
- The FSA ensures you, your child and your child's teachers and educators have early information on your child's achievement and can respond appropriately to shape learning over the school year.



What are the **benefits** of the FSA?

For students, parents and caregivers

- You and your child will have an understanding of how your child is doing and what areas may need support.
- Assessment results help shape the support needed to meet the unique needs of every student.

For teachers

- Your child's teacher will have confirmation of how your child is doing and what supports they may need.

For the Ministry of Education

- Your government will have information about how to improve and deliver high quality education for all students in British Columbia.



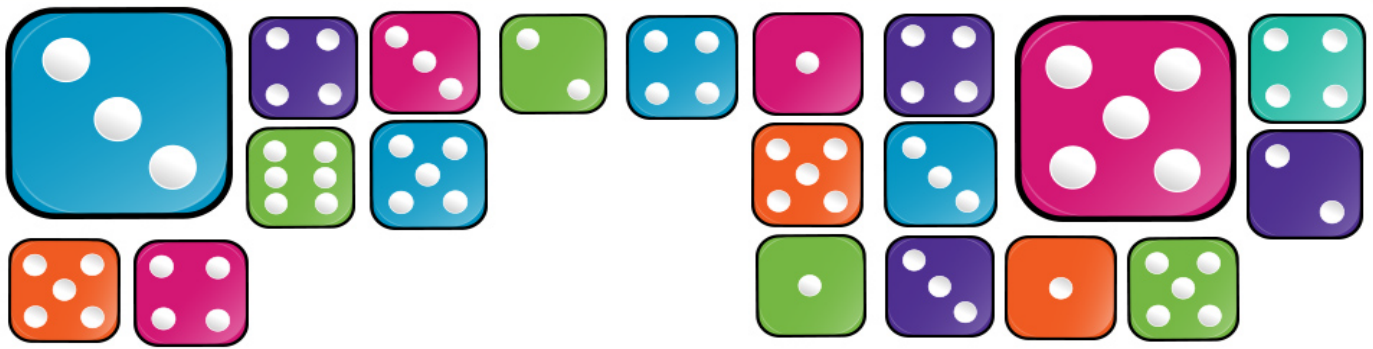
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Chilliwack School District Virtual Family Math Games Night

Kindergarten – Grade 5

Presented by
John Felling

Wednesday, October 20th, 2021

6:30-7:30 PM Pacific Time

CLICK [HERE](#) TO REGISTER

**During registration, you will receive instructions on where to pick up your game pieces and registration package.*

Registration closes on Wednesday, October 13th, 2021

