



Evans Elementary School

Parent Week at a Glance
November 22nd – 26th, 2021



Chilliwack
School District

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Dear Evans Parents,

I am writing this in the hope that you are all doing well under the most unusual of circumstances. Our hearts and thoughts are with those of you who are dealing with family and personal circumstances and have been impacted by the flooding. While we know next week will be a return to school, there is some uncertainty around what next week will look like. While I have added items and events to the *Parent Week at a Glance* we may need to adapt and change some of our activities based on how the week unfolds. ***Please check your email and [our Website](#) next week for any changes in activities and events at the school.***

Take care, keep safe and hopefully we will see you on Monday.

- Nov 22nd – **Planned School Re-Opening (See note below)**
- Nov 22nd – Evans Virtual Book Fair Starts
- Nov 25th – PAC Hot Lunch (Hot Dogs) & Raffle Basket Closes
- Nov 26th – **Non Instructional Day (No School for Students)**
- Nov 28th – Evans Virtual Book Fair ENDS
- Nov 29th – PAC Fall Purdie's Fundraiser Ends
- Dec 1st – **6:30pm PAC Meeting #4**
- Dec 2nd – MDI Letters Sent Home (Grade 5)
- Dec 3rd – 1:30pm PAC Poinsettia pick-up (Gym)

Planned School Re-Opening - The District team is planning **a return to school on Monday, November 22, 2021**, and will communicate information regarding a return to school to all families **on Sunday, November 21, 2021**.

The district understands that keeping schools closed for the past five days has negatively impacted some families in our community. Please know that the senior team has carefully considered many factors, including staff and student safety, in making this difficult decision to close schools for students tomorrow.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we grapple with all the challenges facing us in our school community. We look forward to welcoming staff and students back to school next week.

(Repeat) Evans Virtual Book Fair - The link below is for Evans upcoming online book fair to support our school library. The fair will be held online from Nov. 22-28, but there are some preview-type things to look at beforehand and a countdown to the fair on the page. Should parents have any questions please feel free to contact our library. <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5169044>

(Repeat) Inclement Weather School Closure Guidelines – With the weather starting to be more “winter like” we wanted to share with parents the guidelines for closure of schools in inclement weather.

Inclement weather conditions such as freezing rain, significant snowfall or high wind can occur during the fall and winter months. In such conditions, decisions on the opening or closure of school district facilities are made by the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with management and supervisory staff who have checked first-hand on the driving conditions, walking/sidewalk conditions, and general condition of buildings and accessibility to sites. *For more details on how this is done, [click here](#).*

While service to students and parents is a priority and schools will be kept open as much as is reasonably possible, student and staff safety is the primary consideration.

In the event of extreme weather conditions, parents are urged to check the **School District website** www.sd33.bc.ca or tune into radio stations **STAR FM (98.3 FM)** or **THE DRIVE (89.5 FM)**, to receive up-to-date information on school closures and information on the buses. Reports will start after 6:00 a.m. and will be repeated often. The information broadcast is directly from the School District. The reports are confirmed and there is no need to call your school, the School District Office or the radio station.

In the event that there is inclement weather but the school remains open, it is the parent’s decision, based on their assessment of the relative safety of travel conditions, as to whether or not their children attend school. Students will be marked absent for the day, but such an absence will not affect a perfect attendance record.

A **Transportation Snow Plan** is in place for students who rely on travel by school bus and live in higher elevations such as Chilliwack Mountain, Little Mountain, Majuba Hill, Ryder Lake and some areas of Columbia Valley and the Eastern Hillside. An announcement will be made should travel in these areas become challenging due to slippery road conditions. *(Please note: the greater Promontory area does not have a snow plan).*

All inclement weather announcements will be posted on the District website www.sd33.bc.ca

(Repeat) From Our Library - An amazing collection of more than 150 of the best picture books as voted by over 500 parents. Some titles on the list are new releases in the the world of story books while others have stood the test of time. Perfect for reading aloud at home or school. Information can be accessed here: <https://childhood101.com/picture-books-read-aloud/>

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.