



Evans Elementary School

Parent Week at a Glance
November 29th – Dec 3rd, 2021



Chilliwack
School District

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Dear Evans Parents,

We are all keeping our fingers crossed that the rain will be less than expected given all that has happened recently. Here are our plans at Evans for the next week:

Nov 29th – PAC Fall Purdie's Fundraiser Ends

Nov 29th – COVID-19 Vaccination Information for Children sent Home (Paper Forms)

Nov 30th – Last Day Classroom Raffle Basket Items

Dec 1st – Start PAC Raffle Basket Ticket Sales

Dec 1st – **6:30pm PAC Meeting #4**

Dec 1st – Virtue of the Month at Evans is "Service"

Dec 2nd – MDI Letters Sent Home (Grade 5)

Dec 3rd – 1:30pm PAC Poinsettia pick-up (Gym)

Dec 3rd – Raffle Basket Pictures posted on PAC Facebook Page

Dec 6th – Start of Evans Salvation Army Food Drive

Dec 6th – 9th PAC Christmas Store (Evans Portable)

Dec 8th – Prism Art @ Evans (Grade 4/5)

Dec 9th – **PAC Hot Lunch Orders Due (White Spot)**

Dec 10th – **Term #1 Report Cards Sent Home**

Vaccination Information from the Ministry of Health – Please find attached information from the Ministry of Health on upcoming vaccinations for children between the ages of 5 & 11 years old.

PAC Raffle - Due to the unfortunate weather events that continue to affect our community and neighbouring communities, we will be extending classroom raffle basket donations through to the 30th of November. Ticket sales will still be starting on December 1st, but completed basket photos will not be on the Evans PAC Facebook page until the 3rd of December. Please find attached the original flyer and ticket sheet that went home 2 weeks ago.

PAC Meeting – The next PAC meeting is **this Wednesday, December 1st @ 6:30pm at the school**. We hope you will join us !!! Please check out [the school calendar](#) for PAC meeting dates and times and to find all the great things that PAC does and how you can become involved. We hope you will join us at our next meeting.

Christmas Concert Plans – Our plan is to have an ***online Christmas Concert Video*** for parents to watch on the evening of **Wednesday, December 15th**. We will be taping this concert on December 8 – 10th. **Should you wish for your child to be part of the "taped" concert that parents can watch, we will need to have a signed consent form that allows us to videotape your child. If you are unsure if you have completed this form please check with your child's teacher.**

Other Seasonal Events - that will be taking place at the school for students this year includes:

- **December 3rd** – Deck the Halls. School Decorating & Service Projects (Placemats)
- **December 6th** – Evans Salvation Army Food Drive
- **Dec 6th – 9th** – PAC Christmas Store
- **December 15th** – Virtual Christmas Concert

(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.

COVID-19

Vaccination for children

5-11 years old

What are the benefits to getting children vaccinated against COVID-19?

While most children who get COVID-19 have a minor illness, a small number get very sick. Some children may continue to have health issues for long periods of time after the initial illness. Children are also able to pass on COVID-19 to other people in their families and communities.

Vaccinating children helps keep them safe as well as others around them – especially older adults, younger children and infants, and those with illnesses.

COVID-19 vaccine approval process for children

There is a very **strict process** to test and approve vaccines in Canada. These vaccines work and are safe for children aged 5-11.

Who is eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine for children?

This vaccine is for any child between 5 and 11 years. If your child is 4 years old, you will not be able to get them vaccinated until after their 5th birthday. The vaccines are free and your children do not need BC Care Cards to receive them.



How can I explain how the COVID-19 vaccination works to my children?

Explain that the vaccine helps make sure they don't get sick by quickly fighting off the virus that causes COVID-19. The vaccine is so powerful that it even helps to protect the people around them, including their family and friends. **Kids Boost Immunity** has videos that explain more.

Who can provide consent for children to be vaccinated?



Parents/guardians, (including foster parents and prospective adoptive parents) and other custodial caregivers (for example, a grandparent who is raising the child).

Only one parent or legal guardian is required to give consent. The process for collecting consent may be different depending on the immunization clinic you attend.

Can children get the COVID-19 vaccine at the same time as other vaccinations?

Yes. The COVID-19 vaccine can be given at the same time as other childhood vaccinations, including the flu shot.

These support techniques apply to other childhood vaccinations. Check if your child is up-to-date with their vaccines at children's immunizations schedules. Arrange with your healthcare provider to have any missed vaccinations given as soon as possible.

Before the appointment

- Children should be told about the injection close to the actual day of the vaccine. For school-age children, one day before may be appropriate.
- Encourage your child to ask questions. It's important they understand what will happen at the appointment and feel comfortable. HealthLink BC has more information on preparing children for vaccines: <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/immunization-experience-child>



- Try the **CARD system** to help your child find their preferred way to prepare for the vaccine:
 - Comfort
 - Ask
 - Relax
 - Distract
- There are simple breathing techniques that young children can learn to keep calm. Children can practise **breathing exercises** by pretending they are blowing bubbles. A team from BC Children's Hospital has developed a game to help children practise belly breathing which is proven to manage anxiety. Access it at respiire.com/COVID-19.html

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On the day of the appointment

- Some people find **numbing creams or patches** help. You can buy these without a prescription at most pharmacies. Apply them an hour before the appointment.
- Do not focus your child's attention on the needle with comments like "It'll be over soon, and you'll be okay," as this can increase stress. Instead, try distracting them with puzzles or chatting, and breathing techniques.
- Healthcare providers at immunization clinics are trained to work with children and can help you to support your child.



For more information on COVID-19 vaccination for children, including how to register your child, visit <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine/vaccines-children>

After the appointment

- There are some common side effects such as pain, redness and itchiness at the injection site. These will pass quickly. Serious side effects are very rare, but if you notice any health changes contact 811 or your healthcare provider.
 - One very rare side effect is myocarditis, or inflammation of the heart muscle. Most cases are mild and treated with rest and improve quickly. COVID-19 disease can also cause myocarditis and the risk of it from the disease is much higher than the risk from vaccination.
 - Symptoms to look out for:
 - Chest pain
 - Shortness of breath
 - Feeling of a rapid or abnormal heart rhythm
- If your child experiences these symptoms, seek medical help right away. Inform the healthcare provider that your child received a COVID-19 vaccine recently.
- COVID-19 vaccination has no impact on future fertility. There is no biological way for this to occur.





Evans Elementary PAC Presents
The Annual Holiday Raffle Basket Fundraiser

Our annual holiday raffle basket fundraiser is one of our most popular fundraisers of the year! The funds from this year's raffle basket fundraiser will go towards new iPads, new inclusive crosswalks as well as to help pay for the school gymnasiums projector which was installed last year.

Please see the attached list for your child's class. Please send 1 item (or more) or a small cash donation pertaining to the basket theme by **November 25**.

As with all our fundraiser, participation in our Annual Raffle Basket Fundraiser is optional. If you choose not to participate as a family, your child(ren) will still be included and feel that they are participating in events as a member of the school.

We will be providing a detailed video and pictures of all completed baskets, starting on **December 01**, on our Facebook page. This year, again, tickets will not be sold in the school. Attached is a page of tickets. You can print out as many as you like! Tickets are \$0.50 each or the entire page of 14 for \$5.00. Each student will receive and printed page of tickets on December 01. Additional printed ticket pages can be requested via our PAC Facebook page or by email at evens.elem.pac@gmail.com.

Please fill out each ticket with your information and make sure to include which BASKET you'd like each ticket to be entered into. Please return all completed tickets and monies to the school by the end of the school day on **December 16**. PAC volunteers will cut and sort all the tickets for you. Basket winners will be announced on the morning of **December 17** and will be filmed live and available for viewing on our PAC Facebook page. Winners will be contacted by phone. Thank you to everyone for supporting our Evans students and school community! Good luck!!





“Let’s Get Baking!” - Baking Basket

Mrs. Lodders

Everything you need to make treats for the holidays or anytime! Sprinkles, aprons, baking tins, cookie cutters, muffin cups, chocolate chips, cake mixes, icing, pipping bags, mixing bowls and measuring spoons. Let the baking begin!

“It’s Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas” – Christmas Basket

Mrs. Bridge/Mrs. Munro and Mrs. White

Christmas is around the corner. Let’s fill this basket with Christmas Cheer! Ornaments, specialty seasonal items and décor, hot chocolate with all the fixings and of course candy canes!

“Now That’s Crafty” – Colouring and Crafts Basket

Mrs. Epp and Mrs. Dehnke

Use your imagination on this one! Paint, brushes, canvases, markers and clay. Colouring books, glitter, crayons, pipe cleaners, glue and craft kits. Anything that you can ‘create’ with!

“Let the Games Begin” – Family Game Night Basket

Mr. Dyck and Mrs. Bahnman

Get ready for some friendly competition! Board games, cards, trivia, charades and dice. Don’t forget the snacks! Popcorn, candy, pretzels and chocolate treats.

“Lucky Lotto” – Gift Cards and Scratch Tickets Basket

Mrs. Bramble and Mrs. Maxwell

Gift cards to anywhere – Amazon, Starbucks, gas cards, restaurants, bookstores, cinemas, local attractions, and grocery stores! Only super lucky scratch tickets please ☺

“Love Local” – Fraser Valley Local Business Basket

Mrs. Buchanan and Mrs. TeBrinke

Let’s support all things local in the Fraser Valley. Gift cards, small treats or product samples, beauty products, coffee, and small business goodies. Let’s show some love to our local businesses.



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