



# Evans Elementary School

Parent Week at a Glance  
January 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022



Chilliwack  
School District

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Hello Evans Parents,

This Week at Evans...

- Jan 17<sup>th</sup> – Pink Shirt Orders DUE (PAC)
- Jan 17<sup>th</sup> – School Assembly (Virtual)
- Jan 17<sup>th</sup> – Earthquake Drill (PM)
- Jan 20<sup>th</sup> – Salish Seasons Program @ Evans (School District)
- Jan 20<sup>th</sup> – After School Adventures Program at Evans (School District)
- Jan 27<sup>th</sup> – Family Literacy Day

**Daily Health Checks** – All families **MUST** complete a daily health check with their child BEFORE sending them to school each day. **Children who show any symptoms of illness MUST** remain home until they are symptom free. The BC Ministry of Education has a site that you can [access here](#) to complete the health check:

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

***If children come to school with symptoms of illness or develop symptoms while they are at school, the child will need to be separated from other children and parents will be contacted to pick their child up and take them home returning once they are symptom free.***

**PAC News Letter & Order Form** – Please find attached the PAC news letter from the PAC for the Month of January 2022 as well as the order forms for families who wish to purchase pink shirts for Anti-Bullying day on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.

**(Repeat) Students Entering the Building** – The current process that we have in place for students entering the building meets the enhance safety measures as students are separated by class and spaced along outside walls. **Thank-you parents for helping us by remaining off the walkways directly beside the school where students line up.** This allows us to maintain the spacing required.

**(Repeat) Recess and Lunch** - We have developed a plan to dismiss classes separately at recess, lunch and at the end of the day in order to better maintain spacing of students exiting the building. In addition, at lunch time we will be moving to an eat first - play second system in the primary pod (South side) while our intermediate pod (North side) will continue to use a play first - eat second approach. **We have not made any changes to the start and end to the day bell schedule.**

**(Repeat) School Gatherings** – All school gatherings involving students, staff and parents have been moved to online where possible. This includes school assemblies, staff meetings, PAC meetings etc. School Based Teams where face to face meetings are deemed necessary will still be held at the school with reduced numbers of staff, in larger rooms and following the mask mandate.

**(Repeat) Visitor Access and Volunteers** – We will be re-locking the front doors of the school and requiring anyone who enters to ***sign-in, wear a mask, wash hands***, and follow other health measures. Visitors and volunteers MUST be in the school for a purpose that directly serves students or vulnerable students (eg: Bowls of Hope Lunch Staff) and have the approval of the Principal (Mr. Gemmell) prior to entering the building.

**(Repeat) Masks** – All students in K – 5 are to (continue) to wear non-medical masks indoors unless they have been given an exemption under the Provincial Health Order dated December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. Where a child does not have a mask one will be provided.

**(Repeat) Changes to contact tracing for COVID-19 in K-12 settings (from Fraser Health)** - The Omicron variant spreads rapidly and, as such, contact tracing is a less effective measure in the timely management of COVID-19. What this means is that Public Health is no longer able to contact everyone who tests positive. Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 should follow advice from the BC Centre for Disease Control.

As Public Health is not contacting every person who tests positive, school exposures letters will not be issued by Public Health for individual cases. In the event of a declared outbreak, Public Health will issue a public notification.

**(Repeat) Students returning from International Travel (from CDC)** - On December 15, 2021, Canadians were advised to avoid non-essential travel outside of Canada, regardless of vaccination status: <https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/health-safety/travel-health-notice/226>. As of January 7, 2022, this advisory has remained in effect. For those returning to Canada, parents and guardians are reminded that, as of January 7th, 2022:

- Unvaccinated and partially vaccinated children and youth up to and including 17 years of age are subject to the 14-day quarantine requirement.
- During quarantine, these children are not to attend school in-person.
- Families planning to travel or have returned from international travel should check this website for the most up-to-date quarantine and testing requirements: <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/covid-vaccinated-travellers-entering-canada>

**(Repeat) School Closures due to COVID** – Please see the attached letter from Rohan-Arul Pragasam, Superintendent of the Chilliwack School District dated January 8<sup>th</sup> (attached)

**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](http://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](http://www.sd33.bc.ca)**



# Evans Elementary PAC

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## Back to School

Welcome back to all of our families. We hope that you had a restful winter break and are looking forward to the rest of this school year as much as we are. Here is a glance at what is coming up this term.

## What's Coming Up

**Pink Shirt Orders**—Info on following page. Note the quick deadline!

**Purdy's Easter Chocolate Fundraiser**— Coming soon!

**Krispy Kreme Fundraiser**— Planning for this is in the works!



## Upcoming dates to note

Pink shirt orders due	Jan. 17th	PAC Meeting	March 2nd, at 6:30 pm
Family Literacy Day	Jan. 27th	Hot Lunch (Pita Pit)	March 4th
PAC Meeting	Feb. 2nd, at 6:30 pm	Krispy Kreme sales close (tentative)	March 7th
Hot Lunch (Subway)	Feb. 4th	Daylight Savings	March 13th
Valentine's Day	Feb. 14th	Saint Patrick's Day	March 17th
Hot Lunch (Pizza Hut)	Feb. 16th	Hot Lunch (Quesada)	March 18th
Early Dismissal & Pink Shirt Delivery	Feb. 17th	Krispy Kreme Pick-up	March 19th
Pro-D Day( No School)	Feb. 18th	Purdy's Easter fundraiser end date	March 21st
Family Day (No School)	Feb. 21st	Purdy's Pick-up	April 8th
Krispy Kreme sales start date (tentative)	Feb. 22nd	PAC Meeting	April 13th, at 6:30 pm
Pink Shirt Day & Ready, Set, Learn	Feb. 23rd	Hot Lunch (Pizza Hut)	April 14th
Purdy's Easter fundraiser start date (tentative)	March 1st	*Hot lunch orders close 8 days before lunch day.	



## Pink Shirt Orders—Deadline Jan. 17th

Pink Shirt Day is Feb. 23rd

Evans PAC is preparing an order of pink shirts for anyone that would like to pre-order a shirt from the Sto:lo Gift Shop—there is a quick deadline for orders. Don't delay!

Like the orange shirts, this is not a fundraiser. This is an opportunity for the Evans community to support local business while participating in a positive initiative that raises awareness about bullying while promoting inclusion.



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## Secretary

Evans PAC is in need of a parent volunteer to fill the role of Secretary. This position will require attendance at two meetings per month, and take minutes.

A big THANK YOU to Angela, who has been filling this role for us



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## 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 Facebook page! To find us, search for “[Evans PAC](#)” and follow along for updates, announcements, reminders, and volunteer requests.

**Email**—[evans.elem.pac@gmail.com](mailto:evans.elem.pac@gmail.com)

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

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Child \$20	Quantity	Total Cost		Adult \$25.00	Quantity	Total Cost
XS				Small		
Small				Medium		
Medium				Large		
Large				XL		
Grand Total				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 January 17<sup>th</sup>.**

