



Evans Elementary School

Parent Week at a Glance
December 5th – 9th, 2022



Chilliwack
School District

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Hello Evans Parents,

Some of the events happening this week and in the next little while at Evans include:

- Dec 5th – **Start Salvation Army Food Drive**
- Dec 5th – 12:00 – 1:15 Maxwell/Buchanan/Bramble/TeBrinke Skate (Coliseum)
- Dec 6th – **School Flags at Half Mast**
[National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women](#)
- Dec 6th – 8:30 – 10:10 Bridge/Lodders/Laktin/Dehnke Skate (Twin Rinks)
- Dec 7th – 8:15 DEN Groups
- Dec 7th – PAC Santa Store
- Dec 7th – 6:30 pm December PAC Meeting
- Dec 8th – PAC Santa Store
- Dec 8th – PAC Pizza Orders DUE
- Dec 8th – 1:30 PAC Purdy's Pick-up (Gym)
- Dec 9th – PAC Santa Store (to Recess)
- Dec 9th – **Term #1 Report Cards Sent Home**
- Dec 12th – PAC Sponsored Pajama Day at Evans
- Dec 15th – **6:30pm Christmas Concert (Doors Open @ 6:00pm)**
- Dec 16th – **Food Drive Pick-Up**
- Dec 16th – 11:45 PAC Hot Lunch & Raffle Basket Draw
- Dec 16th – 3:00pm **School Closed for Winter Break**

Winter Concert – We wanted to let parents know the school is planning an in-person Winter Concert this year which will take place on the evening of Thursday, December 15th. We want parents to be aware of the following:

- We will be having a single concert starting at 6:30pm. Doors will open at 6:00pm (remain locked). There is no prior reserved seating.
- Families will enter the building from the side door (Primary Pod door in the South Side of the school). There will be some cones in place for a line-up. Children who are performing in the concert can enter the school using the front door starting at 5:45 pm.
- **Parking for this event is at Sardis Fellowship Baptist Church (45187 Wells Rd).** This is about a 10 min. walk to the school and has a large lot we have been permitted to use.
- There will be a drop-off zone in front of the school for children and families members. The school parking lot will be used for staff parking and for families that have a member with

mobility issues and have a valid wheelchair pass. If you require parking at the school due to mobility issues please contact the school starting December 7th and we will issue you a School parking pass. Cars parked improperly will be asked to leave and/or removed if needed.

- Programs will be electronic this year and will be sent out before the concert.
- Food or drinks are not permitted in the gym.

We very much look forward to seeing many of you at our Winter Concert and will send home some further details in the next little while.

Food Drive – Starting December 5th, we are collecting non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army Food Bank up until Thursday, December 15th. The Food Bank is in need of healthy, family-friendly food items for families in our community. We will have a special guest help deliver our donations to the Salvation Army using his special sleigh! Thank you in advance for your donations and your support of families in need during this holiday season.

Dec 6 Half-Masting of Flags - At the direction of the Province of BC, Canadian flags on all B.C. government buildings will be flown at half-mast on December 6, for the [National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women](#).

PAC Holiday Raffle Baskets – Hi Evans Families! Happy December from PAC! We have got a full couple of weeks ahead of us and PAC Christmas events are kicking into high gear. Our raffle basket tickets are officially on sale! These baskets are absolutely incredible! I've been here for a long time and can confidently say we have never had baskets like these before. You do not want to miss out! Attached are pictures and a sheet of tickets. The tickets are 50 cents each or the whole sheet for \$5. Please feel free to photocopy the sheet as many times as you want. And spread the word! Family and friends can purchase too!

The raffle basket fundraiser is usually one of our more successful fundraisers. We are working with administrators, and the district, to maybe purchase a couple of raised garden beds which students can take part in nurturing and harvesting! Things like this are your fundraising dollars hard at work. We thank you so much for all of your support and best of luck in the draw!!

Cheers,
Jenn O'Connal, PAC President

(Repeat) EDI & MDI – Families in Kindergarten (EDI) and students in families in Grade 4 will be participating in the EDI and MDI surveys in January 2023. While we will send individual letters homes to families shortly.

(Repeat) Later French Immersion – Please find information on Vedder Middle School's late French Immersion program for students entering Grade 6 (attached)..

(Repeat) Volunteers – We love having volunteers at Evans !! Just a reminder that all volunteers need to get a Criminal Record Check (once every 4 years and it's free) and check in at the office once they arrive. Volunteers need to wear a Volunteer Identification badge while at the school. A reminder that once the activity you have volunteered for is completed, we ask that you please sign out at the office (we need to keep track of who is in the building for legal reasons [fire, lockdowns, etc.]). Thank you for your help here. Should you have any questions about being a Volunteer at Evans please get in touch with our office.

(Repeat) Evans Parking Lot and Drive Way – A reminder that cars and trucks should not be parked in the yellow marked zone at the entrance to Evans driveway as this makes the entrance to the school difficult during pick-up and drop off and is area is reserved for emergency vehicles if needed. Thanks for your help here.

(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 **JR Country (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

FRENCH IMMERSION AT VEDDER MIDDLE

Registration open for Grade 6;
February 10th at 12pm is cutoff
for the draw

more information in the link

<https://sd33.bc.ca/french-immersion>



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