



Evans Elementary School

Parent Week at a Glance
Sept 25th – 29th, 2023



Chilliwack
School District

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Our School and Community are saddened by the heartbreaking discovery of the death of 158 Indigenous children at the former St. Mary's Residential School, Coqualeetza Industrial Institute, All Hallows School and Coqualeetza Indian Hospital on Stó:lō Territory. Should children in your family need support please reach out to the school so that we can help. We also want to share with families the following community supports we are aware of:

Indian Residential School Survivors Society: 1-800-721-0066
National Indian Residential School Crisis Line: 1-866-925-4419

Please reach out to the school if we can help support your child or your family in any way in dealing with these findings. Please find a statement from the Chilliwack School included in this WAG.

Some of the events happening this week at Evans:

Sept 25th – Fire Drill #1 (Non Surprise)
Sept 28th – Orange Shirt Day (Truth & Reconciliation)
Sept 29th – 9:00 am Bus Evacuation Training
Sept 29th – 12:45 pm Terry Fox Run
Sept 30th – National Truth & Reconciliation Day
Oct 2nd - National Truth & Reconciliation Day Observed (School Closed for Students & Staff)
Oct 3rd - October Virtue @ Evans: Responsibility
Oct 5th – World Teachers Day
Oct 6th – Non-Instructional Day (School Closed for Students)

Orange Shirt Day (Truth and Reconciliation) - This Wednesday (September 28th) 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 community walk.

Terry Fox Run - This week we will be collecting funds for the Terry Fox Foundation from families who wished to donate. On Friday at 12:45 we will have an assembly followed by a run/walk in the afternoon to remember 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.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Day - A reminder to families that the school will be closed on Monday, October 1st in observance of National Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 30th.

Student Behavior Forms – 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. Our plan is to review this forms this year and look at updating it. Should you have further questions about an incident please do not hesitate to give the school a phone call.

YMCA Generation Health - is a **FREE 10-week healthy lifestyle program** for children and their families, delivered through YMCA BC and in partnership with the Childhood Obesity Foundation. Program participants will meet virtually or in person to learn about healthy eating, physical activity, goal setting, body image, self-esteem and more! We have 5 program days to choose from: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 6:30-8:30pm. This program requires prior registration through these details: phone 1-888-650-3141 or send an e-mail to generationhealth@bc.ymca.ca. **Families who join this program receive a complimentary membership to the YMCA.** Further information is attached.

(Repeat) Student School Supplies –The cost will be \$45.00 for students in grades 1 – 5 and \$8.00 for a planner. Classroom teachers will be in touch shortly to arrange for collecting funds from students. Payments can be made with cash or a cheque made out to “Evans Elementary School”.

(Repeat) Calendar & Upcoming Events –Keeping checking our calendar for updates to information and events. Important dates and information will also be included in the Week at a Glance.

(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 will be reviewed at our first PAC Meeting (and is being updated) and can be found on our [school website 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) Volunteers– Please see your child’s teacher or the school office if you would like to volunteer at the school. All volunteers must have completed a Criminal Records Check. The forms can be obtained from our office

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>



September 21, 2023

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Our hearts go out to all the families that this tragedy has impacted in Pilalt, Ts'elxwéyeqw and Sema:th. Canada's past injustices and unimaginable treatment of Indigenous children and families is a stark reminder that we still have a long path ahead of us towards reconciliation. We acknowledge the lasting harm done to Indigenous people and communities by Canada's residential school program, and we are committed to truth, reconciliation, and healing to create an equitable country. It is only through recognizing the reality of our nation's past that we can hope to do better for the youth of today and tomorrow.



Join Us For Generation Health This Fall!

Learn about healthy eating & physical activity and build long-lasting healthy habits as a family in Generation Health. This 10-week program for families with children ages 8 to 12 is free, interactive and FUN!

Delivered through YMCA BC starting October 2023 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings.

Interested? Register today!

Call 1-888-650-3141 or email generationhealth@bc.ymca.ca



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