



Evans Elementary School

Parent Week at a Glance
Nov 20th – 24th, 2023



Chilliwack
School District

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Some of the events happening this week at Evans:

Nov 20th – START of Online Book Fair (Ends Dec 4th)
Nov 23rd - PAC Hot Lunch
Nov 23rd - PAC Raffle Basket Items DUE
Nov 24th – **Non-Instructional Day (No School for Students)**
Nov 30th – **Wear Your Colours Theme Day**
Dec 1st – **New Monthly Virtue - Service**

Free Education Savings Grant - The Government of British Columbia is pleased to inform you that your child may be able to receive a \$1,200 training and education savings grant. Please see the attached flyer.

From Evans Library (ONLINE Book Fair) - Our online book fair is officially underway on Monday! You can shop thousands of books across all categories on Spark Book Fairs for up to 90% off. Plus, they offer free shipping on orders over \$35 USD or \$45 CAD! Simply place an order from now until Dec 4th and 20% of your purchase will automatically go to supporting Evans Elementary School SD#33! #mysparkbookfair #booksforall #bookfair

- Go to "**find a fair**" in the top right corner of the website
- type "**Evans Elementary SD#33**" in the "search organizations" box
- **select Evans Elementary SD#33** (the other choice for Evans Elementary Library is the link from last year's fair).

Finding books for elementary aged students is best under the 'kids' header on the website.
Thanks so much for your support! Laura Penner - Teacher Librarian

We Need your Help with the PAC Raffle Basket Fundraiser – The PAC does lots of great work in the school and right now they need your help to continue with this. We need help in filling the raffle baskets for the Christmas fundraiser. If you are able to please consider donating an item to these baskets before November 23rd. Information is included in the WAG on the theme of each basket for your child's classroom. Thanks so much for your help with this.

Dressing for the Weather... With fall now here and heading towards winter, it is important that students dress for the colder and wet weather. Unless the temperature and wind chill are well below 0° C we will always have outside days if it is not raining too heavily. As such, having your child dress for the weather is very important. We would encourage parents whose children are too sick to go outside, to consider keeping their children at home.

Kindergarten Registration – For Fall 2024 is now open. Please access online [registration here](#).

Inclement Weather Guidelines - 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. Further information is attached or for more details on how this is done, [click here](#).

Protect children from respiratory illnesses this winter

Respiratory illnesses tend to increase as we spend more time indoors. Common colds, the flu and COVID-19 spread through tiny droplets as people who are sick breathe, talk, cough or sneeze. When other people touch these droplets and then their eyes, mouth or nose before washing their hands they may become sick.

There are a handful of steps both children and adults can take to protect themselves and limit the spread of respiratory illnesses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use alcohol-based sanitizer if soap and water is not available.
- Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, mouth and nose.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow.
- If you have symptoms, stay home and stay away from people at higher risk of serious illness.



Flu and COVID-19 vaccinations

The best way to protect others and reduce the risk of getting sick with the flu and COVID-19 is to [get immunized](#). The flu and COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and available for free to anyone aged six months and older.

It is much safer to get the vaccines than to get the illnesses. Register your children with the Get Vaccinated system so that you can be invited to book their vaccinations when they are due.

Learn more here: <https://ow.ly/5WWWe50PYIYC>



November 2023

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Government of British Columbia is pleased to inform you that your child may be able to receive a \$1,200 training and education savings grant.

Children are eligible if:

- The parent or guardian, and the child, are BC residents.
- The child's birth year is listed below, and the deadline has not passed:

BIRTH YEAR	APPLY BEFORE
2014	Apply before 9 th birthday in 2023
2015	Apply before 9 th birthday in 2024
2016	Apply before 9 th birthday in 2025
2017	Start applying on 6 th birthday in 2023

Once you open an account, known as a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP), the Government of British Columbia will deposit a \$1,200 BC Training and Education Savings Grant into the RESP for your child. Students can use the money to pay for their education expenses (e.g., books, tools, rent or transportation) in an apprenticeship program, a trade school, CEGEP, college, or university.

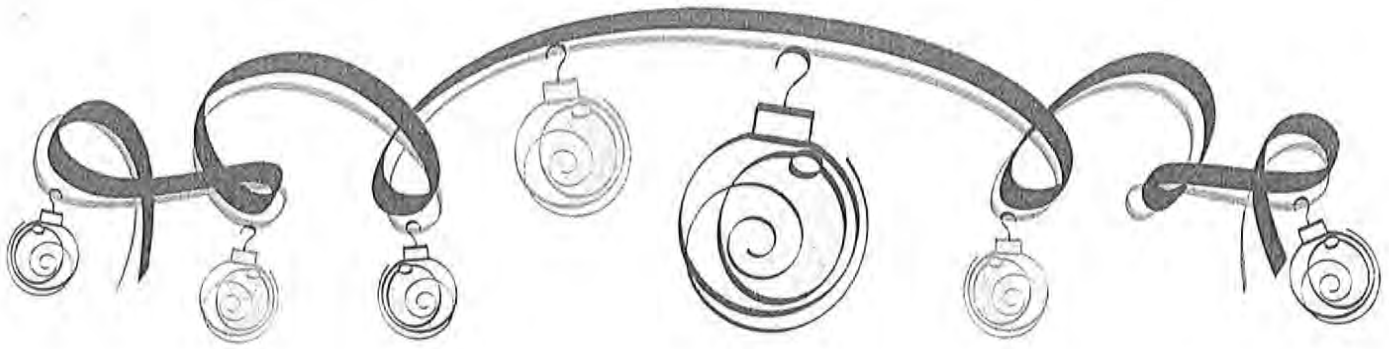
Plan today: you don't have to put any money into the RESP for your child to receive the \$1,200.

Step 1: Get Social Insurance Numbers (SINs) for you and your child. Go to <http://www.canada.ca/social-insurance-number> or call **1-800-622-6232** to find out how.

Step 2: Make an appointment with a financial organization that offers RESPs. Bring the **SINs for you and your child** and say:

“I want to open an RESP and get the BC Training Education Savings grant for my child.”

Learn more: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/BCTESG> Contact: BCTESG@gov.bc.ca Your child may also be eligible for other, federal incentives, see: canada.ca/education-savings.



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 year end field trips, the school library and the breakfast and lunch program.

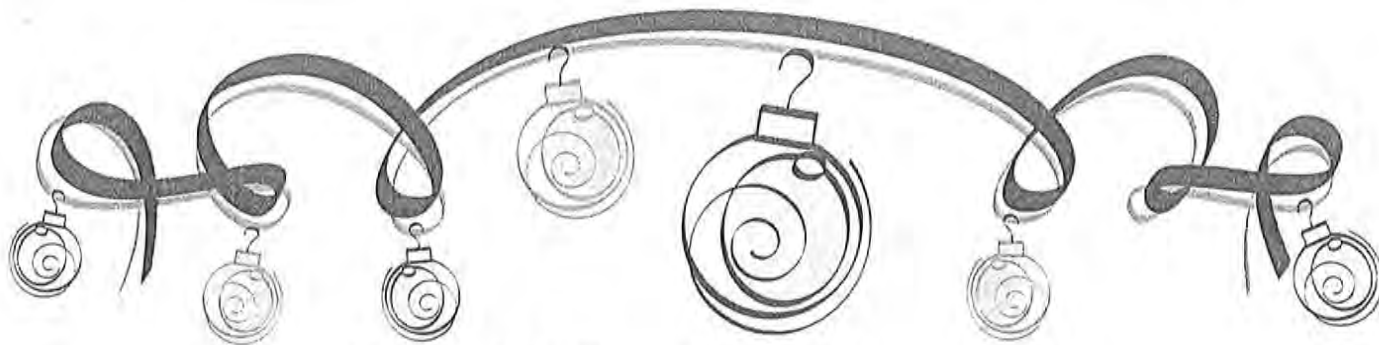
As with all our fundraisers, participation in our Annual Raffle Basket Fundraiser is optional. If you choose not to participate as a family, your child(ren) will still be included and feel that they are participating in events as a member of the school.

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 23**.

We will be providing pictures of all completed baskets, starting on **December 01**, on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/EvansElemPAC>). 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 a printed page of tickets on December 01. Additional printed ticket pages can be requested via our PAC Facebook page or by email at evans.elem.pac@gmail.com. To save time, and a hand cramp, you can always photocopy filled out sheets.

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 21**. PAC volunteers will cut and sort all the tickets for you. Basket winners will be announced on the morning of **December 22** and will be available to view on our PAC Facebook page. Winners will be contacted by phone that morning. Thank you to everyone for supporting our Evans students and school community! Good luck!!





1. “Kids Only” – Toys, Crafts, Candy and More!

Mrs. Bridge/Mrs. Munro and Ms. Matusiak

Use your imagination on this one! Colouring books and crafts, Stickers, Slime, Fidget and sensory toys, action figures, Squishmallows and of course CANDY!

2. “Let the Games Begin” – Family Game Basket

Mrs. Dehnke and Mrs. Gatto

Get ready for some fun and friendly competition! Think of the classics, Connect 4, Jenga, Sorry, Scrabble, Trouble or any childhood favourite.

3. “Construction Zone” – Building Basket

Mrs. Epp and Mrs. Pitcher

Anything that requires building and creativity – Lego, blocks, Duplo, Playdoh, and STEM activity sets. Puzzles in any shape or size, puzzle mats and puzzle glue too!

4. “Let’s Get Baking!” - Baking Basket

Mrs. Verleur and Mr. Dyck

Everything you need to bake for the holidays or anytime! Sprinkles, aprons, baking tins, cookie cutters, muffin cups, chocolate chips, cake mixes. Let the baking begin!

5. “Book Lovers” – All Ages Book Basket and More!

Mrs. Buchanan and Mrs. TeBrinke

Books for all ages! Classics, and new best sellers! Reading socks, book lights, bookmarks, blankets, tea, chocolate and gift cards to local bookstores.

6. “Lucky Lotto” – Gift Cards and Scratch Tickets Basket

Mrs. Bramble and Mrs. Maxwell

Gift cards to anywhere – Starbucks, gas cards, restaurants, cinemas, streaming services, clothing stores and grocery stores! Scratch tickets in any denomination

7. “Love Local” – Fraser Valley Basket

PAC Sponsored

Let’s support all things local in the Fraser Valley. Health and beauty products, treats, honey, candles and coffee! Gift cards to coffee shops, boutiques, small businesses and local attractions like corn mazes, golf courses and amusement parks.





INCLEMENT WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSURE GUIDELINES

Information for Parents and Students



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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 bussing. Reports will start after 6:00 a.m. and will be repeated often. There is no need to call your school, the School District Office or the radio station.

When there is extreme weather and schools remain open, student attendance is the parent/guardians' decision.

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.

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