



Evans Elementary School

Parent Week at a Glance
Nov 27th – Dec 1st, 2023



Chilliwack
School District

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Some of the events happening this week at Evans:

Nov 30th – **Wear Your Colours Theme Day**

Nov 30th – **Last Day to Purchase Logo Wear (see Munch a Lunch)**

Dec 1st – **New Monthly Virtue – Service**

Dec 4th – **Start of Salvation Army Food Drive**

Dec 4th – Last day for Online Book Fair

Dec 5th – Photo Retake Deadline

Dec 7 -8th – PAC Santa Store @ Evans (Library)

School-Aged Child Care Survey for Parents - On behalf of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, we are sharing the survey information below to help inform the Province's [ChildCareBC](#) initiatives. We know that many families depend on school-age child care to ensure their children have a quality, affordable, and inclusive place to be during a parent's full work day. That is why the Province's [ChildCareBC plan](#) is working to expand access to child care for all families that want and need it.

The Ministry of Education and Child Care is conducting a parent survey to better understand the regional and provincial demand for school age child care. While we know there is unmet demand for school-aged child care, there is no current provincial or regional data quantifying the demand. Your participation will help the Province plan for future school-aged child care expansions.

This survey is intended for all parents, regardless of the type of child care you currently use or even if you are not using any child care at all.

Who should fill out this survey?

If you have children attending Kindergarten to Grade 7 at a B.C. school, we want to hear from you about your family's child care needs.

What will this survey be used for?

The survey results will be used to support planning for future initiatives under the ChildCareBC plan. All responses are voluntary and anonymous; you and your child will not be identified as a result of your participation in the survey. Information received will be combined and shared with your school and district as a summary.

How do I complete the survey?

The survey is now available online at:

<https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull3/minofed/main/SchoolAgeParents.asp?SchoolNumber=525>

and is available in 18 languages. The survey will take 10-15 minutes to complete and is available starting November 21. Please only complete the survey once. The link is intended especially for you. Please do not

share the link with anyone else. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at ChildCareBC.Engagement@gov.bc.ca.

We greatly appreciate your input and thank you in advance for your participation.

IMPORTANT REMINDER - A reminder this is the last week to purchase school logo t-shirts and sweatshirts through the fundraising tab on Munch a Lunch. Orders close on Nov 30th. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Wear Your Colours Theme Day – Is November 30th. Colours for classes are:

- Bridge/Munro/Matusiak- **Red**
- Gatto/Dehnke- **orange**
- Pitcher/Epp- **yellow**
- Verleur- **purple**
- Dyck/Tebrinke - **green**
- Bramble- **blue**
- Buchanan/Maxwell- black/**white**

Photo Retake Information from Mountain West - Hello Families!**Exciting news! Your online gallery from your school photo retake session is now live!**

- Please visit this link to access the gallery: <https://weborders.mountainwest.ca>
- Your webcode to access your images was provided on photo day.
- Any active email address can be used to login.
- **Your order deadline is: TUESDAY DECEMBER 5TH 2023 (after the date a late fee is applicable)**

Missing your login code? No problem!

1. Visit <https://weborders.mountainwest.ca>
2. Click on "No code? Click here"
3. Enter your student's last name, grade and student number.
4. Order your photos!

To find out more about ordering, [Click Here](#) for support. Phone: 1.888.644.4494 Email: help@mountainwest.ca

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

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/5WWe50PYIYC>

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT WITH EVANS SWAG!

Evans first school apparel fundraiser.

Brought to you by Evans PAC

Proceeds support Year End Fieldtrips.



Adult crewnecks \$25
Adult only - sizes S-XL

T Shirts \$15

**Youth Sizes: XS(2-4), S(6-8),
M(10-12), L(14-16), XL(18-20)**

Adult sizes S-XL

\$20 - Adult sizes XXL and XXXL



Hoodies \$35

Kids sizes S-XL

Adult sizes S-XL

\$40 -XXL and XXXL



Water resistant Vinyl stickers \$3
(perfect for notebooks or water
bottles)



ON SALE THROUGH MUNCH A LUNCH.

ORDER DEADLINE NOV 30TH.

ORDERS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE BEFORE CHRISTMAS



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.



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 Hillsides. 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