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Dear Parent/Guardians,

As we head into the Thanksgiving weekend, it is a time for reflection and an opportunity for us to think about all the “thankful” situations we may find ourselves in.

At Sardis Elementary we are very “thankful” that we get to teach and spend time with your children so thanks for sending them to us every day.

Calendar of Events



I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend and is able to spend some time with family, but at the same time keeping our “bubbles” small as Dr. Henry is advising.

2020 is certainly making us rethink everything that we do!!!

Stay Safe and have a Happy Thanksgiving!



- Monday, October 12th – Thanksgiving Day – No School
- Monday, October 19th – PAC Meeting
- Friday, October 23rd – Non Instructional Day
- Wednesday, October 28th – Individual Photo Retakes
- Thursday, October 29th – Early Dismissal (11:30)
- Saturday, October 31st – Halloween
- Sunday, November 1st – Clocks **FALL** back an hour
- Tuesday, November 10th – Remembrance Assembly
- Wednesday, November 11th – Remembrance Day
- Monday, November 16th – Non Instructional Day
- Friday, November 27th – Non Instructional Day
- Wednesday, December 16th – Report Cards go home
- Friday, December 18th – Last day before holidays
- Monday, January 4th – Welcome Back!!

Until Next Month!!
Janine & Brad

Retake Day



Individual Photo Retakes will be taken on **Wednesday, October 28th**. If you missed our original photo day or would like a second photo taken, this is your chance. More information will follow closer to the date.

PAC Updates and Meeting

Our next PAC meeting will take place, **Monday, October 19th @ 6:45 PM** in the Gym. All parents are invited to attend. Chairs will be set 6 feet apart. Unfortunately, childcare will not be able to be provided.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our PAC Treasurer is having to resign effective Dec.1st. If you are interested in this position, please contact Aleena at sardis-pac@sd33.bc.ca Thank you!

Grade 5 Parents

There will be a meeting on **Wednesday, October 14th at 7:00 PM** in the gym for all Gr. 5 parents who are interested in beginning to plan for the end of the year recognition. Hope to see you there.

Bell Schedule

Please do not send your children to school before 8:15 as that is when supervision begins.

- 8:25 School Entry Bell **8:30**
- Morning classes begin
- 9:55 Recess #1 begins
- 10:10 Recess #1 ends
- 10:15 Recess #2 begins
- 10:30 Recess #2 ends
- 12:10 Lunch begins
- 12:59 Lunch ends
- 2:34** Dismissal



Electronics

Just a reminder that if students are bringing cell phones to school – they **MUST** be turned off and stay in their backpacks during school hours. Students who can not follow this rule, will have to have their cell phone kept at the Office until a parent can pick it up. Thanks for your support with this.

Safety Drills

Over the last few weeks we have started to talk about the importance of being prepared in the case of emergencies.

We have completed 2 Fire Drills and next week there will be an Earthquake Drill on Thursday.

Other drills that you may hear your child talk about could include –

- Lockdown Drill – this is in the event that there is something in our building that is not safe . Students will huddle quietly in the dark with lights off, doors locked and blinds closed.
- Hold and Secure Drill – this would be used in the event that there is something in our community that is not safe. All doors will be locked, blinds will be closed, but classroom activities will continue.
- Shelter in Place Drill – this would happen if there was an event that was environmental or weather related. Doors and windows are locked and activities continue.





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| Days in Session | 183 |
| Number of Instructional Days | 176 |
| As outlined in the School Calendar Regulation, students are receiving a minimum of 878 hours of instruction at Elementary, 879 hours of instruction at Middle and 952 hours of instruction at Secondary. | |
| Number of Non-Instructional Days | 6 |
| Schools Open | September 8 |
| Thanksgiving Day - Statutory Holiday | October 12 |
| NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #1 (Pro-D Day) | October 23 |
| EARLY DISMISSAL 11:30am | October 29 |
| Remembrance Day - Statutory Holiday | November 11 |
| NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #2 | November 16 |
| NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #3 | November 27 |
| Schools Close for Christmas Holidays | December 18 |
| Christmas Holidays | December 21 to January 1 |
| Schools Reopen after Christmas Holidays | January 4 |
| EARLY DISMISSAL 11:30am | February 11 |
| Family Day - Statutory Holiday | February 15 |
| NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #4 (Pro-D Day) | February 19 |
| Schools Close for Spring Vacation | March 12 |
| Spring Vacation Period | March 15 - 26 |
| Schools Reopen after Spring Vacation | March 29 |
| Good Friday - Statutory Holiday | April 2 |
| Easter Monday - Holiday | April 5 |
| NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #5 (Pro-D Day) | April 30 |
| NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #6 | May 21 |
| Victoria Day - Statutory Holiday | May 24 |
| Last Day for Students | June 24 |
| EARLY DISMISSAL 11:30am | June 24 |
| Administrative Day | June 25 |