

December 2021

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Dear Parent/Guardians,

December continues to be a busy month at Sardis Elementary. As we head into the last week before Christmas break, you can feel the energy in the hallways and classrooms. Our tree in the foyer has non-perishable food donations around it and there are lots of mitts and hats hanging from its branches. Thank you for your continued support. The Salvation Army is going to be picking up on Thursday, December 16th so if you still have contributions, please send them to school by Wednesday.

Teachers have been working very hard on report cards and they will be handed out on Wednesday. Please take the time to go over the report card and read it with your child so that both successes and challenges can be discussed.

As 2021 ends (thank goodness!!!), on behalf of the staff of Sardis Elementary, I would like to wish all of the you a terrific holiday season even though it still might be different as we follow Provincial Health Guidelines and highway closures.

We will see everyone back at school on Tuesday, January 4th. Please remember that the Daily Health Check still needs to be completed each morning before students come to school. [Daily Health Check](#)

Until next month and next year!
Janine

Merry
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
New Year

Calendar of Events



Wednesday, December 15th – Report Cards go home
Friday, December 17th – Hot Lunch - Subway
Friday, December 17th – Last Day
Monday, December 20 – Monday, January 3rd –
Christmas Holidays

Tuesday, January 4th – Welcome Back to School!
Thursday, February 17th – Early Dismissal @ 11:36 AM
Friday, February 18th – Pro D Day (No School)
Monday, February 21st – FAMILY Day
Wednesday, February 23rd – Pink Shirt Day
Wednesday, March 16th – Report Cards go home
Friday, March 18th – Last Day before Spring Break

Monday, March 21st – Friday, April 1st – Spring Break
Monday, April 4th – Welcome Back!
Friday, April 15th – Good Friday – NO School
Monday, April 18th – Easter Monday – NO School
Friday, April 29th – Pro D Day – NO School

Welcomes and Good-Byes

We are saying good-bye this month to **Mrs. Linda Jones**, a Noon-Hour Supervisor. We wish her well on her new adventure. Her last day will be Friday, December 17th. **Mrs. Jenny Jackson**, our Resource Teacher, is going to be away until Spring Break. We are looking forward to seeing her back at Sardis.

We are very lucky to have some new staff members joining us at Sardis Elementary.

Please extend a warm Sardis welcome to **Mrs. J. Pitz and Mrs. T. Bouthillier**, who are Noon-Hour Supervisors and to **Mrs. N. Werner and Ms. O. MelNikova** who are Educational Assistants.

Christmas Concert

A “HUGE” thank you to Mrs. LaRoy, our Music Teacher as she has been busy coordinating, and videotaping our Christmas concert. Also, thank you to Mrs. Hipwell and Mrs. Murphy for decorating our stage. Thanks to all the teachers and students who have been busy practicing. They look and sound great!!! A link will be sent home next week with our concert. You will want to sit back and enjoy.



Thank You!!

A big “**thank you**” to our Sardis Families who have supported the school with all of our fundraisers. Your support has been appreciated.

Coupon Books for both Chilliwack and Abbotsford are still available at the Office for \$12.00.

Thank you to **Old Yale Brewing Co.** whose generosity allowed us to ensure that some of our families have a great holiday!!



Thank you to **Mrs. Murphy and Ms. Wendy** for helping us coordinate our Food Hampers this holiday season.

Thank you to **Mrs. Mulder, Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Noer** for organizing our Salvation Army Food Drive.

Thank You!

Travel Restrictions

With Christmas holidays just around the corner, please find attached to the end of the newsletter some information about travelling that you need to be aware of if you are planning to travel outside of Canada. These are current travel restrictions and as you are aware, can change with very little notice. Thanks for your support with this.

Kindergarten Registration



It is that time of year again. If you have a child who will be turning **5 before December 31, 2022** then it is time to register for **Kindergarten**.

If you have a neighbour who has a child who needs to register, please remind them too.

All registrations are now completed online. Please either go to our School District website or follow the link - [Registration](#)

You will need to provide a copy of the birth certificate as well as something that shows proof of residency.

Please give the office a call if you have problems or need access to a computer. Thanks

PAC Meeting

Our next PAC meeting will take place, **Wednesday, January 19th @ 7 PM**. Please watch for a ZOOM link in January.

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.

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 **THE DRIVE (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. Students will be marked absent for the day, but such an absence will not affect a perfect attendance record.

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.

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. *(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



Travel Restrictions

Planning to travel over the holidays? Here's what you need to know about returning to school...

The Government of Canada has implemented Mandatory Requirements for UNVACCINATED CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS arriving in Canada without COVID-19 symptoms and TRAVELLING WITH FULLY VACCINATED PARENTS OR GUARDIANS. What does this mean for your family? In most cases **your child will NOT be able to return to school for 14 days.**

These requirements are subject to change. It is your responsibility to ensure you have the most current information before you travel, and before sending your child back to school.

Not Fully Vaccinated

(zero or one dose of vaccine as of 14 days prior)

Student aged 5 - 12

Government of Canada: Unvaccinated children under the age of 12 who are travelling with fully vaccinated adults do not need to quarantine BUT, must follow public measures:

- For 14 days after arrival the child **MUST NOT:**
 - Attend school, camp or day care
 - Attend a setting where they may have contact with vulnerable people (e.g., long term care facility)
 - Travel on crowded public transportation
 - Attend large crowded settings, indoors or outdoors, such as an amusement park or sporting event.
- In addition, the child must take COVID-19 molecular tests as instructed, unless their parent, step-parent, tutor or guardian has evidence that the child had a positive COVID-19 test taken 10 to 180 days prior to arrival in Canada or the child is under 5 years of age.

Student over 12 years

Government of Canada: Unvaccinated and partially vaccinated youth 12 to 17 years of age are subject to the 14-day quarantine and all testing requirements for pre-entry, arrival, and Day-8 tests, whether or not they are accompanied by travelers who qualify as a fully vaccinated traveler.

Fully Vaccinated

(two doses of vaccine for at least 14 days)

Government of Canada: If you meet all entry requirements and are fully vaccinated you are exempt from:

- 14 day quarantine
- arrival testing (unless selected for random testing)
- Day-8 COVID test

Keep proof of vaccination and a list of names and contact information for all close contacts and locations visited for 14 days.