

Monday, October 14th, 2024

Good afternoon, Sardis Families. I hope you're having a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend and were able to get out to enjoy the beautiful sunny days we had on Saturday and Sunday. I feel so fortunate to have been able to spend time with family and enjoy some delicious food in their company over the weekend and hope you have been able to do the same! Here are some things for you to know as we head into week #7 at Sardis Elementary:

*This week our boys soccer team has a Bye week but the girls will be playing at Cheam Elementary after school on Wednesday, October 16th. Go Skyhawks!

*Drop, Cover, and Hold On!! On Thursday, October 17th, we will have our first earthquake drill. We are taking part in the Great BC ShakeOut, along with many students across the province, and will be practicing what to do if there was an earthquake during the school day. Around the province the drill is taking place at 10:17 (the month and date) but since we are going to be outside for recess at that time we will be doing it at 10:00 instead. You can look at the website for more information if you want to learn more: [Great BC ShakeOut](#)

*Friday, October 18th, is our first Early Dismissal Day of the year. Students are going to be dismissed at 11:15 that day so please be sure to make note of that change. You should soon be hearing from your child's teacher what they will be doing in the way of an open house and or interviews, if you haven't already.

*Hot Dog Lunch! The PAC is fundraising for the Sardis Elementary Carnival with a Hot Dog Lunch on Thursday, October 31st. The lunch will include a hot dog (veggie dog option will be available), Pringles Original Chips, and a juice box for \$5. Order forms will come home in backpacks this week and will need to be turned in by Thursday, October 24th.

*Deanna, our hot lunch coordinator, has asked me to share some information about hot lunch costs. She has heard that there is some concern about the cost of hot lunch and parents/guardians are wondering why we have to make money on hot lunch. We don't actually make much money on these lunches at all, she runs them more as a fun thing for the kids and a break for the adults from making lunches. The cost of fast food has gone up and while she understands the cost is high for some of the options, we are charged a 2.9% + 30-cent flat fee per-transaction on MunchaLunch which is added to each food item. You don't see this as she incorporates those fees into the cost you see on MunchaLunch.

*Our Cross Country season is over for the fall, with the final run taking place last week at Twin Rinks on Thursday. Congratulations to all of the runners and our coaches for their time and dedication over the past month. We look forward to the Spring run, taking place May 1st, up at Cultus Lake Elementary!

I hope you're all able to come out on Saturday, October 19th, if you haven't taken advantage of one of the advanced polling options by then, to vote in the Provincial Election. Our

school is not open for advanced voting this week, that would be Tyson Elementary, but we are a polling station open for voting on Saturday. Bring your kids so they can see how it works and share the message with them that voting is important as your democratic right!
Mrs. Kasper