

Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Good afternoon, Sardis Families. It's going to be another busy week at the school. We appreciate the work Mrs. Brown does to share information and resources on cultural celebrations with our staff, as this week Diwali and Dia de los Muertos will be celebrated by many of our families, in addition to Halloween. Here are some things for you to know as we head into week #9 at Sardis Elementary:

\*Our soccer teams will be playing regular season games again this week, ahead of the tournament next week. Our girls play on **Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>** at Sardis vs. East Chilliwack and the boys play on **Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>** at Cheam Elementary. Go Skyhawks!

\*Ms. Thomson's class will be having a Halloween bake sale fundraiser on **Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>** to raise money for The Book Man Boost program! The sale will be open to intermediate students only this time (Grades 3 – 5) and every baked item will be \$2. The sale will take place at 12:05 after the eating period with students lining up at the back gym doors (across from Portable 7).

\***Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>** is Halloween! If students are wearing costumes at school that day, they cannot depict violence (blood/gore) or include masks that cover student's faces. This is still a day of learning, exciting as it may be for some students, and we want everyone to feel comfortable at school. We would also ask that props don't come to school due to the risk that these get left behind and then your child won't have them for the evening, as well as the possibility they get broken.

\*This year, Diwali also falls on **Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**! The celebrations last five days, each dedicated to a festival. Diwali, also known as Deepawali, is the biggest religious and cultural festival in India. As per the Hindu lunar calendar, Diwali falls on the darkest night of the year in the Hindu month of Kartik, called Kartik Amavasya. Diwali welcomes the New Year, symbolizing and celebrating good over evil, light over darkness, and knowledge over ignorance.

\***Thursday** is our hot dog hot lunch for those who have ordered, which is being prepared by our PAC. Thanks to all the volunteers who have been in counting orders and money and will be there on Thursday cooking!

\***Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** is a non-instructional day for students as staff engage in assessment and evaluation conversations and work. It's nice that it lands the day after Halloween so the students can maybe sleep in a bit later if they have a late night of trick-or-treating.

\*Dia de los Muertos – Day of the Dead is celebrated in Mexico and other parts of Latin America and it takes place over two days, on **Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** and **Saturday,**

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>.** People who are from Mexico celebrate the festival in other countries as well. The festival is celebrated to remember loved ones who have died.

\*Our PAC is holding a Mitchell's Soup Co. fundraiser. Mitchell's Soup Co. is a family-owned, Canadian business that has been hand-making high quality dried soup, stew, chili and rice dish mixes since 2008. Our artisan products offer delicious, easy to prepare, healthy meals the whole family will love.

All sales will take place online and need to be placed by **Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**; your soup order will be delivered to the school approximately 10 to 14 days after the selling window closes. All funds raised will be put towards the Sardis Elementary PAC Legacy Fund which supports school projects to benefit students and families for years to come. These would make great Christmas gifts or help save you time on those nights when you need a healthy meal in a hurry!

Please share the link below with family and friends to support this fundraiser:

<https://raise.mitchellssoupco.com/sardiselementaryschool/sardiselementaryschoolf24>

\*We're excited to share that our school has been chosen again to receive a hotdog visit from Lil Joes, in connection with Chilliwack Community Services | Care Campaign kickoff! We're appreciative of MNP for sponsoring our school and enabling each child to receive a hotdog on **Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**. If your child needs a veggie hotdog, or a gluten free option, please email to let me know so we can be sure to have the right kind of hotdog for your child that day.

A reminder that we'll be seeing the clocks 'fall back' next Saturday evening, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, which will make for darker evenings. It seems the wet, and cooler, weather has arrived, but I hope you're able to get out to enjoy the sun that is shining at the moment!

Mrs. Kasper