

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Good afternoon, Sardis Families. Today seems like a great day to stay indoors and curl up with a great book or watch some nail-biting Canucks hockey and maybe Blue Jays baseball. Or maybe you love the rain and puddles and are taking advantage of this much needed wet weather! It really did seem like fall last weekend after the snow appeared on the mountains and I finally put the shorts and capris away. Here are some things for you to know as we head into week #8 at Sardis Elementary:

*Monday, October 20th is Diwali! Mrs. Brown, our ELL teacher, has provided staff with information and resources on this celebration of light, some of which I have attached here for you to do at home with your child if you'd like.

Diwali is also called Deepawali or the Hindu Festival of Lights. It symbolizes the victory of good over evil, light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance. It is celebrated with immense joy across India. According to the Hindu lunar calendar, it falls on the 15th day of Kartik, marking the darkest night of the year. On this occasion, homes are adorned with diyas, rangoli and sparkling lights. The festivities span five days, each dedicated to different rituals and celebrations.

*Monday is also the day the photographer will be back to take photos for those who were away when they came in September or if you would like a different photo than the one that was taken. If you missed the email I sent earlier with the link to notify them that you would like your child to have another photo taken, please email to let me know as the link has now closed. Please include the reason for the request as this was asked for if you used the link. The photographer will start taking photos at 8:20, and will leave as soon as everyone who needs a photo is finished, so please be sure to have your child at school on time to avoid missing the opportunity!

*This week our boys have a soccer game on Tuesday at Cheam Elementary and the girls have a game on Wednesday at Sardis vs. Cascade. Go Skyhawks!

*Teachers will be letting you know what their plan is for Wednesday afternoon as we have time for conferences from 2:15 – 4:30 this week. Some teachers may have an open house style while others may be having individual meeting times.

*Wednesday evening is also our October PAC meeting. The meeting is at 6:30 in the library and it is the annual budget meeting, with discussion around staff requests and PAC funded activities, so you won't want to miss it if you're interested in that.

*Thursday is our first early dismissal day this year, with students finishing school at 11:15 that day. The school bus will be picking students up at that time so those students will have a ride home as usual.

*If you would like to order a hotdog lunch for your child to be delivered on Friday, October 31st, you need to place the order on MunchaLunch by Thursday this week at 3:30. Regular hotdogs or

veggie dogs come with plain Pringles chips and an apple juice for \$5.50. Thanks to Deanna and her dedicated team of volunteers for their work on hot lunch days!

*Friday is a Professional Development Day so students will not be attending school. This is a provincial pro-d day so all public schools in BC are closed and there are special focus workshops being put on across the province. We hope you enjoy the long weekend with your child!

*We will be putting the Lost and Found tables out this week in the outside undercover area by the office. There are four full tables of clothing items, mostly hoodies and jackets, so please be sure to come and take a look if you think something might be missing from home. All items left by Thursday afternoon will be donated to The Community Cupboard.

*Tomorrow I will be sending out one more reminder about the Community Value coupon books to those who haven't returned the books yet. There are still approximately 60 books that have not been returned. Thanks to everyone who has returned theirs, or purchased one/some, as this has been a great fundraiser for our Grade 5 Celebration and Carnival!

*We still have quite a few students who have not yet paid the school supply fee. An email was sent last week from the Rycor system to let each family know what is owing on their account, so please check for that if you're not sure if you paid or not. If this cost is a financial burden to your family and you could use some help with that payment, please reach out to me if you haven't already done so and we'll provide support.

Now I'm going to bake some cookies and make a hearty broccoli soup for supper as I enjoy the rest of the day from the kitchen. I hope you can spend it in a way that brings you joy as well!

Mrs. Kasper