



Vedder Elementary School Newsletter



Chilliwack
School District

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Please note:

All newsletters will be published online at the school website, on the **first Friday** of every month.

Our virtue for the month of January is: **Self-Discipline**. Students will be taught that self-discipline means self-control. It is getting yourself to do what you really want to do, rather than being tossed around by your feelings like a leaf in the wind. You don't lose control of yourself when you feel hurt or angry, but decide how you are going to talk and what you are going to do. With self-discipline, you take charge of yourself. You can further support these teachings at home by reinforcing the following signs of success in showing self-discipline:

- I speak and act calmly when I am hurt or angry.
- I get things done in an orderly, efficient way.
- I create routines for myself.
- I do what is expected of me without people having to watch over me.

School Registration Moving to an Online System:

The Chilliwack School District will be moving to a centralized electronic registration system effective, January 15th, 2018. The new online process provides parents and guardians an option to register their child at any time of the day including during the summer break. The purpose of the electronic registration system is for the registration of new students to the Chilliwack School District, students who want to request a transition to a school of choice for the new school year, and for kindergarten registration. Further information can be found on the district website: www.sd33.bc.ca/e-registration.

Inclement Weather Guidelines and School Closures

Schools are sometimes closed for safety reasons in the event of extreme weather conditions, and parents are urged to check the School District website at <http://www.sd33.bc.ca/inclement-weather-guidelines>, or tune into radio stations STAR FM (98.3 FM) and THE DRIVE (89.5FM) to receive up-to-date information on school closures and information on the buses. Reports will begin after 6:00am.

Visitors Please Check in at Office

Just a reminder of our school policy that **all parents and other guests please check in at the office during school hours**. We have this policy in place for three main reasons: it helps to ensure that learning time in our classes is not disrupted; it helps maintain the safety of our students while they are at school; and lastly we simply like to greet all of our guests. ☺ If your child has a lunch or other items that need to be delivered to them, you can drop them off at the office and our friendly clerical staff will ensure that your child receives them. **Thank you in advance for your assistance in following this procedure.**

Dressing for the Weather

Please help ensure your child is dressed appropriately and ready to go outside and play. **Wearing a warm snow jacket, boots, mittens or gloves and even a hat will help keep them warm.** We will often have "outside days" at recess and lunchtime play periods so the kids can have fun, be physically active and get some fresh air. Thank you for your support!

- See more below -



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Important French Immersion Application Dates for 2018/19

Attached to this Newsletter are three information sheets that detail the process of application for both the SD33 Early and Late French Immersion Programs. It also includes a Parent Information Night Flyer for your review.

Early French Immersion application dates: January 8-12

FI Parent Information Meeting: Wednesday, January 17th, 2018 at 6:30 pm

- Neighbourhood Learning Center (Alumni Hall) – 46361 Yale Road

Late French Immersion On-Line Applications Accepted: Monday, January 29th, 2018 - 8:30 am-2:30 pm

For further information about French Immersion Programs, please contact the FI Principal, Iain Gardner at:

iaingardner@sd33.bc.ca or search on our District website at: www.sd33.bc.ca

Thinking Beyond Ourselves

Each month, we will be highlighting ways that our Vedder Bears have decided to “think beyond themselves”. This past month we sponsored our **school-wide canned food drive** to support the Salvation Army Chilliwack Food Bank. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to collect a wealth of food items for our local Food Bank. Our awesome PAC and community members also donated **food hampers** to six VES families in need. Our staff held a fun auction to raise money to purchase **gifts to accompany the hampers** as well. It was a very generous month in deed. 😊

PALS – Parents as Literacy Supporters – Jan. 24

We are very excited to invite all of our **Kindergarten parents** to attend our second PALS session of the school year. Parents are asked to join their children in their classrooms. We will then walk over to the Tzeachten Hall where we will share a lunch and participate in various center activities. Parents please RSVP to your child’s teacher. Consent forms will be sent home Tuesday January 9. We look forward to seeing you all there. 😊

Jump Rope for Heart – Jan 24 & 25

Last year we raised \$3000 for this worthwhile cause. All students will have the opportunity to jump and participate in this important event that helps raise funds to support the BC Heart Foundation. Classes will rotate through 45 minute sessions on either January 24 or 25. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Mr. Klassen.

Spirit Day – January 26 – Fictional Character Day

On Friday, January 26. You can earn spirit points for your classroom by dressing up like one of your favourite fictional characters! Check out the spirit day bulletin board in the hallway for up to date point totals.

Vedder Bears Sports News!

Girls’ Volleyball: The Vedder girls' volleyball team is well underway! Ms. Shea and Ms. Isaac have lots of enthusiastic team members who have been practicing hard every Wednesday after school to hone their skills. We are looking forward to playing our scheduled games this month.

Boys’ Volleyball: The Boy's Volleyball team has started practicing for their upcoming season. Mr. Hodgins and Mr. Irving are looking forward to seeing this group excel over the next two months. Our first game will take place in January with a schedule to come!

Hot Lunch Dates: January 19

PAC Meeting: Wednesday, January 17 – 6:30pm – in the library



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Month at a Glance

Jan. 8 – First day back to school

Jan. 8-10 – Indiana Jones Parkour set up in the gym

Jan 8-12 – Early French Immersion Applications accepted for Cheam (online –see info above)

Jan. 17 – Late French Immersion Parent Information Night – NLC/CSS, 6:30pm

Jan. 17 – 6:30 pm – PAC Meeting

Jan. 19 – Hot lunch

Jan. 24 – PALS –Kindergarten parents

Jan. 26 – Spirit Day – Fictional Character Day

Jan. 29 – Late French Immersion on-line applications today only