



# Vedder Elementary School Newsletter



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Hello Vedder Families,

We have a very fun month full of fieldtrips and events to keep our students engaged, happy and learning!

Throughout October, **we will continue to focus on creating a supportive, safe, caring school culture.** Our staff has committed to our goal of having every child connected in some way to an adult within our school. Ask your child which adult at the school they have spoken to or bonded with so far this year. If they are not able to share this with you, please let us know so we can ensure they begin a path to creating a meaningful connection at Vedder.



Orca represents **Personal and Cultural Identity.**  
Through orca, we can learn to understand the importance of family and belonging. We learn to talk about my personal strengths and the power of family, and I think about and honour my family.

October promises to be full of more learning, friendships, and fun. **Thank you to our parents and our staff for being partners in learning.** Together, we will help our students further develop **“kind hearts and curious minds”**.

Warmly,  
Mrs. Tracy Wagner, Principal

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

### **Puppies and Dogs**

I LOVE dogs; however, I am requesting that you **please keep all furry friends at home during school hours, including 7:30am-2:30pm.** We have had incidents of kids getting bit at school in the past, some kiddos are terrified of dogs, and any messes left on the fields make for a rotten day. We appreciate your respect of this request.

### **PAC Hot Lunch and Lunch Drop Offs**

Our **October PAC Hot Lunches will be on October 14 & 28.** Order online through our **Hot Lunch Page** **if you decide to NOT order Hot Lunch, please be sure to pack your child’s lunch and snack.** Our school has a culture of parents dropping off **fast food** lunches to our students, mid-morning, on Hot Lunch days, I’d really like to see this stop if possible. We know the odd day has its challenges but hopefully we can stop making this a daily occurrence. **Thank you in advance for your support of limiting lunch drop offs.**

### **Parking**

Thank you for using our **GREEN LINE drop off and pick up zone.** You can park in **ANY SPOT in the OLD LOT,** even if it says Staff, the painter made a mistake. ☺ Handicap parking requires a permit. **Please do NOT park in the NEW PARKING LOT** by Shoppers Drug Mart, this lot is for **STAFF ONLY.** Thank you.

### **Chilliwack Chiefs Tickets**

**Thanks to Chilliwack FC for sponsoring Vedder Elementary!** We have been given 10 tickets for each home game! They will be given away as 5 sets of two tickets. The next game is Friday, October 14... puck drops at 7pm. **If you are interested in entering the random draw, please send your child’s name and Teacher’s name to [vestickets@gmail.com](mailto:vestickets@gmail.com) by Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 6 pm.** Tickets will be sent home on Thursday with the 5 winning students. Watch for future game date draws posted to our Vedder Elementary PAC Facebook Page.

### **Movie Night Cancelled for October**

Sadly, we are still waiting on backordered parts for our gym projector. We will need to cancel our Movie Night for this month. Stay tuned, hopefully we will be up and running again soon. Sorry for the inconvenience.

### **Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting – October 18**

Vedder Elementary PAC welcomes all families. Please join our **PAC Facebook group [Vedder Elementary PAC](#)** for all things Vedder Elementary School related. We keep things updated and bring you information that will help us all along through the school year.



**Your PAC Executive is in the photo above**, they will be hosting our PAC meetings. © If you are a parent or guardian of a child at Vedder Elementary, then you are a member of our PAC. PAC Meetings provide the space for our parents and school Administration to come together and discuss the many ways that parents can support our students and our school. There are limitless ways that you, as a parent, can help our school, not to mention that it's a fun way to connect with other parents. We hope you will join us on **Tuesday, October 18 at 6:30pm, via Zoom for our October PAC meeting**. We hope to see you there.

**October 5 – School Photo Day**

Bring your smile and don't wear green clothing for picture day on October 5. Individual student photos will be taken on this day.

**October 12 – School Bus Evacuation Training**

Students should wear pants and comfortable shoes for our school bus evacuation training. They will be practicing exiting the bus by doing an assisted jump onto a mat from about a meter high. Please read the letter that I emailed to families explaining more details.

**October 19 – Treat Day**

Bring a toonie and get a treat on October 19.

**October 31 – Spirit Day – Dress in Orange and Black or a Costume**

Costumes will be allowed to be worn on this day, within the following restrictions:

- No blood, guts, or gore
- No weapons
- No scary costumes (e.g. costumes of killers like Freddie or Jason)
- **Think FUN!!** We want this to be a time that kids can have some fun but not be scared

**October 31 – Pumpkin Carving Contest**

Carve to decorate your pumpkin at home and bring it to display in the school gym on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. Pumpkins can be dropped off between 7:30am-8:00am. Look for the table labelled with your teacher's name and place your masterpiece on it.

Have fun! Be creative! Show your spirit and help kick off building our donation for the Chilliwack Food Bank from the kind-hearted, Vedder Bear Family.

**Entry fee is a donation to the food bank.**

**School Closures for October**

- October 7 – Professional Development Day
- October 10 – Thanksgiving
- October 21 – Professional Development Day

**October Events**

October 3 – Mayor visit for Grade 5 classes

October 5 – School Photo Day

October 6 – Grade 5 fieldtrip (kids will be with group going to – Lindeman Lake or Blue Heron Reserve

**October 7 – School closed – professional development day**

**October 10 – school closed – Thanksgiving**

October 11 – UFV Teacher candidates come to VES for practicum

October 11 – Eising, Klettke, L. Hurley to Greendale Acres Farm

October 12 – Bus evacuation training

October 12 – Parkes and Bates to Corn Maze

October 17 – Cosby, Parker/Guthrie to Petey's Pumpkin Patch

October 18 – Laura and Wood to Petey's Pumpkin Patch

**October 18 – PAC Meeting via Zoom at 6:30pm**

October 19 – Treat Day \$2

**October 21 – School closed – Professional Development Day**

October 25 – kindergarteners to Petey's Pumpkin Patch

**October 28 – PAC Hot Lunch**

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