January 2023 Newsletter

I HOPE THAT IN THIS YEAR TO COME, YOU MAKE MISTAKES
Because if you are making mistakes
THEN YOU ARE
Making New Things
TRYING NEW THINGS
Learning, living
PUSHING YOURSELF
changing yourself
CHANGING YOUR WORLD

Ey Swayel Families,

On behalf of the Cultus Lake Community School staff, we welcome you to 2023! January is the month of fresh beginnings, renewed energy and a focus on what we will bring to the new year. There are infinite possibilities ahead and with that, mistakes to be made. Learning comes from the mistakes we make. This is something we teach our students (and remind ourselves of) each and every day. We learn through trial and error. We build confidence through accepting a challenge and reaching a goal. As students reflect on their learning from term 1, they will set goals for term 2 and with the support of home and our amazing staff, they will bravely work to achieve those goals.

STAFFING UPDATES

We are excited to welcome **Mrs. Vanderveen** to our school! Mrs. Vanderveen has been on maternity leave and is returning to our school to teach with Mr. Vanderveen!
Mr. Vanderveen will be teaching Mondays and Tuesdays.
Mrs. Vanderveen will be teaching Wednesday to Friday!

We have a practicum Education Assistant, **April Heideman** joining our team until Spring Break. She will be learning from our fabulous team of EAs over the next term.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If your child turns 5 in 2023, please remember to register them for Kindergarten. Registration is open online – just remember you will need to provide a valid email address and upload a copy of your child's birth certificate and proof of residency.
For more information, please visit SD 33 – Registration

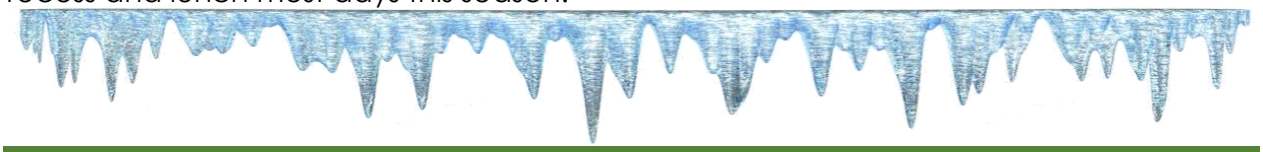
INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

Halq'eméylem

At our assembly each week, we learn a new Halq'eméylem Word that we practice throughout the week. This week's word is: **spi:w** (ice). By practicing the word at school and at home, students will be able to use it in every day conversation. The pronunciation can be found on the website, **First Voices:** https://www.firstvoices.com/explore/FV/sections/Data/Salish/Halkomelem/Halq'em%C3%A9ylem/search/?query=ice&page=1

THE WINTER SEASON

As we officially enter the winter season, the weather has become considerably colder! Please ensure that your child is prepared for the weather and dressed appropriately each day as we will continue to learn outdoors. There are many positive learning results when children have the opportunity to run, play and learn outside. Students will be outside at recess and lunch most days this season.



INCLEMENT WEATHER CLOSURES

In the event of extreme weather conditions, parents are urged to check the School District website www.sd33.bc.ca or tune into the radio station STAR FM (98.3FM) to receive up-to-date information on school closures. Reports will start after 6:00 am and will be repeated often. These closures will also be posted on the Cultus Lake Community School Website.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping your children home if they are showing signs of illness. We are continuing to promote safe hygiene habits at Cultus Lake Community School and we have noticed many students taking the appropriate measures to prevent the spread of germs.

Just a reminder that if your child is staying home or will be arriving late to school to inform the office by calling 604-858-6266 and **leaving a message on the answering machine** or by emailing Mrs. Wiebe, our Administrative Assistant, at: leann_wiebe@sd33.bc.ca. This helps to cut down on the phone calling that Mrs. Wiebe has to make if she knows of absences in advance. We will, however, continue to phone home for unexplained absences as part of CLCS's safe arrival program. Thank you again for your continued support.

JANUARY NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY
MRS. KNODEL

Make sure to check out your children's backpacks on Monday Jan. 9 as there will be an important package coming home with the oldest student in your family. We are kicking off another "One School One Book" (just like "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" from last year) but, this year, we have chosen a very different children's classic. We are so excited to begin reading it together as a whole community! There will be lots of important information coming home with the book on Jan. 9.

To go along with our book (and to give you a little hint), if you still have a fake Christmas tree that hasn't been stored until next year, please consider loaning it to us for the month of January to help us decorate for our book celebration. You will have it returned at the beginning of February. If this is something you can consider, please reach out to Mrs. Knodel at jodi_knodel@sd33.bc.ca.

Thank you SO MUCH for supporting our Scholastic Book Fair last month. It is such an important fundraiser for our library, and we were able to purchase many new books for the library and as prizes for students for doing their reading Bingo sheets. Thank you.

Finally, it is very important that all library books be returned to school in a timely manner, every week. If your child still has outstanding library books, please ensure that they are returned to school or paid for so that your child can be choosing new books from the library every week. This is such an important component of a child's appreciation of literature, and there are always lots of new exciting books coming into the library.

PAC NEWS

The next PAC meeting is Jan. 25th at 6:00 in the library. Here is the link if you would like to join this meeting virtually: https://sd33-ca.zoom.us/j/61233131595

CULTUS LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION INFO

Soccer with F/C Soccer League, starting Monday Jan 16th (K-G2) and Wednesday Jan 18(G3-G5) in the Gym.

Martial Arts with Don Sharp, Starting Thursday, Jan 19th at 2:15 in Gym.

Yoga Shinz with Serena Cooke, Starting Tuesday, Jan 17th at 2:15 in Gym.

Brownies continues on Mondays at 5pm

Dance continues with Ms. Cea-ce on Tuesdays at 215 and 315

Adults
-Salsa Dancing Fridays at 6:30pm
-Yoga Monday nights at 6:30pm
-Pickle ball/Open gym Sat mornings To be announced.

Registration forms available through the school office or email at clcsacultuslake@gmail.com

JANUARY CALENDAR

Tues. Jan. 3	School re-opens
Mon. Jan. 9	One School One Book starts!
Thurs. Jan 19	10:30 – PALS (for StrongStart and Kindergarten – more info coming soon)
Thurs. Jan 19	1:00 – Science World at Cultus (for Grades 1 to 5 students)
Sun. Jan. 20	Chinese Lunar New Year (Year of the Rabbit)
Wed. Jan. 25	6:00 – PAC Meeting (zoom link: https://sd33-ca.zoom.us/j/61233131595)
Fri. Jan. 27	Assessment & Evaluation Day – no school for students