



January 2024 Newsletter



Ey Swayel Families,

On behalf of the Cultus Lake Community School staff, we welcome you to 2024! With a new year comes new hopes, dreams and goals for our learning. As we step into Term 2, our staff look forward to the opportunities they will provide our students through **high quality instruction**. Our students look forward to stretching and growing into the best learners they can be. Together, the home and school partnership will help to support our students through our **collective responsibility**. At the centre of all we do is the **educated citizen**, your child. Our school growth plan below is what we use to navigate our teaching and learning. We anchor everything in our values of *kindness, equity, inclusion, innovation and collaboration*.

Our door is always open to our families. Feel free to contact your child's teacher or myself if you need anything.

Features of the framework include:

The framework is wrapped in First Peoples Principles of Learning (FPPL), using the colours of the cardinal directions of the medicine wheel: White, Yellow, Red and Black. The layers of "Mission, Vision and Motto" as well as Governance are positioned at the outer edges of the framework, representing the important role of keeping our organization moving in the same direction as outlined by our Vision:

"Syds:ys lets'e th'ále, lets'emá:t"
(See EYE yees, LETS - a - thala, LETS - a - mot)

"One heart, one mind, working together for a common purpose."



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If your child turns 5 in 2024, 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 - <https://sd33.bc.ca/registration>



INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

Halq'eméylem

As mentioned previously, at our assembly each week, we learn a new Halq'eméylem Word that we practice throughout the week.

Here is a list of the words for January in case you would like to practice them with your child!

| Week of | Word | Pronunciation | Meaning |
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| Jan 8 | ímexyósem | e-me-H-ya-sum | to go for a walk |
| Jan 15 | ixel | e-hil | to paddle |
| Jan 22 | ítet | e-tut | to sleep |
| Jan 29 | spá:th | sh-pah-th | black bear |

Here is the link for the **First Voices** website if you would like to explore more:

<https://www.firstvoices.com/explore/FV/sections/Data/Salish/Halkomelem/Halq'em%C3%A9ylem/search/?query=ice&page=1>

Indigenous Education Success Grant – we will be having another meeting to discuss the items on our proposal for this grant. The focus is to increase Indigenous culture, language and history within our teaching and learning. Please stay tuned for this as we would like as many voices as possible at the table to be sure we have representation from all of our community partners.

THE WINTER SEASON

As we officially enter the winter season, 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, families 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.

JANUARY NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY MRS. KNODEL



Make sure to check out your children's backpacks on Tuesday Jan. 16 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 *'The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe'* last year). This year's book will be just as engaging - 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. 16.

A gentle reminder that all library books be returned to school in a timely manner, every week. Choosing new books from the library each week 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.

CULTUS LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (CLCSA) INFO

Feb 3 - Babysitters Course - 9am - 4pm \$65 (Min 8 participants to run the course)

Feb 24 - Home Alone Course - 9am - 1pm \$50, ages 9+ (Min 8 participants to run)

Registration ongoing for winter

programs - <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/14049473/1> OR



| January is Alzheimer's Awareness Month & Tamil Heritage Month | |
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| Mon. Jan. 8 | School re-opens |
| Wed. Jan. 10 | CLCSA Board Meeting |
| Tues. Jan. 16 | One School One Book (OSOB) begins |
| Thurs. Jan. 18 | CSOPA presents – <i>Disney's Descendants</i> at Cultural Centre (whole school field trip) |
| Wed. Jan. 24 | World Day for African and Afro descendant Culture |
| Fri. Jan. 26 | Non-Instructional Day |
| Sat. Jan. 27 | International Holocaust Remembrance Day |

