



## March 2024 Newsletter

Ey Swayel Families,

Thank you to our families for your participation in our conferences tonight. By celebrating your child's strengths, building strategies for stretches, and focusing on goals for growth, our children will be set up for success in their learning.

If you were unable to join us today, please contact your child's teacher to set up a time for a conference.

Remember that as a partner in your child's education, you are strongly encouraged to keep in contact with your child's classroom teacher regarding their progress.

In February, we focused on **kindness and being an upstander**. By developing social and personal responsibility, we can be the best that we can be for ourselves and for our interactions with others.



On February 17, a **Student Learning Survey** was emailed home for parents of Grade 4 students to complete. It would be greatly appreciated if you complete the survey as it gives feedback on curriculum, student learning and wellness, belonging and engagement. If you would like to be entered into a draw for one of two \$25 gift cards, just print your child's name, your name and date on the form that was emailed home and return it to the office by May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION

#### REMINDER!

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 SD 33 – Registration**

**Ready, Set, Learn** will take place on **April 16<sup>th</sup> from 12:45 to 1:45 at Soowahlie**. Please let your family and friends who have children that will be starting Kindergarten in September that we would love to see them out on April 16<sup>th</sup>!



## INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

**PALS** – We will have our first PALS (Parents as Learning Supporters) session on March 14<sup>th</sup>. We will start at the school, have lunch together and then we will take a bus to the Sardis Library. We welcome everyone with an early learner to join us!

The PALS initiative supports our **First Peoples Principles of Learning**, specifically: *Learning is holistic, reflexive, reflective, experiential, and relational (focused on connectedness, reciprocal relationships, and a sense of place)*

### Elder in Residence

Our Elder in Residence, Thelma Orgill will be coming to our school next week to share her knowledge about our place – where we are and how we connect with the land.

**First Peoples Principles of Learning:** *'Learning recognizes the role of indigenous knowledge'*

### The Grade 5 Drum Project

Our grade 5 students have completed their drums and drum sticks for their Grade 5 legacy project. They are learning a few songs that they will soon be able to share at assemblies.

**First Peoples Principles of Learning:** *Learning ultimately supports the well-being of the self, the land, the community, the ancestors, the family, and the spirits.*

**School Co-Naming** – We have been working with our Soowhalie Community discussing Halq'emeylem names that we can add to our current school name (**Cultus Lake \_\_\_\_\_ Community School**). We are looking for a word that has a story connected to our place. We are in the midst of collecting ideas and once we have the ideas, we will share those with our entire school community.



Our **Halq'emeylem** words for **February** were:

## Halq'emeylem

Week of...	Halq'emeylem Word	Phonetic pronunciation	English Translation
Feb 5	íchxwó	e-ch-wa	stay here
Feb 12	éíyá	ah-lee-ya	to dream
Feb 19	stl'ítl'el	stee-t-el	love
Feb 26	éystólmet	eh-stall-met	to feel good about yourself

## DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS



Just a reminder that if you are bringing a dog onto the school grounds during school hours (7:30 to 2:15), they must be leashed and under the control of an adult to ensure the safety of our students.

## SCHOOL SPORTS

Our Triple ball Tournament is this week. Thanks to our coaches – Mrs. Harrison and Ms. Hnatiw. Basketball will start soon!



## MARCH NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY MRS. KNODEL



We are looking forward to having another readathon coming up on Tuesday March 11. It was so great last year to walk around the school and see the whole school enjoying books together at the same time, so we are excited to do it again. Look for more details to come soon.

We are noticing many library books are being returned wet and / or damaged, and then they need to be replaced. Kindly ensure students are returning their books in lined plastic bags to prevent damage. They are available to purchase in the library for \$1. At home, please make sure they are stored in a safe place. Thank you for your help with this.

## PAC NEWS

Spring Hot Lunch Ordering is now open in [Munchalunch](#)  
Hot Lunch volunteers can sign up at [March/April Hot Lunch Helpers](#)

March 5<sup>th</sup> is Parents' Night Out at Lakeside Beach Club. Tickets can be purchased through this form: [Parents' Night Out Tickets](#)  
50/50 Tickets will be for sold on [Munchalunch](#) starting February 27<sup>th</sup>.

March 6<sup>th</sup> Yearbook Sales Open in [Munchalunch](#)

Next PAC Meeting March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in library. Zoom link: <https://sd33-ca.zoom.us/j/4156034737>

Purdy's Chocolate Orders will be ready for pick up March 11<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm, at the front door of the school

## CULTUS LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION INFO

Still lots of space in Spring Break Camp - 9am - 3pm - \$175 for 5 days. Before and After camp care available - 7:30 am - 5:30pm. K-5th grade. Come spend spring break with your CLCSA friends! So much fun planned!

Start saving your old clothes - CLCSA is doing a clothing drive in April. We are aiming to gather 200 garbage bags of clothes, shoes and linens. All proceeds support our low-cost programs!

Spring Fling volunteers wanted. PAC has generously allowed CLCSA to host Spring Fling this year. If you would like to help with planning please reach out! Business owners, please consider donating to our silent auction.

CLCSA Fun Week! March 11 - 15th, 2 - 3 pm. By donation, all proceeds support our programs. Come have fun with CLCSA as we gear up for spring break. Never tried a program? A perfect chance to see what we are all about... science, sports, crafts and more!

Watch for our Spring Guide coming out mid-March!

If you have any questions, or program requests please come and see Melissa in portable #1 after school OR email [clcsacultuslake@gmail.com](mailto:clcsacultuslake@gmail.com)



### MARCH CALENDAR

MARCH IS...

**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH  
DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH**

Fri. March 1	Early Dismissal @ 10:59 (busses are running)
Tues. March 5	PAC Fundraiser at Cultus Lake Beach Club
Wed. March 6	CLCSA Board Meeting
Wed. March 6	Yearbook Sales open on Munch-a-lunch
Fri. March 8	International Women's Day
Sun. March 10	Ramadan (until Apr 8)
Tues. Mar 12	Read-a-thon at 12:45
Tues. March 12	PAC Meeting at 6:00 <a href="https://sd33-ca.zoom.us/j/4156034737">https://sd33-ca.zoom.us/j/4156034737</a>
Wed. March 13	Reading Link Challenge
Thurs. March 14	PALS (Field trip to Sardis library)
Thurs. March 14	Term 2 Report Cards issued
Thurs March 21	International Day to End Racial Discrimination
Thurs. March 21	World Down Syndrome Day
Sun. March 31	Indigenous Languages Day
March 16 to April 1	Spring Break

