



February 2025 Newsletter

Ey Swayel Families,

This month is often associated with love and kindness. February is **Black History Month**, **Heart Health Month** and **Pink Shirt Day** is February 26th. Although Black History Month and Pink Shirt Day only come around once a year, we practice our values of kindness, equity, and inclusion every day throughout the year by acknowledging and appreciating diversity.



FAMILY CONFERENCES

Family conferences are an important way for teachers to communicate student learning, celebrate growth and develop goals with students and their parent/guardian. Our conferences for this term will be **Wednesday, February 19th from 3 to 6 pm**. Each teacher will be sending out details for their conference format.

EARLY LEARNING

KINDERGARTEN REMINDER!

If your child turns 5 in 2025, 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



SAVE THE DATES!

We look forward to meeting our early learners (and their adults) at the following events:

Ready, Set, Learn - April 16 from 12:45 to 1:45 at the Soowahlie Hall

Kinderfair – June 11th from 12:45 to 1:45 at the school library

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

On January 16th, the Davis-Charlie family donated a welcome figure house post to our school in recognition of the way our staff work collectively towards truth, reconciliation, inclusion and equity. We are humbled by this gift and commit to continue working together for a better future for all our children.



INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

This week, we will be starting to learn the colours in Halq'eméylem. Here is the list if you would like to practice at home.

Halq'eméylem

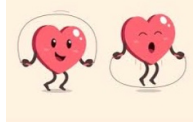
Jan 27	Tskwa:y	s-qway	green
Feb 3	Tsxwikw'wemel	Skwee-kw-mall	pink
Feb 10	Tskwi:m	t-qwi-mm	red
Feb 17	P'eq'	p-uck	white
Feb 24	P'ip'eqw'el	peep-e-qwells	purple

SCHOOL SPORTS



Triple Ball is in full swing!
Thank you to Ms. Hnatiw for coaching!

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART



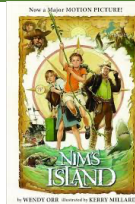
On **Wednesday Feb. 12, 2025**, our school will be participating in a Jump Rope For Heart Event in honour of Heart Health Awareness this month.

Information will be coming home this week about fundraising for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Families can choose to fundraise donations for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. We will have a School Fundraising Page. On this page guardians can sign their child or family up to fundraise. There are also healthy living tips and activities located on the website.

On the day of the event, Ms. Pollock, Ms. Tester and Mrs. Daly will have fun Jump Rope activities for the students to participate in. They will also learn more about healthy living.

FEBRUARY NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY MRS. KNODEL



Thanks everyone for participating in our "One School One Book" initiative for this year. It has been great to see our students get so excited about Nim and her adventures. We appreciate all you are doing to keep up the excitement at home! We appreciate our PAC and CLCSA coming together to offer a movie night for the community to celebrate as we come to an end of our book. There will be more details to follow.

We have a keen group of grades 4 and 5 students who are meeting every Wednesday at lunch to prepare for our school district's Reading Link Challenge competition in the Spring. If you are curious about the program, you can find out more [HERE](#).

As always, please ensure your child's library books are returned to school every week, ideally in a waterproof bag. We have lots of popular titles that are always in high demand

SWÍLHCHA CEDAR UPDATE

When you join us for family conferences on the 19th, you will notice that we have our new school name on the front of the building, our road sign has our new logo as will our new team jerseys! Last month, we put our new Positive Behaviour Matrix was sent out to families for feedback. Thank you for giving us your thoughts. We have a few finishing touches to add to it and as soon as we do, we will send out the final version.

PAC NEWS



Feb 7 – Family Movie Night 6 - 8 pm (Nim’s Island) \$10/Family

The next PAC meeting is **Tuesday, Feb 11** 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/67532915770>

Hot Lunch is now open on Munch A Lunch.

CULTUS LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION INFO



If you are looking for after school programs for your child, please contact Melissa Giles at the Cultus Lake Community School Association – csclacultuslake@gmail.com. All community school programs run out of Portable #2

FAMILY RESOURCES



If your family has unfortunately suffered a loss, we would like to share the contact for the **Chilliwack Hospice Society** which offers counseling services for adults and children to support you and your family through this difficult time.

Counselling through Chilliwack Hospice Society:
 Web: www.chilliwackhospice.org
 Email: info@chilliwackhospice.org
 Phone: 604-795-4660

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Tues. Feb. 4	One School One Book Wrap-Up & Spirit Day: Dress as Nim’s Island character
Fri. Feb. 7	Family Movie Night 6-8 pm in the gym
Tues. Feb. 11	School Wide Movie at Cottonwood 4
Tues. Feb 11	PAC Meeting in library at 6:00 (zoom option: https://sd33-ca.zoom.us/j/67532915770)
Wed. Feb 12	Jump Rope for Heart – Spirit Day – wear red, white or pink
Fri. Feb 14	District Pro-D – no school for students
Mon. Feb 17	Family Day – no school for students
Wed. Feb 19	Family Conferences 3-6 pm
Wed. Feb 26	#PINKSHIRTDAY
Fri. Feb 28	Early Dismissal at 10:59

