

Cultus Lake Swilhcha Community School

June 2025 Newsletter

Ey Swayel families,



As we head into the final stretch, there's so much to celebrate! We've had a year full of learning, growth, laughter, and memorable moments. June is a time to reflect on how far we've come and to enjoy all the exciting year-end activities ahead. From classroom celebrations to final projects and field trips, we're wrapping up the year with smiles and pride. Let's finish strong and have some fun along the way!

Please check out the calendar at the end of this newsletter.



We are currently planning for the 2025-26 school year. To determine our staffing allocations, it is very important that we have accurate enrollment numbers. If you are intending on **moving** and know that your child(ren) will not be attending Cultus Lake Swilhcha Community School next year, we would really appreciate this information. Notifying us of your movement helps not only us but the new school your child(ren) will be attending.

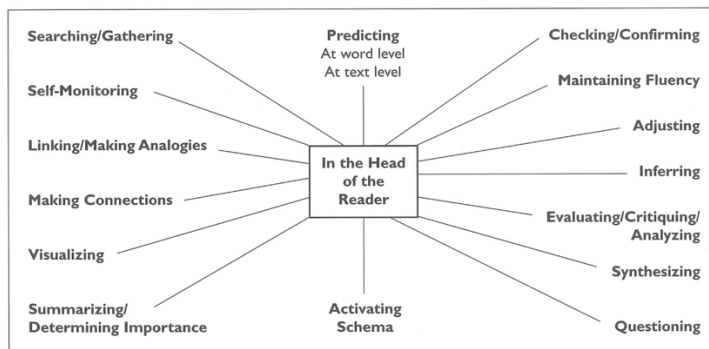
Please contact Mrs. Wiebe (leann.wiebe@sd33.bc.ca) of any **address changes**.

LITERACY

Literacy is one of the core pillars of our school growth plan. We provide students with the opportunity to read a variety of books either independently, with a small group, or in a whole class setting each day. Through this concentrated effort, our students become stronger and more proficient in the reading comprehension and fluency. These go hand in hand in expanding the brain of our readers.

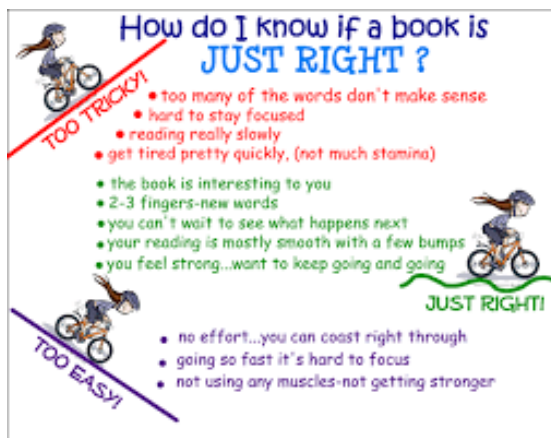
When we read, there are many processes that happen in our brains (many without us even thinking about it)! See the **Reading Process System** graphic below for more information.

Reading Process System



Without regular reading over the summer, our students can sometimes experience the 'summer slide' where we see they lose some of the skills they gained over the previous year. To prevent the 'summer slide', we recommend daily reading of 'just right' books with your child. See below for how to know if a book is 'just right' for your child.

'Just Right' Books can be obtained through the public library or online. Our school also has some home reading books to lend out if you need. Please email me if you are interested!



TRANSITIONS

Kindergarten - Important Dates:

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

<https://sd33.vivosforms.com/Home>

Kinderfair – will take place on June 11th at 12:45 in the library. Please let your family and friends who have children that are coming to Kindergarten in September that we would love to see them out for this event!



INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration

Our team has been working hard to organize a day of celebration which includes: culture, story, music, food, language and ceremony. If you can volunteer some time on this day, please contact: catherine_blaschek@sdf33.bc.ca as she our lead for this and we are looking for volunteers!

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Our words for the following weeks in June are:

June 2	qó:	caw	water
June 9	xo:tsa	Ha-tsa	Lake
June 16	Stó:lō	Sto-lo	River
June 23	Stó:telō	Sto-te-lo	creek

SCHOOL SPORTS

Thank you to our staff for organizing the very successful Cultus Lake Swilhcha Cross Country Run on May 1st!

Thank you to Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Danis, and Mr. Allen for being our basketball coaches this year.

This week we started our Track and Field practices. All the staff are taking part in the coaching and organizing of this last school sport of the year! Mrs. Beesley and Ms. Pollock will be taking our team via bus to the **District Track Meet on June 19th**. Information will be sent home regarding upcoming Mini-Meets that are on June 4th and 11th at 3:30 at the Sardis Track. All athletes will need their own transportation to the mini-meets.

JUNE NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY MRS. KNODEL

It's hard to believe June is here! In the library, that means that ALL books need to be returned to the library, or cash payment can be made, so that a replacement can be purchased. This year's magic date that all books need to be returned by is **WED. JUNE 11**. If your child has an outstanding, overdue book, you will receive an email the week prior so that you are aware. Thank you so much for making sure that all our books come back so that they can be enjoyed again next school year.

Students have done such a great job of completing their reading bingo sheets and reading at home. If you still have a May bingo sheet around your house, please ensure it is brought back to school. We will have some big prize draws for this at the end of the month.

Don't forget to check out the FVRL website to sign your children up for the summer reading program - there are lots of great things happening there!

PAC NEWS

The next **PAC meeting** is Thursday, June 10th in the library or on Zoom: <https://sd33-ca.zoom.us/j/68460451687>

Volunteer to help with Sports Day (June 20) – email: cultus-pac@sd33.bc.ca

CLCSA SUMMER PROGRAM

Join us for an exciting summer childcare program running from July 7 to August 22, 7:30am - 5:30pm. For children who have completed Kindergarten to age 12. \$180 - \$220/week. Potential for further reductions based on family income.

This summer promises an abundance of unforgettable adventures, including exciting trips to the aquarium and the zoo, as well as local walking excursions filled with surprises! In addition to these outings, campers will participate in creative arts and crafts projects and enjoy a variety of fun sports, ensuring a summer filled with lasting memories. With surprises around every corner, this is a fantastic opportunity for children to make new friends and experience a summer brimming with fun, learning, and friendship. Don't miss out on the adventure!

Registration: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfTjH1iGgZyYmAihlk_HBzfPZfIPp_sCl8Txj-x7v8Ro9ImA/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=115726744271076326307

STAFFING UPDATE

Mrs. Tester is on a partial leave and Mrs. Danis will continue working with her until the end of the year.

Makayla Kowliuk is a counselling intern who has joined our team on Wednesdays and Thursdays from now until December. Ms. Kowliuk will be working alongside Mrs. McLeod doing small groups and check-ins for this year and she will work alongside our new counsellor, Ms. Serfontein next year.

June – Indigenous Peoples Month/Pride Month	
Wed. June 4	Entrepreneur Fair in the gym (am only)
Fri. June 6	Waterslides – permission forms due June 2
Mon. June 9	Photo Day (teams/classes/clubs)
Tues. June 10	PAC Meeting: https://sd33-ca.zoom.us/j/68460451687
Wed. June 11	Kinderfair (12:45 in the library)
Thurs. June 12	Indigenous Peoples Day Celebrations at Main Beach (wear orange)
Wed. June 18	Year End Celebration for McAuliffe/Beesley
Thurs. June 19	District Track and Field Meet
Fri. June 20	Indigenous Peoples Day Recognized
Fri. June 20	Sports Day
Tues. June 24	Beach Day – permission forms due June 2
Wed. June 25	10:40 - Year End Assembly; 12:00 - Grade 5 Celebration
Thurs. June 26	Early Dismissal at 10:59

