



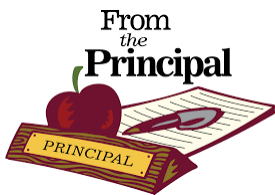
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“Preparing Hearts and Minds for the Future”

## Principal’s Message

Happy New Year! On behalf of all of our staff, we would like to welcome everyone back to school. We are looking forward to a very productive second term at Greendale. Health and safety continue to be a priority in the new year as we continue to ensure the highest measures of protocols to keep our community safe. As Elementary tradition dictates, a new year often means forging a resolution which can be achieved by setting some achievable goals. Goal setting is an important part of our lives as it is a powerful process for thinking about what we want to accomplish in our future and helps us motivate us to turn our dreams into reality. Our virtue for this month is excellence and our challenge is to be excellent in all areas of our school, behaviourally and academically. With another new calendar year comes many hopes and dreams of what is to come in 2021 and that there is light at the end of the tunnel.



From  
the  
**Principal**

Sincerely,  
**Noel Sharman**  
*“Intelligence plus character, that is the goal of true education.”*  
- Martin Luther King Jr.



Jan 13	Fire Drill
Jan 13	PAC meeting 7pm
Feb 15	Family Day – No School
Feb 19	Non-Instructional Day (District wide)
Feb 24	Pink Shirt Day
Mar 15-26	Spring Break

## School Communication

Our school is trying to promote more environmentally friendly options to communicate. We will be using email, our website, and Facebook to communicate regularly with parents. Our school website has a great deal of information on it and is regularly updated. Please check it out at <http://gcs.sd33.bc.ca/>.

There will be a Friday email with updates for the following week. Newsletters will be written monthly and emailed to parents. All newsletters will also be posted on our school website.

## Dressing for the Weather



We are in rainy West Coast season and we play outside in the rain or shine! Please make sure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for ALL types of weather: Boots, gloves, hat, rain jacket, winter jacket. Unless it is extreme wind, rain, or cold, students will be playing outside during recess and lunch.



## Library

Happy New Year and welcome 2021!!

Make sure to search around the house and return any outstanding library books. It has been great hearing from the kids about the reading they did over the holidays.

Grade 4 and 5 students interested in joining the Reading Link Challenge will have their first meeting on January 7. Check out

[https://www.fvrl.bc.ca/reading\\_link\\_challenge.php](https://www.fvrl.bc.ca/reading_link_challenge.php) if you want to find out more information.

A reminder that if students want to put books on hold at our school library, you can click on

<https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/ui/61160>.

Many students have been doing this and are always excited to receive a much-anticipated book.

## Greendale PAC

Our next PAC meeting is Wednesday, Jan 13th at 7:00 pm via zoom. We would love to see you there!

Getting to Know Your PAC Exec:

We're continuing our series of introductions this month, and are pleased to spotlight Haley and Lindsay! Check out our facebook page to put faces to the names. 😊

**Haley Read** is our current PAC Secretary. She has been at Greendale since her son Preston started kindergarten and has enjoyed participating in PAC both in a casual manner and on the executive board.

"I first started going to PAC meetings because I had the time and wanted to be involved in the school. I quickly learned that it is also the best way to be in the know about all that goes on at the school and be involved first hand with the decisions made regarding funding for field trips, community events, fundraising and more." Preston is moving on to middle school next year so the position of secretary will need to be filled. Because it is an executive position it is one that we will need to have a volunteer for in order for Greendale to continue to receive funding.

While being the secretary doesn't take a lot of time out of your schedule, the most important factor is being able to attend all the meetings. At the moment this is very easy because they are all virtual, however once meetings go back to in person you will need to be able to attend. "I use my laptop or tablet and keyboard and add notes to each section of the agenda as the meeting progresses. Once they are completed I email them to the chair to be

reviewed, archived and posted. This saves me from forgetting and having more work later. Between the meetings, notes, and other duties (signing cheques etc.) I spend about 2-3 hours a month, most of it being the meeting."

If you have any questions and would like to find out more or are interested in shadowing Haley before the end of the year she can be found most afternoons on the playground with her large Rottweiler Charlie. Feel free to stop and say Hi!

**Lindsay Hlokkoff** is in her 2nd year as Parent Exec (she is the one behind all of our Facebook announcements/reminders) and enjoys doing so! She has been at Greendale Elementary for 6 years now with a son in grade 5 and a daughter in grade 2. She decided to become a part of the PAC to be more involved in what is going on around her children's school and to be helpful where she can. If you have any questions for her please msg the PAC Facebook page.

## Kindergarten Registration 2021-2022

If you have a child or know of someone who will be 5 years of age before December 31, 2021, you can register now! You will need the following to complete the registration:

- Birth Certificate
- Proof of Residence
- Valid email address

Please visit <https://sd33.bc.ca/registration> to register and FAQs. If you require assistance, please email [ereg@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:ereg@sd33.bc.ca)

## Student Absences

If your child is ill or planning to be absent, please give the school a call in the morning at 604-823-6738 or you may email Mrs. Holmes at [cassandra\\_holmes@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:cassandra_holmes@sd33.bc.ca); otherwise our office will phone home to ensure your child is safe in the event of absence. Thank you for your support! Please consult the daily health check before sending your child(ren) to school.





Chilliwack  
School District

2020/2021

## INCLEMENT WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSURE GUIDELINES

### *Information for Parents and Students*



Inclement weather conditions such as freezing rain, significant snowfall or high wind can occur during the fall and winter months. In such conditions, decisions on the opening or closure of school district facilities are made by the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with management and supervisory staff who have checked first-hand on the driving conditions, walking/sidewalk conditions, and general condition of buildings and accessibility to sites. *For more details on how this is done, [click here](#).*

While service to students and parents is a priority and schools will be kept open as much as is reasonably possible, student and staff safety is the primary consideration.

In the event of extreme weather conditions, parents are urged to check the **School District website** [www.sd33.bc.ca](http://www.sd33.bc.ca) or tune into radio stations **STAR FM (98.3 FM)** or **THE DRIVE (89.5 FM)**, to receive up-to-date information on school closures and information on the buses. Reports will start after 6:00 a.m. and will be repeated often. The information broadcast is directly from the School District. The reports are confirmed and there is no need to call your school, the School District Office or the radio station.

In the event that there is inclement weather but the school remains open, it is the parent's decision, based on their assessment of the relative safety of travel conditions, as to whether or not their children attend school. Students will be marked absent for the day, but such an absence will not affect a perfect attendance record.

A **Transportation Snow Plan** is in place for students who rely on travel by school bus and live in higher elevations such as Chilliwack Mountain, Little Mountain, Majuba Hill, Ryder Lake and some areas of Columbia Valley and the Eastern Hillside. An announcement will be made should travel in these areas become challenging due to slippery road conditions. *(Please note: the greater Promontory area does not have a snow plan).*

**All inclement weather announcements will be posted on the District website [www.sd33.bc.ca](http://www.sd33.bc.ca)**