

December 2021

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 "Preparing Hearts and Minds for the Future"

Principal's Message

December has now arrived, and we are proud of all our accomplishments during the first term at Greendale. We have demonstrated our commitment to building "Hearts and Minds for the Future" by focusing on trust, understanding and helpfulness. We have also worked hard at creating competent thinkers through all the high-quality instruction from our teaching and support staff. Our PAC are incredibly positive, caring, and hardworking in their efforts to make our school such a great place. Thank you! Our December virtue is 'Generosity' and we look forward to seeing our students display evidence of this throughout this month. As we approach the holidays, I would like to wish everyone a safe and restful Christmas spent with family and friends.



Dec 1	Deck the Halls
Nov 30-Dec 13	Canned Food Drive
Dec 3	Hot Lunch
Dec 17	Hot Lunch
Dec 17	Last Day of school before holidays
Dec 18-Jan 3	Christmas Holidays
Jan 4	School Reopens

Canned Food Drive

We are having our Canned Food Drive starting November 30th-December 13th. Please bring all non-perishable food to your child's classroom. From there the items will be counted and sorted. Items such as these are always in high demand:

- tuna
- peanut butter
- dried pasta
- canned stew/chili
- canned vegetables
- canned fruit
- beans
- rice, barley, oats



Sincerely,

Noel Sharman

"Intelligence plus character, that is the goal of true education."

- Martin Luther King Jr.



Daily Health Check

Please consult the [Daily Health Check](#) before sending your child(ren) to school.

Follow this link for Covid-19 Safe Schools information:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-safe-schools#daily-health-checks>

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

;otherwise, our office will phone home

to ensure your child is safe in the event of absence.

Thank you for your support!

Report Cards

Report Cards will be sent home the week of Monday, December 13th. Please take some time to celebrate the successes with your child and encourage your child in the areas that he/she can continue to work on. We really appreciate your support and encouragement with your child's learning!

Parent Volunteers and Visitor Information

We kindly ask that all parents and visitors enter through the main front doors when coming to the school. Please do not enter through any side doors or classroom doors.

All visitors MUST be wearing a mask before entering the school, sign-in at the office, and sanitize hands. All volunteers will be required to follow the [Health and Safety Protocols](#) set out by the Ministry of Education.

We do require our parent volunteers to have a Criminal Record Check completed. Please contact the office to see if your Record Check has not expired or to get a new form.

Christmas Concert

Due to the week missed of school and staff shortages, we have had to make the decision to cancel the scheduled Christmas concert. However, we hope we can make it up in the Springtime with a concert then!



Greendale PAC

We don't have a PAC meeting this month, but you can always reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Due to flooding, school closures, supply concerns, etc. we decided to postpone our regular December Purdy's fundraiser and do one prior to Easter instead!

Flooding has also meant that we had to postpone our November hot lunch, which means we have 2 hot lunch dates in December:

- Friday, December 3rd, SinAmen Bun Co.
- Friday, December 17th, Jim's Pizza

We usually also have a Scholastic Book Fair in December, and the PAC organizes volunteers to assist Mrs. Knodel. With the highway being closed, this has also been postponed to a later date. If you would like to support the library in this way when the book fair is

reschedules, please contact us at Greendale-pac@sd33.bc.ca and we will add you to the list of potential volunteers.

Our Fruit and Veggie program expects to be supplying mandarin oranges this month. Once our volunteers wash and deliver the produce to classrooms, each teacher distributes differently. Ask your child how their classroom works!

As we move into the holiday season, we wish your families all the best, and look forward to finding new ways to connect and to benefit the school community in the new year.

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 coat. Unless it is extreme wind, rain or cold, students will be playing outside during recess and lunch.



There are lots of items that would love to be reunited with their owner! All items will be on display on a table just inside the main doors during the week of December 13-16th. Any items left over will be donated to a local charity.

Library

Usually at this time of year we are getting ready to set up for our Scholastic Book Fair. But due to the highway closures, we are unable to get the equipment and books here in time. We hope we will be able to have one in the new year.

The Reading Link Challenge books for 2022 have just been announced. We are expecting books to be delivered from the FVRL soon. I will be holding a lunch time meeting once the books have arrived, and all interested grades 4 and 5 students should attend. We will plan to meet every other week in the New Year. If you are unfamiliar with the program and want to check it out, click [HERE](#). In addition, click [HERE](#) to see the books for this year.

Thanks for doing such a great job of encouraging your kids to return their library books in a timely manner. We have lots of popular titles that kids are eager to get their hands on, so getting those books returned quickly is appreciated by everyone!



2022-2023

If you have a child or know of someone who will be 5 years of age before December 31, 2022, 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

GECSS

GECSS is so excited to be back and running afterschool programs and workshops. 😊 Your kids have been having a blast in Basketball, Acting, Gymnastics, Art & Beading! We always enjoy some good laughs & stories during snack time before our afterschool programs and it is so great to see the kids connecting, laughing, learning skills & making memories.

As we get closer to December....we must have some Christmas craft workshops, as it just wouldn't be Christmas without some glue, jewels, paint and even some glitter.



Please see our PDF attached for more information and register quick as space is limited. December workshops, **Lego** (Wed Dec 1st has 2 spots avail (\$4.00) 2:00-3:15pm) and all **the Christmas workshops are open to all students- K- Gr 5.**

***Please email coordinator@gecss.com or DM on Facebook** to register your child in any programs or workshops.

***Please note** GECSS is open for Birthday Party rentals and have connected with **Stickies Candy** for some awesome party addons. Please see the pdf “**GECSS Party Space**” and/or email for more information.

***Follow us on Facebook @ GECSS Coordinator** to be updated weekly and enjoy some photos & information from/about our events & programs.



GECSS kids

Christmas craft workshops

1. Christmas Card Creations

Stamps, glitter, stencils, & coloring...let us get creative! Every child will make 4 individualized cards to bring home and share with friends and family.

FRIDAY DEC 3

Each workshop is \$10
2:00 - 3:15pm

3. Christmas Suncatchers

Together we will paint ornament suncatchers & Christmas pictures to decorate your house this season!

FRIDAY DEC 10

2. Snowflake Décor

We will each decorate 2 wooden snowflakes- a mini & a large snowflake to hang and enjoy at home.

We will use glitter glue, coloring, & 3D pieces to decorate both your snowflakes.

MONDAY DEC 13

4. Beading Club & Gift-Making

Let's make some fantastic necklaces, bracelets, and create a secret gift to give a loved one this Christmas.

**WEDNESDAY
DEC 15**

Register by emailing
Coordinator@gecss.com or DM on Facebook
and we will send you a reg form.

Spaces limited ☺

**Chilliwack
School District**

2021/2022

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 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