



January 2022

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"Preparing Hearts and Minds for the Future"

Principal's Message

Happy New Year! On behalf of all our staff, we would like to welcome everyone back to school. It certainly has not been the return we all expected, and the recent weather has just been the "ice"-ing on the cake! Nevertheless, we are excited for the return of all staff and students on Monday, January 10th. Thank you for all your patience and understanding as we worked through this unique return. 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 Humility, we will discuss this and explore ways to practice Humility as the month continues. With another new calendar year comes many hopes and dreams of what is to come in 2022 and that there is light this year at the end of the tunnel!

Sincerely,

Noel Sharman

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

- Martin Luther King Jr.



Jan 20	PAC meeting 7pm
Jan 21	Spirit Day – Pattern Day
Jan 21	Hot Lunch
Feb 14	Spirit Day – Red, White and Pink day
Feb 17	Early Dismissal
Feb 18	Pro D Day – no school
Feb 21	Family Day

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!



Parent Volunteers and Visitor Information

We are requiring anyone who enters the building to sign-in, wear a mask, wash hands, and follow other health measures. Visitors and volunteers MUST be in the school for a purpose that directly serves students or vulnerable students (eg: Bowls of Hope, Pac executive, Hot Lunch helpers) and have the approval of the principal PRIOR to entering the building.

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.

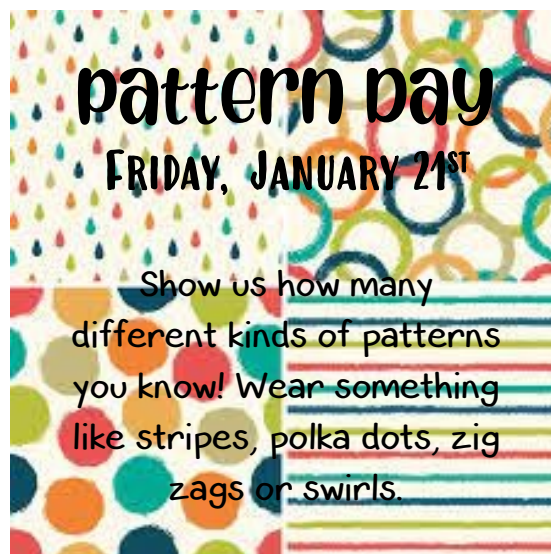
Library

Happy New Year and welcome 2022!!

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.

We have begun the 2022 Reading Link Challenge and it looks like we will have one of our biggest teams ever representing Greendale - super exciting!! Interested students in grades 4 and 5 have begun reading this year's 6 novels and will be meeting with Mrs. Knodel every Thursday at lunch.

It was disappointing that we needed to cancel the Scholastic Book Fair in December. Stay tuned for the rescheduled dates of this popular event.



Greendale PAC

Our next PAC meeting is January 20th at 7pm via zoom. A link and agenda will be sent out in the week leading up to the meeting. We would love to see you there!

Our treasurer extraordinaire for the last several years, Amanda Bosma, has stepped down. We are so thankful for her dedication, hard work, and ability to coral us with her expertise and knowledge of how PAC operates. We are sorry to see her go, but are excited to introduce our new treasurer, Jaylene Goosen!

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

We have 3 hot lunch dates coming up:

- Jan. 21st- White Spot
- February 25th- SinAmen Bun Co.
- March 18th- Chopped Leaf.

Please be sure to log into your [Munchalunch](#) account and have your orders placed one week before the hot lunch. You can place your orders for all three at the same time if you would like, or order individually as they get closer. If you have any new ideas or suggestions, please feel free to e-mail our Hot Lunch Coordinator Alisha Hilman at greendalelunch@gmail.com

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.



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 excited to be back after our winter break starting with **Gymnastics (Full) on Tuesday Jan 11th**. If your child is enrolled, you did receive an email today regarding reg, rules and payment. Thanks!

We have **Lego club on Thursday Jan 13th** – (Full) Gearbots & Photography are both postponed to later in the season. We will keep you posted.

Sketching with John Le Flock is being offered as an **ONLINE ZOOM** workshop. Please see attached pdf below.

Then we roll into a fantastic new program- **Breakdancing** which starts on **Tuesday Jan 25th** & **Basketball on Thursday Jan 27th**! **Creative Craft** workshop is held on **Friday Jan 28th**!

Please note, we are excited to be back- and are taking safety precautions so that we can continue to host our afterschool programs! 😊
Wishing everyone a fantastic new year!

Sketching with John Le Flock - Online

Youth (12+) & Adult

Beginners drawing & sketching on ZOOM

Learn how to draw & sketch by using innovative techniques.

All participants need is and HB pencil and a sketch book or some good quality paper. John is a fantastic teacher that will catch your interest and help you tailor your inner artist.

Lessons will include how to sketch fur & feathers when drawing animals and birds.

Thursday January 13 & 20, 2022

6:30-8:30pm

\$30 per person

If you have any questions please email coordinator@gecss.com or to speak with John himself please email jleflock@live.com or email GECSS to ask for John's contact number.

To register for this awesome course please email & also etransfer jleflock@live.com



Chilliwack
School District

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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