



## November 2024

### School Updates

#### Éy kwesé e'mi – welcome – it is good that you are here!

November brings a moment to reflect on the past as we recognize Indigenous Veterans Day and Remembrance Day. This year, we will hold our ceremony on November 7th, National Indigenous Veterans Day in honour of the contributions individuals made. Families are welcome to join us.

**Focus of the Month - Warm-Hearted:** I can be an active listener when others are speaking.



**Cultural Celebration** - Each month, our students learn about a cultural celebration that some families within our school may recognize. We are learning about Diwali - The Festival of Lights!

**Family Cultural Night** - We have our first event on Wednesday, Nov. 20th from 4:30-6pm. We will share some bannock and then experience Sto:lo Culture. We plan to share our process with the House Post that is being carved for our school by Chief Terry Horne.

**Toys From Home** - Please help remind your child that we have a school rule that we leave those items at home. We continue to remind students as items make their way to school.

**Halloween Treats** - We are asking that there is a 2 piece daily limit sent to school with your child. They can enjoy the rest at home.



**School Grounds Etiquette** - We continue to be a pet free area from 7:30am-3:30pm. Please keep your pets on the outside of our fences during this time.

**School Wide Field Trip** - We appreciate the community support from the Algra Bros for sponsoring our school to go to Greendale Acres on Monday, Nov. 4th making this a free field trip for all. We will attend rain or shine to embrace the mud! Send extra clothing for this day to change into when we return back to the school. Lunch is provided. If your child has dietary restrictions, please send items for them.

**Kindergarten Registration** - If you have a child who turns 5 before next December, please register them for Kindergarten. The link for registration can be found on our school website! If you need any help, please reach out! Last year we were full and had to send families to LME as our overflow school.



### Dates To Remember

Nov. 1	Assessment & Evaluation Day - No School
Nov. 4	SWFT: Greendale Acres
Nov. 5	PAC Meeting @5:30pm in Library
Nov. 7	Indigenous Veterans & Remembrance Day Ceremony @1pm in the gym
Nov. 8	Pro-D Day - No School
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day Stat - No School
Nov. 15	Hot Lunch: Subway
Nov. 20	Cultural Night @4:30-6pm
Nov. 29	Term 1 Report Cards Home

**Reporting a Student Absence** - To report your child absent we have a Safe Arrival program. These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time. You can use one of the following:

- Option 1: Download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
- Option 2: Use the SafeArrival website, <https://www.sd33.bc.ca/safearrival>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
- Option 3: Call the toll-free number 1-833-698-6567 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

**HUB** - We have our pantry stocked! The HUB is open 8:15-8:45am & 2:00-2:30pm on school days for any family to stock up.



**Early Years Family Navigator - Amber Mothus** is available to help families with littles aged 0-6 navigate resources, community supports and food security needs. Feel free to reach out to her: [amber\\_mothus@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:amber_mothus@sd33.bc.ca)

**CCECSS Update** - Rental bookings for Birthdays or other events are available. Please call (604) 792-8539 or email [ccecsscoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:ccecsscoordinator@gmail.com) for more information.

**PAC Update** - Hot lunch is ordered online at [www.munchalunch.com](http://www.munchalunch.com) and tries to be on the first Friday that school is in session each month. For November, it will be Subway! PAC Fundraiser - Neufeld Farm Orders are available. We will be only doing this order once this year, so stock up! We are currently raising funds to purchase benches for around our soccer field so families can support their child in after school activities and students can enjoy them during the school day. Our PAC meetings are child friendly, we would love to welcome you to join our next meeting!