



Rosedale Traditional Community School

Newsletter



Chilliwack
School District

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Administration Message

It's hard to believe that November is already behind us and December is here! The halls are quickly transforming into a winter wonderland, filled with the sights and sounds of the holiday season. As toques, mittens, and winter jackets become daily essentials, the excitement for the holidays continues to grow!

As we embrace this season of giving, we want to take a moment to acknowledge the many individuals and groups who contribute so much to our school community. First and foremost, we extend our deepest appreciation to our Parent Advisory Council (PAC), who have organized numerous fundraisers throughout the year to support our students. Their dedication and hard work go above and beyond, and we are truly grateful for their unwavering support.

We also offer our heartfelt thanks to the RTCSS Society, whose generosity continues to make a meaningful impact on our school. Whether through donations to our Benevolent Fund—which supports families in need—or through providing important resources for our classrooms, the support from our Community School partners is invaluable. We are incredibly thankful for their ongoing commitment.

Our gratitude extends as well to our amazing staff, who arrive each day ready to create a safe, welcoming environment for students to learn and grow. Their passion and dedication never go unnoticed. We are equally thankful for our students and our parent community. We feel fortunate to work in such a vibrant, supportive environment where families genuinely care about the success and well-being of every child. Your kindness and involvement mean the world to us.

As we move into December and prepare to wrap up Term 1, we're reminded of how fortunate we are to partner with each of you in your child's learning journey. We are so proud of the hard work our students have shown this term, and we're sure you will be equally proud when you read their Learning Updates on December 18th. We encourage you to review the comments with your child, and please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Finally, as the holiday season approaches, we encourage all families to take time to relax and enjoy the things that bring you joy. Whether it's spending quality time with loved ones, soaking in the festive spirit, or simply taking a much-needed break, we hope you find time to recharge and make lasting memories.

On behalf of the staff at Rosedale Traditional Community School, we wish everyone a safe, joyful holiday season surrounded by family and friends. We look forward to seeing you in the new year!



Warm wishes,
Mr. Fehlauer & Ms. Davis,
RTCS Administration.



Stay Connected!

We encourage all families to stay involved and engaged. Here are some ways to stay connected with us:

- Reach out to your child's teacher
- Check our **school website** and **Facebook** page for updates
- **Volunteer** in your child's classroom
- Attend a **PAC meeting** — your voice matters!

Together, we can continue to build a strong, supportive school community.

Parking Lot

We know that parking is at a premium in the morning and at the end of the day. Please make sure you are not parking in the through lanes, bus lanes, or in no parking areas. Our drop-off area is just outside the library. If that is full, please park in the parking lot to avoid unsafe situations and blocking off traffic. Please use the crosswalk and crossing guard when moving back and forth between the parking lot and the school.

Drop Off

Supervision for students begins at 7:30 a.m. Please do not drop off your students or have them walk to school before supervision begins. We also ask that if you are using the drop-off lane, that you remain in your car. This will keep traffic flowing. If you need to get out of your car, please park in the parking lot.

End of Day Pick Up

We are doing our best at the end of the day to ensure that students get to their busses on time, or for those that are picked up by a parent, that this happens safely. To reduce congestion, we ask that students and parents do not congregate at the front entrance so students can get to their bus or car without walking through a crowd. Students who are getting picked up by a car are asked to wait on the sidewalk in front of the library. We also ask that students who are walking, biking, or scooting home, to leave the campus right away. Those waiting for late buses are asked to wait on the playground and to avoid the front entranceway.

UPCOMING EVENTS



- December 2
 - Winter Plant Fundraiser Delivery Day
- December 5
 - End of Term 1
 - \$2.00 Extra Casual Friday (Proceeds to the Salvation Army)
- December 8
 - Start of Term 2
- December 12
 - Last Day for Canned Food Donations
- December 15
 - Spirit Week – Christmas Sweater Day
- December 16
 - Spirit Week – Formal Day
 - Elementary Christmas Assembly
- December 17
 - RTCS PAC Student Breakfast (7:30 am)
 - Spirit Week – Winter Wonderland Day (Red & Green or White & Blue)
 - Band Christmas Concert (7:00 pm)
 - (Dress Rehearsal @ 11:15 am)
- December 18
 - Spirit Week – Comfy Christmas Day (Holiday PJ's or Cozy Winter Wear)
 - End of Grade 6 ADST & Fine Arts Rot. 2
 - End of Grade 7 ADST Rotation 2
 - End of Grade 8 ADST & Fine Arts Rot. 2
 - Term 1 Report Cards Issued
- December 19
 - Spirit Week – Casual Friday
 - Elementary Movie Day (am)
 - Gr. 6-8 Skating & Swim Day (9:00 am)
 - Last Day Before Winter Break
- January 5, 2026
 - School Re-Opens after Winter Break
 - Start of Gr. 6 ADST & Fine Arts Rot. 3
 - Start of Grade 7 ADST Rotation 3
 - Start of Grade 8 ADST & Fine Arts Rot. 3



Mark Your Calendar!

Mark your calendars! Our middle school Christmas Concert, featuring Grade 7/8 bands, our middle school choir, and guest performers from CSS, will take place on **Wednesday, December 17th at 7:00 pm** in the Multi-Purpose Room.



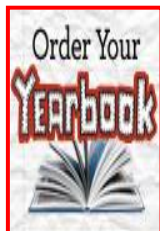
Elementary Christmas Assembly

Our Elementary Christmas assembly is scheduled for Tuesday, December 16th. Doors will open at 10:55 am with a start time of approximately 11:15 am. We ask that parents do **not** arrive prior to when the doors open, in order for staff to have time to set the gym set up. We hope you will be able to join us!



Yearbook Reminder

Just a reminder to order your school yearbook early. The cost of the Yearbook is currently **\$50.00** if you order from the school office and pay before December 31st. The price of the yearbook will increase to \$55.00 after December 31st, 2025.



Yearbook Personalization

Do you want to make the 2025-26 school yearbook more special and unique for each student? You can personalize it by adding the student name and up to four affiliation icons printed on the yearbook cover. Submit your Personalization Form before December 31, 2025. The personalization form is available on your child's Student Quick Pay account under Optional Items. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Chen at wenhui_chen@sd33.bc.ca

Spirit Week

RTCS is having a Spirit Week the last week before Christmas break. Both elementary and middle grade students will be participating in the same themes each day.

- Monday – December 15 – Christmas Sweater Day
- Tuesday – December 16 – Formal Day
- Wednesday – December 17 - Winter Wonderland Day (Red & Green, or White & Blue with optional Santa hats, toques, or festive headbands)
- Thursday – Comfy Christmas Day - Holiday Pjs or Cozy Winter Wear
- Friday – Casual Day



Grade 8 Baby Pictures

We are collecting Grade 8 Baby Pictures for a special layout planned for our graduating students. The photos are due on December 31, 2025. The photo can be sent digitally to Ms. Chen's email or bring a physical copy to the school office. The baby photo form is available on your child's Student Quick Pay account under Optional Items.

Ms. Chen's Email: wenhui_chen@sd33.bc.ca

Entrepreneurship Christmas Market

Rosedale students are excited to invite you to our Entrepreneur Christmas Market on Friday, December 12th, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at Rosedale Traditional Community School.

Our young entrepreneurs have been working hard to design and create a variety of wonderful handmade products, and they can't wait to share them with you! Your support means so much—please join us to help boost their confidence and celebrate their creativity.

If you would like your child to participate in the Christmas market, please send \$5.00 with them on the day of the event. We look forward to seeing you there!

News From the Library

Brrr..... it's cold outside, but the library is warm and full of stories! December is the perfect month to cozy up with a seasonal read — whether it's under a blanket, next to a fireplace, or shared with someone special. We hope our youngest readers enjoy storytime with older siblings and the adults in their lives, and that our middle-grade readers (Grades 3–6) dive into some deeper, “slower” reads that will keep them turning pages all holiday long. K–5 readers can also continue logging their reading nights over the break to earn their Super Reader prizes!

We are truly grateful to our RTCS families for their incredible support of our Scholastic Book Fair. Your generosity helps us bring new, exciting books and resources into our classrooms and library — items that students will enjoy for years to come.

And a huge thank-you to our amazing student volunteers! Your enthusiasm, hard work, and library spirit help keep our shelves organized, our books circulating, and our fair running smoothly. We appreciate everything you do — our library is fuller (and brighter!) because of you.



RTCS PAC NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER
2025



Fundraisers & Events

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

December 17th

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

Neufeld Farms

Orders are due December 1st
Pickup December 8th at 2pm

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Family Movie Night

December 11th

*stay tuned for more details
posted on the RTCS PAC
Facebook page*



Breakfast Club

We need volunteers for our School Breakfast Club! If you can help serve breakfast and brighten our students' mornings, please get in touch. Whether you can commit weekly or monthly, your support is appreciated. Thank you! Please email rtcs-pac@sd33.bc.ca to sign up.



Upcoming PAC Meetings

Our next meeting will be
Monday, January 26th
at 2:15pm

CHILDCARE PROVIDED
Please email us if you need
childcare: rtcs-pac@sd33.bc.ca



Head over to the RTCS PAC Facebook page! It's your go-to source for all the latest updates and information. Join us in supporting our community and making a difference. Don't miss out—like and follow our page today!

CHILLIWACK STORM



ARE YOU READY?

grade 8 students who would like to learn & play
some football- come join us in our team
building activities as we begin our journey to the
filed for the Fall of 2026

Friday afternoons from 4-5pm in the mini gym
at Chiliwack Secondary School



BRANDON_ELLIOTT@SD33.BC.CA OR
CSSSTORMFOOTBALL@SD33.BC.CA

JR. VARSITY 2026-2027



**Chilliwack
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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 **JR COUNTRY (89.5 FM)**, to receive up-to-date information on school closures and information on bussing. Reports will start after 6:00 a.m. and will be repeated often. There is no need to call your school, the School District Office or the radio station.

When there is extreme weather and schools remain open, student attendance is the parent/guardians' decision.

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.

All inclement weather announcements will be posted on the District website www.sd33.bc.ca



How are District Sites and Road Conditions Assessed during Inclement Weather?

Beginning at approximately 2:00 a.m., a team of maintenance and transportation staff begin investigating road conditions and conditions at district sites. Unpredictable conditions can be a result of the varying elevations within Chilliwack. For this reason, road assessments take place in the following areas:

Rosedale, Popkum, Little Mountain and Chilliwack Mountain, Columbia Valley, Chilliwack Lake Road (to Allison Pools), Promontory, Ryder Lake, Prest Road, Marble Hill, Yarrow, and Greendale.

District crews provide an estimated time that snow and ice will be cleared from parking lots, sidewalks and busses. The Manager of Transportation also consults with City of Chilliwack Maintenance Staff and the Fraser Valley Regional District (EMIL Anderson). Weather reports and storm warnings are taken into consideration for the day. Other concerns include fallen or low-lying trees, power failures, accidents and traffic flow. Sidewalks that have excessive snow due to snow removal off the streets are also a safety concern, especially along corridors where students would normally walk to school.

Decisions are also made based on weather conditions forecasted for the "whole day". If weather changes mid-day there is no way for us to bring students home early because in many cases both parents are working or may not be home.

Once area assessments are complete, the Facilities/Transportation Team meet to compare their observations. A recommendation is then made to the Superintendent of Schools prior to 5:00 a.m.

How do we make a decision to announce a Snow Day?

Once a recommendation is received, the Superintendent of Schools makes a decision based on the information provided; taking into account the safety of students and staff as a primary concern.

A district announcement is immediately placed on the local radio stations, School District website and social media sites. Notification is also sent to staff, District partners, Community/NLC Coordinators, Daycares and Preschools.

Snow Days are announced on a day-by-day basis only. If inclement weather should continue for more than one day, a routine assessment will occur each day with recommendations brought forward prior to an announcement.

Should inclement weather occur over a weekend, Community School/NLC Coordinators and Principals at these sites are updated and notified of any closures so they may plan accordingly should they need to cancel rentals and re-schedule planned events. For this reason, Community School and NLC sites (or sites hosting significant events) are given priority for snow removal on weekends.

Principals should notify Facilities Staff of significant planned events (including weekend events) booked at their site so that snow removal crews can be scheduled accordingly.