



## January 2026



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### Administration Message

#### Happy New Year!

We hope that everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday season and is feeling rested and ready for 2026. Each year, we set goals, establish a shared vision, and plan for the year ahead. As always at RTCS, we remain committed to our tradition to CARE, ENGAGE, and INSPIRE every student, every day.

#### Upcoming Surveys

Over the next few weeks, Grade 5 and Grade 8 students will participate in the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) Survey. A detailed letter will be sent home to families in January. This survey gathers students' perspectives about their lives at school, at home, and in the community. Using a strengths-based approach, the MDI assesses five key dimensions of child development that are closely connected to social and emotional well-being, health, academic achievement, and long-term success.

In addition, students in Grades 4 and 7 will take part in the Student Learning Survey administered by the Ministry of Education. This annual online survey collects feedback from students, parents, and teachers about their school experience and helps inform future planning for education across the province.

On behalf of the staff at RTCS, we would like to thank you for your continued support. As always, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the school administration if you have any questions or concerns.



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 scootering 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



- January 12-14
  - ..... Hot Chocolate & Cookie Sale Fundraiser
- January 20
  - ..... Grades 2 to 5 / Wizard of Oz Performance @ Chilliwack Cultural Centre
  - ..... Div. 1B Trip / Skating @ Chilliwack Coliseum)
- January 23
  - ..... Assessment & Evaluation Day (School Closed)
- January 26
  - ..... End of Grade 7 Fine Arts & Grade 8 ADST (Quarter 2)
  - ..... RTCS PAC Meeting (2:15 pm)
- January 27
  - ..... Start of Grade 7 Fine Arts & Grade 8 ADST (Quarter 3)
- January 30
  - ..... Casual Friday
- February 9-13
  - ..... Interim Report Week (Grade K-8)
- February 13
  - ..... Non-Instructional Day (School Closed)
- February 16
  - ..... Family Day Statutory Holiday (School Closed)
- February 17
  - ..... Grade 8 Course Planning / CSS Counsellors @ RTCS
- February 19
  - ..... Ready, Set, Explore Pre-School Open House @ RTCS (9:00 – 11:00 am)
  - ..... Grade 8 Parent/Student Information Night at Chilliwack Senior (6:00 pm)



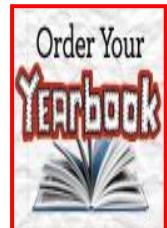
## Battery Recycling

Ms. Crosby's class is recycling batteries. Instead of throwing used batteries away, send them to school and your old batteries will be put to good use.



## Yearbook Reminder

There is still time to purchase your son/daughter a school yearbook. The cost of the Yearbook is now **\$55.00**. If you wish to purchase a yearbook, this can be done on your child's Student Quick Pay account, or by cash payment at the school office.



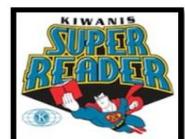
## News From the Library

Looking for information about our library resources, including eBooks and audiobooks? Be sure to visit our library website: <https://rtcs.sd33.bc.ca/library>

### Holiday Book Club Contest Entries Due January 12:

In December, students in Grades 3–8 were invited to read a novel (not a graphic novel) over the winter break. Students have until **January 12** to complete a short book review for a chance to win a prize in our contest draw. Entry forms are available in the library—we can't wait to read about their books!

**K - 5 Kiwanis Super Readers** – So many of our students are reaching—and even surpassing—**100 nights of reading!** We are excited to recognize these amazing readers with prizes and celebration at an upcoming assembly. A huge thank you goes out to the **Kiwanis Club of Chilliwack** for their generous support of this wonderful reading program.



**Reading Link Challenge Grades 4/5** - The Reading Link Challenge (RLC), a provincial program that celebrates the *sport of reading*, is underway! Our school has two enthusiastic teams reading and preparing for trivia-style challenges. Based on a school challenge, one team will advance to a community/regional event, with the possibility of competing at the provincial level in the Lower Mainland. What a fun and engaging way to build a love of reading!



**Amazing Book Race Grades 6 – 8** – Open to all Grade 6–8 students and supported by our PAC, the Amazing Book Race is an exciting opportunity—and it's not too late to join! Students read from a list of nine books, including novels, novels-in-verse, graphic novels, and one non-fiction title. Lunch-time sessions help teams get to know one another and prepare for the big event. Later this spring, teams will take part in a friendly competition with other local middle schools—full of reading, laughter, snacks, and lots of fun while celebrating literacy.

### Why Insist On Reading Outside of School?

Just **20+ minutes of reading at home each night** has powerful benefits: building new brain pathways, increasing empathy, supporting mental health, improving writing skills, boosting creativity and imagination, reducing stress, and strengthening vocabulary and information-processing skills.

So, what are you waiting for? Encourage your child to visit the library, choose a few new books, and start—or continue—a strong reading habit. A little more reading can lead to so much growth! 



# RTCS PAC NEWSLETTER



## Fundraisers & Events

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

January 28 & February 25

### UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

Coming Soon

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Book Exchange - Details Coming Soon

**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!**



## 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](mailto:rtcs-pac@sd33.bc.ca) to sign up.



## Upcoming PAC Meetings

**When: January 26 at 2:15  
February 23 at 6:30**

Carin Bondar, our school board trustee will be joining us for our January meeting to discuss the boundary review. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend PAC meetings and are valued voting members.

**CHILDCARE PROVIDED**  
Please email us if you need childcare: [rtcs-pac@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:rtcs-pac@sd33.bc.ca)



**Ready, Set, Explore** is a wonderful opportunity to connect with your preschooler's future neighbourhood school.

During this event, families will enjoy a **school tour**, a **snack**, and **interactive play activities** designed for children and their parents. You'll also have the chance to **meet school staff** and ask questions in a welcoming, play-filled environment.

Please **RSVP** to ensure we are prepared for all participants!



# READY, SET, Explore!

Your local school is hosting an open house for preschoolers and their parents! **Ready, Set, Explore** is a series of fun and informative events focusing on early childhood learning.

SCHOOL	DATE	TIME
<b>Bernard</b>	February 4 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am - 12:00pm
<b>Central</b>	February 4 <sup>th</sup>	1:00pm - 2:00pm
<b>Cheam</b>	February 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am - 12:00pm
<b>Cultus Lake</b>	February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	12:45pm - 1:30pm
<b>East Chilliwack</b>	February 4 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am - 10:00am
<b>Evans</b>	February 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am - 10:00am
<b>Greendale</b>	February 19 <sup>th</sup>	12:45pm - 1:45pm
<b>Leary IAT</b>	February 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am - 10:00am
<b>Little Mountain</b>	February 6 <sup>th</sup>	12:45pm - 1:45pm
<b>McCommon</b>	February 9 <sup>th</sup>	1:00pm - 2:00pm
<b>Promontory</b>	February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00am - 11:00am
<b>Robertson</b>	February 18 <sup>th</sup>	1:00pm - 2:00pm
<b>Rosedale</b>	February 19 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am - 11:00am
<b>Sardis</b>	February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1:00pm - 2:00pm
<b>Stito:s</b>	February 11 <sup>th</sup>	1:00pm - 2:00pm
<b>Strathcona</b>	February 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am - 10:00am
<b>Tyson</b>	February 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am - 10:00am
<b>Unsworth</b>	February 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am - 11:00am
<b>Vedder</b>	February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1:00pm - 2:00pm
<b>Watson</b>	February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00am - 11:00am
<b>Yarrow</b>	February 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am - 10:00am

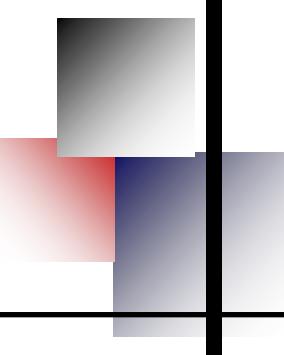


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# Rosedale Traditional Community School Society (RTCSS)

## Winter/Spring 2026



### Country Kids Fully Licensed Childcare Centre



#### Fall 2026 Preschool Registration

**4 year old class** (Turn 4 by Dec 31st 2026)

**Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9:00am-11:30pm**

**Cost: \$210/month less \$57 FR**

**Registration opens Jan 1, 2026**

**3 year old class** (Turn 3 by Dec 31st 2026)

**Tuesday/Thursday 9:00am-11:00am**

**Cost: \$155/month less \$38 FR**

**Registration opens Jan 1, 2026**

**Children must be potty trained!**

**Email to Register!**

### Afterschool Care

**Limited spots available**



**Mark your calendars**  
**May 15th Registration opens for**  
**CELEBRATE SUMMER**  
**July 6-Aug 28**



### Music Lessons

All levels welcome. Lessons are once a week for 1/2 hour

#### **Guitar:**

Monday \$25 per 1/2 hr lesson

#### **Piano**

Tuesday/ Thursday \$22 per 1/2hr lesson (waitlist)



**Web: [www.rtcss.ca](http://www.rtcss.ca)**

Rosedale Traditional Community School Society  
(rtcss)



**Check us out on  
Facebook!**

<b>Tiny Cooks</b>	<b>4-5yrs</b>
For children who love to help in the kitchen. Children will work independently to complete a recipe item to take home and share with mom and dad.	
Thursday Apr 9-30	2:30-3:30pm \$60
	

<b>Energy Busters</b>	<b>4-5yrs</b>
A fun-filled program full of energetic games and activities. Participants will learn co-ordination, social interaction, how to follow simple instruction and to just have FUN! This program will include variety of active games.	
Tuesdays May 5-26	3:00-3:45 \$50



<b>Art Mixed Medium Junior</b>	<b>6-11yrs</b>
This program will provide a space where children can explore their artistic potential. Art mediums used Acrylics, Clay, Water Colour, Sketching, Oil Pastels,	
Thursdays Feb 5-Mar 12	2:30-4:00 \$120



<b>Tennis Fundamentals</b>	<b>8-12yrs</b>
Our tennis program for kids ages 6-12 focuses on developing fundamental tennis skills in a fun and engaging way. Through age-appropriate drills, games, and friendly match play, children learn proper technique, coordination, footwork, and sportsmanship. Whether they are beginners or improving their skills, the program builds confidence, physical fitness, and a love for the game in a supportive environment.	
<b>Ages 6-9yrs</b>	
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>5:00-6:00pm</b>
Jan 22-Mar 12	\$140
<b>Ages 10-12yrs</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:15-7:15pm</b>
Jan 22-Mar 12	\$140

<b>At Home Alone</b>	<b>10+yrs</b>
This is an interactive, participatory program that is designed to teach children to make safe choices while At Home Alone.	
<b>Friday (Early Dismissal)</b>	<b>12:30-4:30pm</b>
Feb 27th	\$40

<b>Babysitters Training</b>	<b>11+yrs</b>
Learn about your rights and responsibilities, how to care for a child and how to deal with emergency situations. You will receive a certificate at the end of this Canadian Safety Council Babysitters Course.	
<b>Apr 24th Friday Pro D</b>	<b>9:00am-4:30pm</b>
	\$50



<b>Cupcake Decorating</b>	<b>8-12yrs</b>
Have you ever wondered how those cupcake fish look so real? Learn basic techniques to decorate cupcakes in an artistic way! Is it art? Is it food? Best of both worlds.	
<b>Tuesdays</b>	
May 5-26	<b>3:30-4:30pm</b>
	\$70



#### Art Mixed Medium Senior 12-15yrs

This program will provide a space where children can explore their artistic potential. Art mediums used Acrylics, Clay, Water Colour, Sketching, Oil Pastels,	
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>2:30-4:00</b>
Apr 23-May 28	\$130

### Afterschool Sports and Arts Initiative: **ASSAI FREE Program**

The initiative, tailored to communities' unique needs and resources, is funded through the 2010 Sports and Arts Legacy and delivered through a variety of partnerships in selected schools. Through sport, children learn how to be healthier, develop valuable physical and social skills, and make friends. Through arts, children learn to develop their creativity, problem solve, and become self confident.

#### Programs Offered

##### Chef's In Training Juniors (Tuesdays)

Jan 20-Mar 10; 2-3:30pm Ages: Grades 1-3

##### Chef's In Training Seniors

Apr 7-May 26; 2-3:30pm Ages: Grades 4-7

#### Funding Acknowledgement

This venture has been made possible due to a partnership between School District #33 and the City of Chilliwack.

RTCSS would like to gratefully acknowledge funding received by the City of Chilliwack



#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

##### Friday Fun Zone Pre-Registration Youth Night Pre-Registration

Parents of ALL participants MUST complete a registration form with contact information before attending.

Please email office for a link to online registration.

**Weekly pre registration is mandatory.**



**Youth Night  
Grades 6-8  
Once a month  
Special events!**

#### Adult Programs

##### Yoga

Hatha Style Yoga class using postures (asana) and stretches in combination with the breath to develop flexibility and encourage proper alignment of the body and bring balance, strength, and calmness. Hatha Yoga classes are based on the classic and ancient practices with attention to alignment and the deeper layers of yoga. Some flow of movement and core work may be included. Suitable for all levels Bring yoga mat & water!

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm  
Jan 6-Mar 10 \$120 10wks  
Apr 7-Jun 9 Drop in \$15



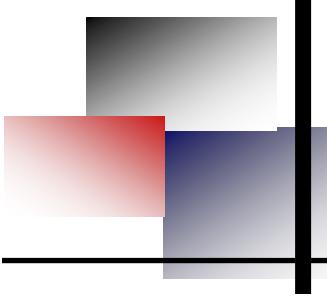
#### Drop In Sports

**Pickleball** Tuesdays 6:00-8:00pm  
Winter Jan 6th-Mar 10th  
Spring Apr 7th-Jun 9th

**Badminton** Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm  
Winter Jan 8th-Mar 12th  
Spring Apr 9th-June 11th

Drop in \$3.00





# Rosedale Traditional Community School Society

## FREE Programs

Rosedale Traditional Community School Society has been chosen to be part of the Province of British Columbia's After School Sport and Arts Initiative Program (ASSAI). ASSAI provides children who typically face barriers with opportunities to have fun, learn and play.

The initiative provides funding to programs in selected schools during the 2 - 6 p.m. time period; a critical time when kids are often unsupervised and physically inactive.

The initiative, tailored to communities' unique needs and resources, is funded through the 2010 Sports and Arts Legacy and delivered through a variety of partnerships in selected schools. Through sport, children learn how to be healthier, develop valuable physical and social skills, and make friends. Through arts, children learn to develop their creativity, problem solve, and become self confident.

There is an opportunity for students to participate in a program being offered. **Please select one.**

Chef's in Training Juniors; Grades 1-3  **Pick up time is 3:30**  
Small class instruction. Tuesdays, Feb 20-March 18

Chef's Training Seniors; Grades 4-7  **Pick up time is 3:30**  
Small class instruction. Tuesdays, Apr 7-May 26

Classes are free for participants. Students will **meet in the Cafe** afterschool for a light snack. Program Registration forms (on reverse side) must be filled out and returned to the school or community office. Once student returns their form they will be allocated a spot. Space is very limited.

**Please attend first scheduled class unless notified class is full.  
Pick up time is 3:30 for all programs.**

If you have any questions please call Olga Cabrera.

Thank You

**Please email for a registration link by Wednesday Jan 14th.**

**rtcss@rtcss.ca**

**Very limited space!**



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# CHILLIWACK STORM



grade 8 students! want to learn & play some football? come join us in our team building activities as we begin our journey to the field

Fall of 2026

## Strength & Conditioning:

CSS Weight Room 4-5pm Mon-Wed-Fri  
Bring: water, runners & dress to work out!

## Flag & 5v5:

CSS Turf Field 4:45-6:30pm Tues & Thurs &  
3:15-5:15 Saturdays  
Bring: water, cleats & dress rain or shine!

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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](http://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 Hillsides. 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](http://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.