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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Lest we forget. As we move out of the month of October, a time to reflect on the things we were thankful for, the month of November is one that provides us time to remember. While the days and years seem to pass by so quickly, it can be easy to take the freedoms we enjoy for granted. For many children the concept of war is a difficult one for them to understand and it seems that fewer and fewer children have grandparents or family members who have either served or are members of the military now. We will have a Remembrance Assembly on Friday, November 8th, which will give our students an opportunity to spend some time remembering all those who fought and the importance of learning from the past so we can focus on living in a peaceful manner today. It would be our hope that you can also spend time at home remembering too. Hopefully you will be able to take time on November 11th to either watch a ceremony on television or attending one of the local ceremonies with your family. We are accepting donations for poppies at the office if you would like to send money with your child; these funds go to support veterans in Chilliwack. All students will receive a poppy sticker on November 8th, instead of the traditional pin, but what it stands for remains just as important regardless of the form it takes.

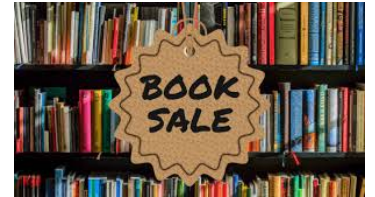


DATES TO REMEMBER

- November 1 – Professional Day – no school for students**
- November 5 – Baby carrots and milk provided to all students**
- November 8 – Remembrance Assembly, 10:30 am**
- November 11 – Remembrance Day – no school for students**
- November 13 – Picture re-takes**
- November 18 – Tyson PAC meeting, 6:00 pm**
- November 22 – Hot lunch from Pita Pit**
- November 26 – Organic apples and milk provided to all students**
- November 29 – Professional Day – no school for students**

LIBRARY NEWS

Last month we had our first Scholastic Book Fair in the library. A big thanks to all the support for this event; we earned over \$2500 in books and prizes for the library! Thanks to Jen Sutcliffe and Jean Schumacher for your help during the sale times and to Mrs. Klassen for all her work in setting this up, organizing class visits, and packing everything up when the sale was over.



HALL OF HEROS

If you have copies of pictures of family or friends who have served in the military, we would love to add them to our Hall of Heros bulletin board. You should have received an email about this last week with the attachment from Mrs. Hayes, but if you missed it and would like to add a photo to the board, please email Nicole_hayes@sd33.bc.ca to get the information and send the picture to school with your child. All types of service are valued and appreciated, not just those who have served in a war, but please ask Mrs. Hayes if you have any questions.

TYSON 500s



We are fortunate to have three dedicated Supervision Assistants working at Tyson: Mrs. Backus, Mrs. Curry, and Mrs. Shaw. These ladies come for an hour each day to make sure all students are safe and cared for during the eating period and outside lunch play time. They take care of any first aid that is required and support students when problems arise on the field, hockey rink, or gaga pit. They appreciate students who go out of their way to help them out and make our school a safer, more inclusive, and garbage-free place to play and learn, so during the month they give out 'Tyson 500s' to students who stand out. These are added to the students' house team point boxes and then at the end of the month they draw 4 or 5 names from all who were awarded a 500 to win a pizza lunch. Congratulations to our September winners: Logan L, Gavin K, Melaina B, and Mya Z. The October winners were: Benson B, Scout C-M, Tessa B, Katelyn J, and Skyler S. Congratulations and thank-you to all of those students who have been given a Tyson 500 for your efforts to make our school great!

PAC NEWS

Our next PAC meeting will be Monday, November 18th at 6:00 pm in the Library. It was great to see so many out last month! We are sharing this information on behalf of the VMS and Watson PACs in case you would like to attend the presentation:

The Vedder Middle and Watson Elementary PACs would like to invite your parent community to a District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) presentation on the Trans Mountain Expansion Project.

After a DPAC presentation on the Trans Mountain pipeline and Expansion Project earlier this fall, PACs have been seeing the need for more information be provided to their parent members. The VMS and Watson Elementary School PACs have decided to co-host a

presentation. Gabe D'Archangelo, Principal of VMS would like to extend the invitation to the following feeder school families: Tyson, Yarrow Community, Sardis Elementary, Evans, and Greendale Community Elementary schools as well as Sardis Secondary.

Depending on the response we may be able to include other schools but first want to ensure we will have space for Vedder Middle's "Family of Schools" parents.

What: Trans Mountain Expansion Project parent presentation

Where: Vedder Middle School

When: November 6th, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

This is a unique opportunity to share with parents the public safety concerns and options surrounding the 66 year-old pipeline and planned new pipeline where it crosses schools, adjacent neighbourhood and our community water source. As hearing processes are about to resume, this presentation will help get up to speed with the facts about what the pipeline and expansion plan is, including the route details. Parents/caregivers will have an opportunity to provide input at the end of the presentation during a Q&A period after exploring this complex topic.

For more details, see the EventBrite registration link. This will allow us to better plan the space based on the numbers of interested guests.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/trans-mountain-expansion-project-and-chilliwack-schools-tickets-77649103559>

Warmly,
Bonnie Pankratz,
DPAC Representative for Vedder Middle School

INCLEMENT WEATHER GUIDELINES

With the change in seasons, we can often experience changes in the weather. We will still be sending students outside most days, even if it is raining a little, so please remember to have your child dressed for outside play even on wet or cold days. You can check the School District website, the Tyson Elementary website, or listen to STAR FM or The Drive to see if schools are closed due to extreme weather conditions. This link provides more information on school closure guidelines from the District if you would like to read more about inclement weather school closure guidelines:

<https://sd33.bc.ca/inclement-weather-school-closure-guidelines> .



MORNING SAFETY

We appreciate that students are arriving at school ahead of the bell, so they are ready to enter their classes at 8:08 when the first bell rings, but it has been noticed that along the primary-side doors, by the staff parking lot, some kids are running and playing games in the morning in a manner that could be dangerous to smaller children. If you are waiting with your child in the morning we ask for your help in ensuring that the students are either lining up at the door or are walking in that area so that no smaller children get run over accidentally.