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Message from the Principal

As we enter the month of November, students will be engaged in learning about the significance of Remembrance Day. Unsworth Staff & Students have been working on ways to show what Peace means to them and how it can be demonstrated at Unsworth. On Thursday, November 9th at 11:00 our classes will participate in a ceremony and pause to remember the sacrifices made by our brave service women & men.

On Oct 18th the classroom teachers were available for conferences. If you missed this opportunity, please email the classroom teacher to make alternate arrangements to discuss your child's learning. Term 1 report cards will be sent home to families during the week of December 18th. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher for clarification or for more information.

As we enter that time of year again where those nasty flu bugs and colds become more apparent, we need to make sure we are taking care of our students. Please help us keep everyone in good health here at Unsworth, if your child is not feeling well, please continue to monitor their symptoms and keep them home if necessary.

Dress for the Weather

As there are many positive learning benefits when children have the opportunity to run, play and get fresh air; students will be going outside when there is a light drizzle or a slight chill in the air. Please ensure that your child is prepared for the weather and dressed appropriately for outside days and the weather of the day.



Thank you to Spectrum Medical

Unsworth Elementary is very pleased and thankful to **Spectrum Medical** for their very generous donation of 10 tickets to each & every home game of the Chilliwack Chiefs Hockey Team this season.

Students will be given these tickets as classroom incentives and as a part of our weekly "Eagle Eye" Draw for students demonstrating positive behaviours at Unsworth.

Keep an eye out for students coming home with these tickets...If you cannot use them, please return them to the school and we will find another lucky Unsworth Fan to go to the game 😊

Again, a very BIG "Thank You" again to Spectrum Medical for making this all possible for our kiddos.

Communication – Home and School

Questions About Your Child's Education?

Education is a shared process between home and school, and good communication is an excellent starting point for resolving issues that may arise. School staff welcome the opportunity to talk with you about your child's education. If you have a concern or question about your child's education, the following steps will help ensure an effective line of communication.

Step 1: Teacher

The first person to talk with is the classroom teacher. They know your child well and most concerns can be addressed at this level of communication. Please set up an appointment by contacting the teacher or the school so that your concern can be heard without distractions. You can reach the classroom teacher by email, by calling the school after dismissal or connecting with them at the classroom exterior door.

Step 2: Principal

If you need extra assistance with your concern or question, Mr. McLeod will be there to help you. You can email him at shawn_mcleod@sd33.bc.ca.

Report Cards Coming Home

Our Report cards will be distributed the week of **December 18th – December 22nd**. Report cards are the school's way of letting you know how your child is doing in relation to the curricular competencies for his or her grade level. Your child's report card will include your child's progress to date, reference to areas for future development and ways you can support your child as well as information regarding his/her effort & attitude towards work.

Remembrance Day

Our Remembrance Day Assembly will take place on **Thursday, Nov. 9th** at 11:00 a.m. in our gym. We would like to invite parents, relatives and serving family members to join us on this special day to remember the sacrifices made by the men and women of our armed forces, both past and present. We will be distributing poppies to our students on Thursday morning. Donations can be made at the office. All contributions will go to support the veterans in Chilliwack. A reminder that the school will be closed on **Friday, November 10th & Monday, November 13th**.

Unsworth Sports

Our boys' and girls' soccer have recently concluded. Thank you to Mrs. Toop and Mrs. Wiebe for committing the extra time to this awesome group of soccer players. Our teams represented the school very well at each and every game with sportsmanship, teamwork and athleticism. Keep up the good work Unsworth!!



Curling has also concluded for the school year. Thank you to Ms. Lousier for helping Unsworth Students participate in Curling at Evans Elementary School. Last but not least, thank you to Mrs. Poettcker for coaching our cross-country runners! Awesome Unsworth Eagle Teamwork!

Psst...Christmas is Coming!

Mark Your Calendar!

Can you believe we are talking about Christmas and Halloween was on Tuesday?...but we are excited about our upcoming Christmas Concerts, which will be held in mid December. The K-2 Concerts will be held on **Tuesday, Dec. 12th**. The Gr. 3-5 performances will be held on **Wednesday, December 13th**. Although, we have had a student enrollment decrease, the popularity of our outstanding performances continues to be a challenge with the limited space in the gym and unfortunately, we still require that all families help in the space management so that guests can enjoy the concerts from a seat in the gym, rather than standing or listening from the hallway.

Each December concert date will have **two performances**, an afternoon and evening performance. We will not be issuing tickets for the performances. **However, as there is limited seating, we ask that parents select ONE of the two performances to attend** and please plan for no more than two family members per performance.

Gr. K - 2 Performing:
"Santa and the Star Search"
Tuesday, December 12th



Gr. 3 - 5 will perform:
"The Little Bell that Could Not Ring"
Wednesday, December 13th

Afternoon Performances at – 1:15
Evening Performances at 6:00 (doors open at 5:30)

Library News

Book Bingo is our home reading program here at Unsworth. Each month students complete the challenges on the sheet by reading for at least 15 minutes. At the end of the month, students bring the sheet to the teacher and Mrs. Lange has a draw with the winners choosing a free book. Here are our first winners for September:

Nolan L. & Elsie S. (Laurillard), Finn P. & Rily G. (Wiebe), Hannah B. & Styles M. (Wiens), Josie D & Graham G. (Lousier), Mack B. & Paisley C.(Poettcker), Aleksei T. & Everleigh W. (Dyck), Skylar B. & Syllas D. (Broadbent), Brielle E. & Everett K. (McDonald), Toby B. & Scarlett H. (D'Archangelo), Helena D. & Keelan B. (Mills), Rhys B. & Angelina K. (Toop), Hudson S & Felix D. (Robertson), Finn W. & Peyton H. (Ball), Dekker B. & Dawn J. (Lochhead) Lochlynn B. & Lowell F. (Lacey/Urban). Congratulations to all our winners!

Eagle Eye on the Unsworth Hallways

Our first PBS Blitz started Monday and will go until Thursday, November 9th. Our focus will be positive hallway behaviour. If your child is caught demonstrating positive efforts in the halls, they will be receiving a special eagle eye to be signed by his/her parent, then returned to the school and placed in the special eagle eye bin by the office. You can't miss the bin as it is featured with colourful, flashing lights. (Thanks Mr. Caskanette) Additionally, on Tuesday, November 14th there will be a draw of 30 winners and they will receive a prize. Way to go Eagles!



The Book Fair is coming! The Book Fair is coming!

December 11 – 15, 2023



Families will be able to come into the Fair after school!! However, to make this happen, Mrs. Lange will be looking for two volunteers each day (Monday to Thursday 2:00-3:00) to help at the checkout table – no mental math required as calculators provided 😊

Please email Mrs. Lange at lorraine_lange@sd33.bc.ca if you are available!

PAC News / Fundraisers

Eagles Ending Empty Tummies:

From November 14th until December 20th our Unsworth Eagles may be found raiding the pantries of friends and family to support those in our community who need a helping hand. There are prizes, pride, and fun to be gained by participating in this food drive!

The class that collects the most non-perishable food will be treated to an extra special breakfast served by their teacher!

*Cash can be donated in lieu of food. For our tracking purposes each \$1 = 1 can. The Food Bank has amazing buying power, so donated funds are much appreciated.

Christmas Concert:

There will be a 50/50 draw at each Christmas concert, additionally a raffle will be held in December to win front row seats! Stay tuned for more information.

Do you want to help sell 50/50 tickets at one (or all 4 concerts), please reach out to PAC via email at unsworth-pac@sd33.bc.ca

Popcorn days:

\$2 per bag

Pre-order on Munch-a-Lunch under the order lunch tab.

Dates are: Friday Dec 8th, Friday Dec 22nd



Feed an Eagle:

A place where parents can donate money that will be used by PAC to purchase extra hot lunch meals to be used for students that do not have a lunch on that day. Noon hour supervisors will hand it out. Donate money under the Munch-a-Lunch fundraisers tab.

Staff Appreciation:

Staff appreciation week will be Dec 18 – 22nd. Like previous years, we will be looking for parents to sign up to bring food or drink, or alternatively you can donate money to the PAC and we'll purchase food/drink on your behalf. To donate...just look under the Munch-a-Lunch fundraisers tab.

OUR SCHOOL IS COLLECTING:

- CANNED FRUIT
- CANNED TOMATOES
- MACARONI AND CHEESE



NOV 14 - Dec 20

GOAL
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Items

The students hardwork
will be recognized with
a school wide pancake
breakfast



FOOD 
ENDING
EMPTY
TUMMIES **DRIVE**

The WINNING class will receive a PIZZA PARTY

Unsworth Elementary PAC will host a
pancake breakfast for ALL students on
Wednesday December 20th,
8:30 - 10:30 am.

SPECIFIC ITEMS NEEDED: (For the Food Drive)

Canned fruit, canned tomatoes, mac and cheese.
All non-perishable items and monetary donations
accepted, however, the food bank has asked our
school to focus on the 3 items listed.

**PLEASE DONATE NON-
PERISHABLE AND/OR
UNEXPIRED GOODS ONLY**



Want to help at the pancake breakfast,
email unsworth-pac@sd33.bc.ca

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. Students will be marked absent for the day, but such an absence will not affect a perfect attendance record.

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.

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



Upcoming Events

Saturday, Nov 4 th	Family Portraits
Thursday, Nov 9 th	Remembrance Day Ceremony 11:00 a.m.
Friday, Nov 10 th	Pro D Day – Schools are closed
Monday, Nov 13 th	Remembrance Day – Schools are closed
Friday, Nov 17 th	Hot Lunch – Order online on Munch-A-Lunch
Friday, Nov 17 th	Spirit Day: Jerseys and Fun Sock Day
Friday, Nov 24 th	Pro D Day – Schools are closed
Friday, Dec 1 st	Hot Lunch
Friday, Dec 8 th	Popcorn Day
Monday, Dec 11 – 15 th	Book Fair Week
Tuesday, Dec 12 th	Grade K – 2 Concert
Wednesday, Dec 13 th	Grade 3 – 5 Concert
Wednesday, Dec 20 th	School Pancake Breakfast (8:30-10:00)
Friday, Dec 22 nd	K Make and Take / Last Day of Classes before Christmas Break / Popcorn Day
Monday, Jan. 8 th	Welcome Back!



Protect children from respiratory illnesses this winter

Respiratory illnesses tend to increase as we spend more time indoors. Common colds, the flu and COVID-19 spread through tiny droplets as people who are sick breathe, talk, cough or sneeze. When other people touch these droplets and then their eyes, mouth or nose before washing their hands they may become sick.

There are a handful of steps both children and adults can take to protect themselves and limit the spread of respiratory illnesses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use alcohol-based sanitizer if soap and water is not available.
- Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, mouth and nose.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow.
- If you have symptoms, stay home and stay away from people at higher risk of serious illness.

Flu and COVID-19 vaccinations

The best way to protect others and reduce the risk of getting sick with the flu and COVID-19 is to [get immunized](#). The flu and COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and available for free to anyone aged six months and older.

It is much safer to get the vaccines than to get the illnesses. Register your children with the Get Vaccinated system so that you can be invited to book their vaccinations when they are due.

Learn more here: <https://ow.ly/5WWe50PYIYC>