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### Message from the Principal

Well, here we go...It looks like we are beginning to see an improvement in the weather...bring on the sunshine! Our teachers & students continue to work hard on their current lessons and activities...As we move into the last 2 months of our School Year, there are many Field Trips being planned, so please pay close attention to the forms your children are coming home with.

I just wanted to let you all know that I have been reassigned to Evans Elementary School for the 2024/25 school year. It is going to be an adjustment not coming back in September. After being here for 7 years, this feels like home. I am pleased to let you know that Mr. Ken Chater, will be the new Principal at Unsworth. He comes to us from East Chilliwack Elementary. He will make a fantastic addition to the staff here. I just wanted to say "Thank You" for all your support over the years. It has truly been a pleasure to work with your kids.

So, as we need to begin planning for the 2024-2025 school year, if you are moving and your child will not be attending Unsworth next year, we would appreciate you informing the office. If you are aware of a family that will be moving into the Unsworth catchment, please strongly encourage them to contact the school and to register (using the online registration system) available at [www.sd33.bc.ca](http://www.sd33.bc.ca) as soon as possible.

We have two months left of exciting learning & activities for this school year, let's make it great and finish up on a strong note!

### Safe Arrival Reminder

Please see the directions below to use our relatively new Safe Arrival App. This is a handy tool to keep the school informed if your child will be absent from illness, vacations or parent excused. Thank you for your cooperation.

1. **Using your mobile device.**

- Download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (links below). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.



2. **Use the SafeArrival website,**

- The first time you use the website, select Sign Up (link below) to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.



3. **Call the toll-free number 1-833-698-6567** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

## Kindergarten Registrations

Full Day Kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now underway. If your child will be five (5) years of age by December 31, 2024, please register on-line at [www.sd33.bc.ca](http://www.sd33.bc.ca). You will need to scan and attach your child's birth certificate and proof of residence when registering. We are strongly encouraging all of the in-catchment families who wish to register at Unsworth Elementary to do so as soon as possible...we are filling up quickly!

## Parent Student Placement Requests for 2024/25 School Year

In May and June, we begin working on student placement for the 2024 - 2025 school year. Please review the following information outlining our student placement process and how you can provide input.

The process of assigning students to classes is a complex one, which begins with the district allocation of staffing based on projections of numbers of students for September. In creating classes, we must balance the student needs in each class, and also work within the limits of the Ministry of Education guidelines concerning class size and composition.

The placement of each child is carefully discussed by a group comprised of the child's present teacher, other teachers who have been involved in the student's learning, next year's possible teacher, the Learning Resource Teacher and the Principal. The resulting placement will take into account the whole child. The following factors are considered when grouping students and are not in any particular order:

- The learning style of the student and
- the teaching style of the teacher
- The child's physical and social maturity
- The balance of student needs, behaviour, skills and talents in each class
- The child's interactions/friendships with other students
- The child's intellectual development level
- Promoting leadership potential in students
- Student level of independence

The current teacher will have a substantial amount of information to provide about your child's learning and social/emotional needs and will make recommendations. There are many considerations taken into effect when considering the best classroom placement for each child, other than friendships, which understandably are important to your child, but part of the process of growth involves getting to know others and working with them.

[Fillable Class Placement Form](#)



**Cross Country Run – May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Grade 1 to 5 Cross Country Race at Cultus Lake Elementary. **Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**. The race begins at 3:30. Please arrive at the school by 3:15 to get into grade groups. The race will begin with Grade 1 Girls and finish with Grade 5 Boys. Parents are encouraged to park at the Adventure Park down the street from Cultus Lake Elementary. This is a fun race for all of the students to participate in! If you have any further questions, please email [jamie\\_poettcker@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:jamie_poettcker@sd33.bc.ca).



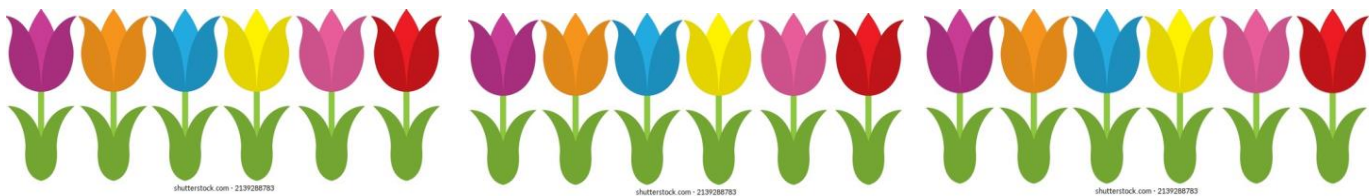
**News from the Library**

**Reading Link Challenge**

Our very own Unsworth Champions, The Bookworms, featuring Lowell F., Evelyn P., Zoe T., Arveer M., Felix D. and Emily Q., battled against 17 teams from other Chilliwack schools on Thursday, April 11th at Evergreen Hall. The competition was fierce, and the questions were extremely difficult. While our team was not victorious, we were VERY proud of how well they represented our school. Way to go Bookworms!

**Dates to Remember**

Thursday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup> .....	Cross Country Run – Cultus Lake Elem
Friday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup> .....	Donut Day
Monday, May 6 <sup>th</sup> .....	Grade 3s to Longhouse
Friday, May 10 <sup>th</sup> .....	Hot Lunch – Chopped Leaf
.....	Class Photos
Friday, May 16 <sup>th</sup> .....	Change it up day!
Friday, May 17 <sup>th</sup> .....	Pro D Day
Monday, May 20 <sup>th</sup> .....	Victoria Day
Friday, May 24 <sup>th</sup> .....	Sprit Day – Book Character/Movie Day
.....	Hot Lunch – Pita Pit
Thursday, May 30 <sup>th</sup> .....	Unsworth Movie Night
Friday, May 31 <sup>st</sup> .....	Pro D Day
	*And poof it's June ☺
Wednesday, June 5 <sup>th</sup> .....	Mini Meet #1
Friday, June 7 <sup>th</sup> .....	Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs



## PAC INFORMATION AND UPCOMING DEADLINES

**Lantern Planters:** Orders Due Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Order now on Munch-A-Lunch

**Cheam Mountain Golf Fundraiser:** Event on May 16<sup>th</sup> – Pre-Reg/Order on Munch-A-Lunch

**Yearbook:** Available on Munch-A-Lunch until May 23<sup>rd</sup> for only \$25.00

**Unsworth Movie Night:** Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – Pre-Order on Munch-A-Lunch

### Munch-A-Lunch

Friday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Chopped Leaf
Friday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Pita Pit
Friday, June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Hot Dogs

## Mother's Day Gift Idea

Fundraiser for the 3D Art Club



Only 150 available so orders are limited! Don't miss out!

Mr. Caskanette is handmaking beautiful lantern planters with a potted plant for \$25 each! Purchase on MUNCH-A-LUNCH website. Order deadline is Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lanterns will be delivered via students on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Please support Mr. Caskanette in fostering creativity with our students!

## CHEAM MOUNTAIN GOLF COURSE FUNDRAISER

Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>  
3pm-7pm  
(Friday is a Pro D Day)

Challenge Mr. McLeod in a chipping contest!

\$30 for adults includes a burger, a side and 2 driving range tokens!  
\$20 for kids includes grilled cheese or hot dog or chicken strips, a side and 2 tokens!  
Over \$7 per person is going to the PAC with this fundraiser so bring your friends, neighbours & grandparents!  
There will be clubs to borrow in the pro-shop if needed!  
Please register on our MUNCH-A-LUNCH website! Thank you for your support!

## PAC Information

**UNSWORTH MOVIE NIGHT** – Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>!! The Movie will be determined closer to the date. Pre-ordering food and parent drop and run (\$5.00) option will be available on Munch-A-Lunch. In order for us to plan, pre-ordering is highly recommended,

**Yearbooks** are on Munch-A-Lunch for \$25. Orders close May 23rd.

**Staff Appreciation Lunch** will be June 18<sup>th</sup>, for any parents who want to donate money, it will be on Munch-A-Lunch. For any parents who would like to contribute to setup/cleanup or bringing food, please contact PAC through [email](#).

**Golf Night** May 16<sup>th</sup> is on Munch-A-Lunch. Great early Father's Day present!!

Our PAC **Annual General Meeting** will be held May 28<sup>th</sup> at 9am. All PAC Executive positions are open for nominations and voting. Executive positions include: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, BCCPAC Rep, DPAC Rep, Members at Large (x2). There are lots of committee spots too. Committees may be either standing or ad hoc in nature. Examples include Fundraising Coordinator, Social Media Coordinator, Hot Lunch Coordinator, Inclusive Education Committee, Yearbook Coordinator.

**What is PAC?** [What is a PAC \(bccpac.bc.ca\)](http://bccpac.bc.ca)

### **Who Can Become a Member of PAC?**

All parents and guardians of students registered in the school can participate and are members of the PAC.

### **Purposes of a PAC**

1. To advise the school principal and staff on parents' views and feedback about school programs, policies, plans and activities.
2. To organize PAC activities and events and endeavor to provide parent education.
3. To encourage parent involvement in the school, and to support programs that promote parent involvement.
4. To communicate with parents, and to promote co-operation between the home and the school in providing support for the education of children.
5. To assist parents in accessing the system and to advocate on behalf of parents and students.
6. To provide financial support for the goals of the PAC, as determined by its membership.

### **Did you know?**

In the event all positions cannot be filled, the minimum to be a viable PAC is three, Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. Without a PAC, the school is not eligible for Gaming funds. Our school uses this money to subsidize bussing costs on field trips, helping make field trips more affordable for all families.

Do you have questions, please reach out to Unsworth PAC through [Facebook](#) or [email](#).



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2024-2025 School Calendar

**NEXT YEAR**

Days in Session	187
Number of Instructional Days	177
Number of Non-Instructional Days	10
Schools Open	September 3
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #1 (Pro-D Day)	September 27
Truth and Reconciliation Day – Statutory Holiday	September 30
Thanksgiving Day - Statutory Holiday	October 14
Early Dismissal Day #1	October 18
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #2 (Pro-D Day)	October 25 (Provincial)
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #3 (A&E Day #1)	November 1
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #4 (Pro-D Day – Lieu Day)	November 8
Remembrance Day - Statutory Holiday	November 11
Last Day of School before Christmas Holidays	December 20
Christmas Holidays	December 23 to January 3
Schools Reopen after Christmas Holidays	January 6
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #5 (A&E Day #2)	January 24
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #6 (Pro-D Day)	February 14
Family Day - Statutory Holiday	February 17
Early Dismissal Day #2	February 28
Last Day of School before Spring Vacation	March 14
Spring Vacation Period	March 17 – March 28
Schools Reopen after Spring Vacation	March 31
Good Friday - Statutory Holiday	April 18
Easter Monday - Holiday	April 21
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #7 (Pro-D Day)	April 25 (CTA)
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #8 (Pro-D Day – Lieu Day)	May 16
Victoria Day - Statutory Holiday	May 19
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #9 (A&E Day #3)	May 30
Last Day for Students / Early Dismissal #3	June 26
Administrative Day	June 27