



~ January 2024 ~

Happy New Year! We trust everyone had a refreshing and enjoyable break. Thank you for all your generous hearts this Christmas season.

With another new calendar year comes many hopes and dreams of what is to come in 2024. As tradition dictates, a new year often means forging a resolution which can be achieved by setting some achievable goals.

Goal setting is an important part of our lives as it is a powerful process for thinking about what we want to accomplish in our future and helps motivate us to turn our dreams into reality. Our school goals continue to be to improve students' reading, writing, numeracy, and social/personal responsibility while integrating arts and technology. January will be an exciting time at Leary IAT.



We want to say thank you for your ongoing encouragement and support, and as always, please reach out to your child's homeroom teacher if you have any wonderings. Leary IAT Elementary truly is an amazing learning community and it is a gift to be learning alongside such wonderful students and staff.

Warm regards,
Mrs. Shelley Burke and Mr. Brad Driscoll



Upcoming Events

Jan 12th – PAC Hot Lunch

Jan 15th – One School, One Book Begins

Jan 18th – PAC Meeting (1:00pm in school Dance Studio)
PAC Treat Day

Jan 26th – School closed to students (Assessment & Evaluation Day for staff)

Grade 4 and 5 Snow Pass

Click this [link](#) for information about this great program for getting grade 4 & 5 students out on the slopes!



Leary IAT PAC

PAC Facebook

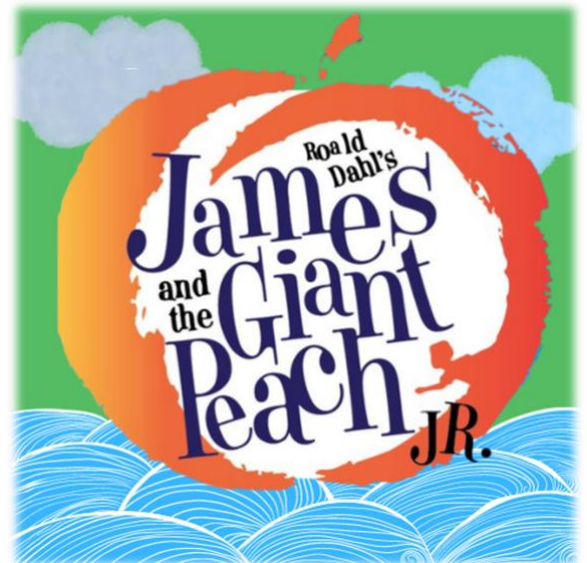
Make sure to join our PAC Facebook group to stay up to date with the latest information. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/fgleary/?ref=share>

James and the Giant Peach Musical Theatre Deep Dive

We are very excited to announce our Spring Musical. As a part of an extended Musical Theatre Deep Dive, our 4/5 and 3/4 Learning Communities will be performing the Jr. edition of James and the Giant Peach! Performances will be at the Hub Theatre (mainstage) May 6th, 7th, and 8th. More information to come.

Click the link for a Musical Teaser Trailer

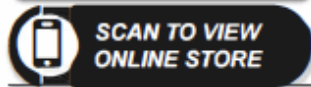
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Leary Swag

Our Leary Swag store is once again open for your orders. School swag can be ordered from Prostock through this [link](#) or by scanning the QR Code below with your phone's camera. Our Swag store will close January 31st.



*The Leary Integrated Arts and Technology Elementary Online Store will open on January 8th and close on January 31st.
No orders will be accepted beyond the closing date.*

*All sales final on logo'd items
Orders will not be processed until the sale has expired.
Please allow approximately 4-5 weeks from the date the store closes to receive your goods.
Orders will be delivered to the school upon completion
ALL PRICES INCLUDE TAX*

prostock
athletic supply ltd.

Illness & Self-Assessment

A daily health check is a tool to reduce the likelihood of a person with a communicable illness or disease coming to school when they are infectious.

- Parents and caregivers should assess their children daily for illness before sending them to school. Utilize the provincial [Provincial Health Assessment Tool](#) each day.
- Anyone who is sick should stay at home to reduce the introduction spread of communicable illnesses.
- Visit the [Communicable Disease Prevention Measures](#) school webpage for more information.



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 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



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 (to the U.S. Border), Chilliwack Lake Road (to Allison Pools), Promontory, Ryder Lake (to Look-Out Point), Prest Road, Marble Hill, Yarrow (including Majuba Hill), 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.



Chilliwack
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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Chilliwack schools are accepting Kindergarten registrations
for **September 2024.**

IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE FIVE YEARS OLD BEFORE
DECEMBER 31, 2024, PLEASE REGISTER AT:



<https://sd33.bc.ca/registration>





September 15, 2023

To All Chilliwack Grade 5 Students/Parents:

SUBJECT: GRADE 5 "GET ACTIVE!" FACILITY PASS

The Chilliwack Active for Life Committee is once again pleased to provide the Grade 5 "Get Active!" facility pass program. Thanks to our partners, the City of Chilliwack Recreation and Culture Department, The YMCA of Greater Vancouver and the Chilliwack School District #33, the facility passes will be made available to all Grade 5 public, private and home-schooled students in Chilliwack. The primary purpose of the program is to increase participation and fitness levels of Grade 5 students and encourage healthier lifestyle choices.

The "Get Active!" facility pass provides free admission to public swims, skates and selected drop-in sports programs at the following facilities from September 1, 2023 to August 31st, 2024:

- Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre (604-793-7946)
- Cheam Leisure Centre (604-824-0231)
- Chilliwack Family YMCA (604-792-3371)
- Sardis Sports Complex (604-793-2904)
- Chilliwack Coliseum Center (604-793-2904)
- Rotary Outdoor Pool (mid- May to September long weekend 604-795-5562)

To receive your free photo ID for the "Get Active!" pass please **bring this letter and proof of age along with a parent or guardian**, to one of these two facilities:

1. Chilliwack Landing Leisure Center – 9145 Corbould Street
2. Cheam Leisure Centre – 45501 Market Way

For more information, please contact one of the facilities listed above or email recreationandculture@chilliwack.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carol Marleau", is written over a blue circular stamp that contains the word "CHILLIWACK" in a stylized font.

Carol Marleau
Active for Life Committee Member

