



April 2024 Newsletter

Hey Swayel Families,

As we transition out of the cold of winter, some of our learners are in the midst of their own transitions. Our youngest learners will be joining us for Ready, Set, Learn and our oldest learners will be attending various sessions with MSMS as they begin their transition to middle school.

Third term promises to be just as exciting as the first two terms! Our school community is busy learning, collaborating, and innovating. We are in the midst of our school co-naming and look forward to everyone's input on this as we move forward this month.



FAMILY IN NEED

This past Sunday, one of our families lost their home to a fire. Luckily all three of the family members were not injured. There will be a 'go fund me' account set up for the family so they can get back on their feet. If you are able to contribute, here is the link:

<https://gofund.me/fb1f9b81>

Our thoughts are with Serena, Lynden and Theo.

TRANSITIONS

Ready, Set, Learn will take place on **April 16th from 12:45 to 1:45 at Soowahlie Gym**. Please let your family and friends who have children that are preschool age, that we would love to see them out on April 16th! We have an exciting session to share that comes with a book for each family!

Please email leann_wiebe@sd33.bc.ca to RSVP by April 9th so we know how many books to order for our families.

REMINDER!

If your child turns 5 in 2024, please remember to register them for **Kindergarten**. Registration is open online – just remember you will need to provide a valid email address and upload a copy of your child's birth certificate and proof of residency.

For more information, please visit SD 33 – Registration

<https://sd33.vivosforms.com/Home>

Kinderfair – will take place in our library on June 12th. Please let your family and friends who have children that are coming to Kindergarten in September that we would love to see them out for this event!

Grade 5 – important dates:

April 10 – Q & A session with MSMS staff at CLCS

April 17 – 6:00 pm – Info night at MSMS for Grade 5 families

April 30 – Grade 5 Course selections due to MSMS via Forms online

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

School Co-Naming update: We are grateful for the contributions from our Soowahlie community for our school co-naming. Below are the four names that were offered, along with their meaning/story.

School Co-Naming suggestions:

1. **sxixets xó:tsa** = forest lake
2. **slalakum** = water people
3. **iliy'ethels** = mouth of the river
4. *one more that we are finding the origin story for and will include in the survey

A survey will be going home this week asking for your vote on our new name:

Cultus Lake _____ Community School. Survey will close at the end of April so that we can begin the next part of the process which will be designing a logo.

Through this project, we recognize the **First Peoples Principles of Learning:** Learning recognizes the role of Indigenous knowledge.

PBS Celebration of Beaver (Saelá:w) – Beaver, **Saelá:w** teaches us to work cooperatively to make the world a better place. We worked as a school to earn Navigator Notes for the month leading up to Spring Break. Our goal was to fill the jar with 200 Navigator Notes, so we could have our celebration. We surpassed our goal and our students collected over 370 Navigator Notes. We had a celebration of cookies and hot chocolate provided by Mr. and Mrs. Marks at the Marina on March 15th. What a great way to head into Spring Break!



Elder in Residence – Ms. Thelma Orgill will be joining our students on April 3rd to share story with us.

Our Elder in Residence reminds us of the **First Peoples Principles of Learning:** Learning is embedded in memory, history and story.

Staffing Announcement – Mrs. Julian, our Indigenous Education Assistant, has decided to leave her position at our school so that she can spend more time with her young children. It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to her.

While we go through the process of hiring a new Indigenous Education Assistant, we will have Ms. Jimmie cover the position. Ms. Jimmie has filled in for Mrs. Julian at various times this year so she knows our staff and has built connections with our students already!

Halq'eméylem

Our words for the following weeks in April are:

Apr 1	éyetses	eh-yah-tes	to clean/wash hands
Apr 8	í:ks	eeks	eggs
Apr 15	sqewáth	skawath	rabbit (large)
Apr 22	eyém~iyém	eh-yim	strong
Apr 29	swílcha	sweesh-cha	Cultus Lake

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY

Just a reminder to our **Families of Grade 4 students** that you are invited to take the Student Learning Survey before the end of April.

It would be greatly appreciated if families could complete this survey as it gives feedback on curriculum, student learning and wellness, belonging and engagement.

To complete the survey:

1. Go to any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access at home, work, or school. You are welcome to come to the school to do this.
2. Go to www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm
3. Under the section *Direct Access – no logon number required* select:
 - District: the name of your child's district
 - School: the name of your child's school
 - Language: the language of your choice
4. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.
5. When you are finished the survey, you will get a message "Thank you for sharing your views".
6. Once complete, our school will have the results immediately.

SCHOOL SPORTS

Basketball is now underway! Thank you to Mrs. Davis and Mr. Allen for coaching this sport! In May and June, we will be heading into Track and Field season! The Cultus Lake Cross Country Run will be on May 2nd.

APRIL NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

MRS. KNODEL



Congratulations to our **Reading Link Challenge** team who have an exciting couple of weeks ahead. On April 11, it will be the Community level challenge, and our team will be competing against other schools in Chilliwack to see who goes on to the city-wide challenge against the top schools from Abbotsford, Langley, Surrey and other parts of the Fraser Valley. This dedicated group of students has been meeting regularly since just before Christmas, and so it is going to be an exciting month for them. Students representing Cultus Lake school will be: Emerson T., Madison, Olivia, Dominic, Paisley, and Shealyn. Also, a big thank you to the following students who have been a big part of the team, and will going on April 11 to cheer this group on: Addie, Myla, Lina, Maeve, Gemma, Arya, Brooklyn, Elena. and Violet.

Remember to return all of your library books that are still around your house. There are lots of great books coming into the library soon (that were purchased with Readathon money) and books need to be returned before new books are signed out. Thank you.

PAC NEWS

The next PAC meeting is **Tuesday, April 16 at 6:00** in the library.

Zoom link: <https://sd33-ca.zoom.us/j/62369566314>

CULTUS LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION INFO

Spring Break Camp - we had 36 campers and 6 staff sharing shifts. We operated for 9 days from 7:30am - 5:30pm.

Average of 22 campers per day.

Upcoming programs start THIS WEEK and registrations are lower than expected. CLCSA encourages all families to have a look through our guide and see if there are any activities you would like to join. Fees can be adjusted for families with financial needs. <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/991214539>

Acting Program with Linda McRae is going to be running on Wednesdays after school. This program is suitable for any outgoing child who is interested in having fun and learning acting skills in a supportive environment. The cost of this class is subsidized through a grant from ASSAI. Spaces are limited. Email Melissa at clcsacultuslake@gmail.com to register.

Upcoming program highlights - Master Lee will be teaching **Tae Kwon Do** on Saturdays. Guide page 12. He is an Internationally known instructor and is recognized by the International Olympic Committee. He has trained many grand champions around the world. Master Lee is committed to working with CLCSA long term, to bring his incredible skills to our area. His classes

are gentle, inclusive, and fun, while also balancing the discipline and concentration required to excel in martial arts.

Spring Fling will take place on May 10th and this year CLCSA is at the helm! Watch for class notices coming soon regarding details. Your support is greatly appreciated as all proceeds from Spring Fling will go directly back into CLCSA programming. If you are interested in volunteering, email Melissa.

Big Changes are happening at CLCSA regarding **Child Care** - for details look at page 2 of the guide. We will be operating both before and after-school care and a 30 month - school-age full-time childcare under the name LakeShore ChildCare. Approvals are currently in process.

APRIL CALENDAR

<p style="text-align: center;">April is Autism Awareness Month April is Sikh Heritage Month</p>	
Mon. April 1	April Fools' Day
Tues. April 2	Celebrate World Autism Day
Wed. April 3	CLCSA Meeting (still looking for a Columbia Valley rep!)
Thurs. April 4	Refugee Rights Day
Sun. April 7	World Health Day
Wed. April 10	Grade 5 Q & A session with MSMS teachers (at CLCS)
Tues. April 16	Ready, Set, Learn at Soowhalie (12:45 to 1:45)
Tues. April 16	PAC Meeting at 6 pm (Zoom: https://sd33-ca.zoom.us/j/62369566314)
Wed. April 17	Class/School Photos
Wed. April 17	Grade 5 Parent Evening at MSMS (6:00 – 7:00)
Thurs. April 18	Change It Up Day
Fri. April 19	School Wide Hike to Maple Bay
Mon. April 22	Earth Day
Thurs. April 25	Volunteer Tea (9:30 - in the library)
Fri. April 26	Pro-D Day
Tues. April 30	Grade 5 course selection for MSMS due via Forms online