



Cultus Lake Community School May 2024 Newsletter



Ey Swayel families,

We are looking forward to some rain-free weather for our Cultus Lake Cross Country Run this coming Thursday! A lot of work has gone into making this day a great experience for all! Thank you to Mrs. Beesley and Ms. Pollock for leading our staff team in organizing this!



We are currently planning for the 2024-25 school year. In order to determine our staffing allocations, it is very important that we have accurate enrollment numbers. If you are intending on **moving** and know that your child(ren) will not be attending Cultus Lake Community School next year, we would really appreciate this information. Notifying us of your movement helps not only us but the new school your child(ren) will be attending. Please contact Mrs. Wiebe (leann.wiebe@sd33.bc.ca) of any **address changes**.



STUDENT PLACEMENT

During May and June, we begin working on student placements for the upcoming 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 diverse abilities, behaviour, skills and talents in each class
- The child's interactions/friendships with other students
- 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. We will not know the exact grade assignments for the staff until September, however, as in past years, based on our current student numbers, we do anticipate a number of split classes for next year.

Parents requesting special consideration of **significant educational circumstances** in the placement of their child should share this information with the current teacher and are also advised to email Mrs. Wallace to ask for the Class Placement Request form. This will be emailed to you and must be returned via email (or dropped at the office) by **Friday, May 24th**. The information provided by the parent will certainly be considered along with the other criteria that must be balanced in making educational decisions for effective learning environments in each classroom. **We will not be accepting parent requests in September, you must provide input by May 24th.**

TRANSITIONS

Kindergarten - Important Dates:

Ready, Set, Learn – thank you to everyone who joined us for this session on April 16th! We had a lot of fun together learning and exploring together! It was great to meet some new 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 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 – visits to MSMS will occur in May and June.

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

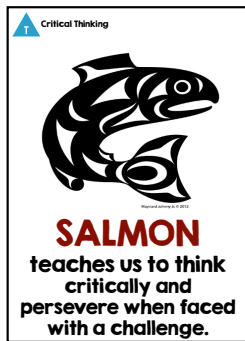
Co-naming survey – the co-naming survey has now closed, the votes are in and the winning choice for our co-name is: Swílhcha (s-wil-th-cha) = Cultus Lake (proper name of the lake).

Our new school name will be: **Cultus Lake Swílhcha Community School!**

The next step in our process is to bring our new school co-name to the School Board meeting in May. If our name is approved, we will then move on to our new logo!

PBS focus for May

Our focus for May is Salmon:



[kwóxweth](#) (coho salmon) is the species of salmon that our students in Mrs. Harrison have raised this year.

April 21 - May 19 - Temkwíkwexel (Time for Baby Sockeye Salmon) Kwíkwexel is “baby sockeye salmon”. Some call the month Lhemt'óles, which means “spring shower in the eyes”, lhémexw “to rain”, lhémlhem or lhémxel “dew”, lhémlhemexw “rain on and off”, -óles “in the eyes”.

Halq'eméylem

Our words for the following weeks in May are:

May 6	swílcha	s-wil-th-cha	Cultus Lake
May 13	sq'émél	skah-a-mal	paddle
May 20 (Victoria Day)	sqám	kham	quiet water
May 27	xó:tsa	ho-tcha	lake

FEEDING FUTURES



Our school is the first elementary school to get a Fresh and Fast Cart. We received our cart in the middle of April and it has been received very positively. Everything in the cart is fresh and healthy (cheese, hard-boiled eggs, apples, oranges, yogurt, granola bars, mixed veggies, apple sauce) and easily accessible for all students. The Fresh and Fast Cart is meant to be barrier free and open to any student.

SCHOOL SPORTS

Basketball is finishing up in the next couple of weeks – thank you to Mrs. Davis and Mr. Allen for coaching!

The Cultus Lake Cross Country Run will be held here **Thursday, May 2nd**.

Following that, we will be starting our Track and Field practices. Such an exciting time of year!



MAY NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY MRS. KNODEL

A huge congratulations to our Reading Link Challenge team who competed in the Chilliwack community challenge on April 11. Out of 18 teams there, our team just missed out on placing first. What an amazing accomplishment! Well done Cultus Bookworms!



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PAC NEWS

The next PAC meeting is **Tuesday, May 14 at 6:00** in the library.
Zoom link: <https://sd33-ca.zoom.us/j/61262342999>

June 20 AGM



May hot lunches are open for ordering in Munchalunch: <https://munchalunch.com/login>
Yearbook orders are also open!

CULTUS LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION INFO

If you are looking for after school programs, summer programs, before and after school care or daycare for your child, please contact **Melissa Giles** at the Cultus Lake Community School Association – csclacultuslake@gmail.com or call: 604-858-7192.



Asian Heritage Month
 Canadian Jewish Heritage Month
 Mental Health Awareness Month

MAY CALENDAR	
Wed. May 1	CLCSA Board AGM @ 6 pm in the gym
Thurs. May 2	Cultus Lake Cross Country Run
Fri. May 3	ArtStarts Presentation - FloWarrior
Sat. May 4	
Fri. May 10	
Tues. May 14	PAC Meeting (Zoom link: https://sd33-ca.zoom.us/j/61262342999)
Fri. May 17	Non-Instructional Day (Pro-D)
Mon. May 20	Victoria Day (statutory holiday)
Thurs. May 23	Outdoor Classroom Day
Fri. May 24	School Hike #3 (Teapot Hill)
Fri. May 24	Class Placement Request Forms due
Fri. May 31	Non-Instructional Day (Assessment & Evaluation)

