

Cultus Lake Swilhcha Community School **May 2025 Newsletter**



Ey Swayel families,

We are looking forward to some gorgeous weather for our Cultus Lake Swilhcha Cross Country Run this coming Thursday! Thank you to Mrs. Beesley and Ms. Pollock for leading our staff team in organizing this!



We are currently planning for the 2025-26 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 Swilhcha 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**.

A graphic consisting of two overlapping chevron shapes pointing to the right. The top chevron is orange and contains the word "STUDENT" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The bottom chevron is blue and contains the word "PLACEMENT" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

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/guardians 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 23rd**. The information provided by the parent/guardian 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/guardian requests in September, you must provide input by May 23rd.**

TRANSITIONS

Kindergarten - Important Dates:

Ready, Set, Learn – thank you to everyone who joined us for this session on April 8th. 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 2025, 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 11th. 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

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Our words for the following weeks in May are:

May 5	yíyeq	yee-yuk	Snowing
May 12	lhémexw	thla-moohw	Raining
May 19	swíwel	swee-wel	Sunny
May 26	pháls	p-h'als (hard h)	Windy

SWÍLHCHA CEDARS BEHAVIOUR MATRIX

As you are aware, together with our staff, families, and students, we developed a new positive behaviour matrix. Each week at our Monday assembly, we learn one of the pieces of the matrix. Throughout the week, we practice it and then we end the week off with an activity we do with our Friday Friends that is based on the week's learning. As we have been learning and gathering feedback from staff, families and parents, we have made edits to our matrix. Attached is the most current version. We are still looking to add more visuals as we make our way through the editing process.

SCHOOL SPORTS

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

The Cultus Lake Swilhcha Cross Country Run will be held here **Thursday, May 1st**.

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



MAY NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY MRS. KNODEL



I can't believe we are heading into May!! Your child will be receiving their May Reading Bingo sheet soon, and that is our last Bingo sheet for the school year. Thanks for encouraging your child with daily home reading - that is so important to success in school and developing a love of life-long reading. These last Bingo sheets can be returned at the beginning of June.

Congratulations to this year's Reading Link Challenge team - Eli, Gabe, Violet, Gemma and Stefaniia. They did a tremendous job representing our school at the district level challenge this month. They were such a dedicated group and made our school proud.

Just a friendly reminder to continuing returning library books every week, ideally in a plastic bag to prevent damage. Please contact me if you ever have any questions about outstanding books. Emails will be sent home at the end of the month in preparation for June when all books need to be returned to the library or paid for if lost.

PAC NEWS

Hello Cultus Lake Swilthcha Families,

As we head into the final stretch of the school year, here are a few important updates from your PAC:

Critical Dates

- **May Hot Lunch Deadline:** All hot lunch orders must be placed by **May 1st**.
- **Date Change:** The hot lunch originally scheduled for **May 9th** will now be served on **May 8th** to accommodate our **School-Wide Hike**.
- **PAC Meeting – May 13th at 6:00 PM:** Join us for an important PAC meeting! We'll be voting in next year's PAC Executive team. Everyone is welcome — we would love to see you there! Here is the zoom link: <https://sd33-ca.zoom.us/j/64989748078>

Donations & Fundraising Notices

- **Sports Day Fruit Donation:** When placing your Sports Day hot lunch order, you'll see the **option** to add a **\$2 fruit donation**. These donations help cover the cost of providing watermelon and oranges for all students to enjoy throughout the day.
- **Inclusion Donation:** You'll also see an option to add a **\$ inclusion donation** when ordering. This helps the PAC cover the cost of lunches for students who may need a little extra support. Every dollar donated goes directly toward helping ensure all students can participate.

★ **Note-Worthy Details**

- **Beach Day & Pizza Lunch:** You'll notice a Beach Day Pizza Lunch option available in Munchalunch. Here's how it works:
Families who are able are encouraged to order pizza for their child(ren) as usual. The PAC will cover the cost for any students who don't have an order placed, ensuring **every student** gets to enjoy pizza together on Beach Day.
- **Raffle Basket Winners:**

Victoria W - Support Local Basket
Jamison D - Birthday Prize Basket

Thank you for your continued support in making these events and traditions possible for all our students!




— *Cultus Lake Swilhcha Community School PAC*

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.

Upcoming events...

AGM May 22
Spring Fling May 29th
Summer camp registration is live
Zumba for teens and adults Wed nights 6:30 - 7:30

May - Mental Health Awareness Month/ Asian Heritage Month/Canadian Jewish Heritage Month	
Thurs. May 1	Cultus Lake Cross Country Run
Fri. May 2	School Photos (class/clubs/teams)
Sun. May 4	
Mon. May 5	 To end violence towards Indigenous women, girls, and two spirit people
Fri. May 9	School Wide Hike #2 (Teapot Hill)
Tues. May 13	PAC Mtg – 6pm in library (or zoom: https://sd33-ca.zoom.us/j/64989748078)
Fri. May 16	Non-Instructional Day – no school for students
Mon. May 19	Victoria Day (statutory holiday)
Wed. May 21	Get Active Day – Grade 3s at GWG
Thurs. May 22	CLCSA Annual General Mtg – 6:30 pm
May 28 & 29	Bike Program (Harrison, Daly, Allen, Davis)
Thurs. May 29	Spring Fling (4:30 – 6:30 pm) 
Fri. May 30	Non-Instructional Day – no school for students