

Mustang News



October 2026

McCammon Elementary Bell Schedule

7:59	Warning Bell
8:04	Instructional Time
9:35 – 9:50 9:50 – 10:05	Staggered Recess
11:55 – 12:35	Lunch Time – play first, then eat
12:35	Instructional Time
2:04	Dismissal

Important Upcoming Dates

- October 5 – Science World Presentation
- October 9 – School Closed – Pro-D Day
- October 12 – School Closed – Stat. Holiday
- October 16 – Hot Lunch
- October 20 – PAC Meeting
- October 21 – Photo Day
- October 22 – Early Dismissal (11:04 am)
- October 22 – School Dance
- October 23 – School Closed – Pro-D Day
- October 27 – Fall Fun Day
- October 30 – Costume Parade – No inflatable or scary costumes or costumes with weapons.
- November 2 - 5 – Book Fair

Message from the Office

If your child will be absent from school, please report their absence on the website <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/account/login>, on our Safe Arrival app, call the school or send our secretary an email: Rachel_alford@sd33.bc.ca

School Fees are \$40 per student and an additional \$7 if they have a planner. They can be paid online at <https://www.studentquickpay.com/sd33/>

Please continue to check our school website and calendar for updated information.

Message from Mrs. Thompson & Ms. Van Ry

Ey Swayel (*Good Day*),

What a busy and wonderful September we have had! It has been a great start to the school year, and we have loved seeing students reconnect with friends, make new connections, and settle into their new routines.

We enjoyed hosting our Meet the Teacher BBQ and meeting so many of our families. Thank you to everyone who joined us!

Our students also participated in the Terry Fox Run, raising an amazing \$937! Since we reached our goal, Mrs. Timms kept her promise and had her hair cut—a very exciting moment for our students!

Tuesday was a powerful day as we participated in our Truth and Reconciliation Walk. A special thank you to Alexis, Alice, Dom, Tayamiah, Xander and Xavier for sharing their beautiful songs and dances with us as we prepared for the walk. It was a meaningful way to begin our reflection and learning together.

We are looking forward to all the **exciting things happening in October** and another great month at McCammon!

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PAC

As a parent or guardian of a McCammon student, you are automatically a member of our Parent Advisory Council (PAC).

PAC meetings are a great opportunity to stay informed about what's happening at the school, ask questions, share ideas, and become more involved in our school community.

Munch a Lunch – Follow this link to register -

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/mccammon>

Costume exchange – Between October 5 and October 16, we will have a costume exchange outside the office. Feel free to donate gently used costumes from past years, or stop by to see if one works for you this year!

Please no scary costumes or costumes with weapons.

Dates to Remember:

- October 1 – Coupon Books Due
- October 5 – 16 – Costume Exchange
- October 7 - Munch a Lunch Order due
- October 20 – PAC Meeting 6:00 pm
- October 22 – School Dance

Fundraising:

Return It – PAC will raise funds for the Grade 5 year-end celebration. Funds from Return It will go towards this celebration. If you are dropping items off, the phone number connected to the account is 778-997-4655.

Coupon Books – Orders are due to the school by October 1st.

If you have questions, please contact our executive at mccammon-pac@sd33.bc.ca

Sports Updates

We have Cross-Country and Soccer starting in October. There have been meetings at recess or lunch for anyone interested. If your child did not get a form and is interested, there are permission forms on the wall by the office.

Cross Country (grades 3-5):

There has been a change in location for the first races.

Oct 1 – Fairfield Park

Oct 8 – Townsend Park

Oct 15 – Sardis Complex / Watson Park

Boys Soccer (grade 4 & 5):

The games run between October 6th and November 3rd, with the tournament being held the week of November 9th.

School Safety

Parking Lot:

For the safety of the front parking lot, please see the poster below. At the back parking lot, please use the parking spaces and leave the center section open for cars to circle through to pick up students. Please use sidewalks while walking to your vehicles, as cutting through the parking lot can be very unsafe.

Hallways:

We ask that parents/guardians do not enter the hallways during school hours (7:49 – 2:04). If your child needs to use the bathroom prior to school starting, please check in at the office.

E-Scooters:

Students are not permitted to ride e-scooters to school. Please see the attached poster.

Library Updates

Welcome to a new school year! We are so excited for all the reading, learning, and adventures that are ahead in our library this year. We look forward to helping our students discover new books, authors, and stories throughout the year.

Book Fair – November 2–5

We will be hosting our Book Fair from November 2nd to 5th. More information about times and how families can participate will be shared soon.

Super Reader Program

Our Super Reader Program has also started! We encourage our students to read, explore new books, and build a love of reading. Please see the flyer below for more information about how the program works.

Happy reading!

Indigenous Ed Update

There are two events highlighted in the pages below.

Cultural Nights are held every Thursday at Chilliwack Senior between September and June. They start at 6 pm and end at 8 pm. Everyone is welcome! See the flyer below.

Annual Orange Shirt Day Pow Wow will be held at Chilliwack Senior on October 2nd and 3rd. See the flyer below for more information.

Accident Insurance

Family Accident Reimbursement Plan – A Financial Group offers a comprehensive accident insurance plan for those who may not have additional coverage to cover student injuries that occur on school grounds:

<https://sd33.bc.ca/accident-insurance>

Drills – Fire, Earthquake & Lockdown



Several times each year we practice for emergencies. We always hope that we won't need to be prepared, but we prepare in advance just in case something should happen. You may wish to discuss this with your children so that they feel ready but not scared in case of an emergency. It is also reassuring for them to know that the adults in charge of them know exactly what to do. Our earthquake drill is on October 15th, and we will be conducting our first fire drill in October as well (date TBD).

Afternoon Adventures is an after-school program for students in Grades 3 to 5 that provides opportunities to play, explore, create, and connect with others in a safe and welcoming environment. The athletic portion is led by trained athletes and will feature a variety of sports throughout the year. The program takes place on Wednesdays after school. Space is limited. Application can be picked up at the office and are due back on Tuesday, October 7th.

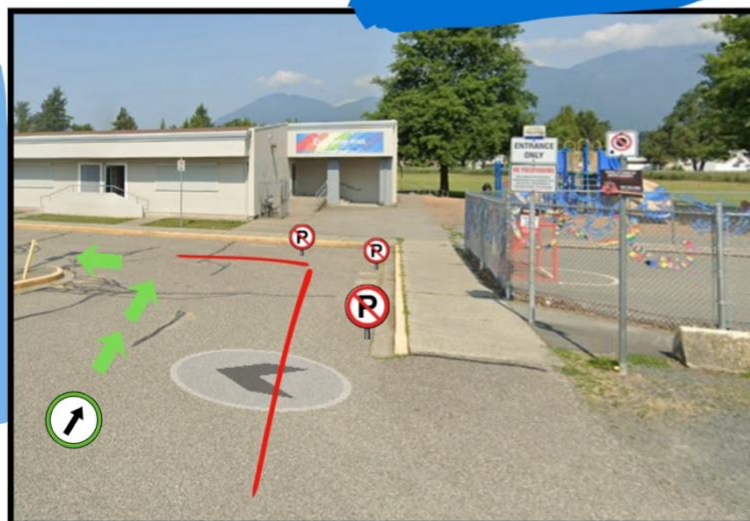


Kw'etlólé (see you later)... keep spreading kindness ☺

McCammon Parking Zones



- Use the “thru lane” for quick drop offs.
- Pull **ALL THE WAY** forward past the orange crosswalk.
- Do not park in the inside lane as this blocks busses and traffic.





McCammon SUPER READER PROGRAM

Read
Grow
Achieve!



We believe so strongly in the power of home reading that we have partnered with the **Kiwanis Club of Chilliwack** to create the **McCammon Super Reader** program.



How It Works

Each night your child reads (or someone reads to your child) for a minimum of **15 minutes**, "x" a box on the record sheet.

When **25 nights** are complete, send it into the classroom teacher to be recorded and rewarded.

★ Every 25 nights earns your child a chance to win a **FREE BOOK** during a draw at our monthly assemblies! ♥

Super Reader Rewards

- ★ **50 Nights**
a 4B and one small treasure from the librarian
- ★ **100 Nights**
Kiwanis Prize (varies based on age)
- ★ **150 Nights**
a 4B and one small treasure from the librarian
- ★ **200 Nights**
a 4B and one small treasure from the librarian
- ★ **250 Nights**
The Bookman Book Certificate from Kiwanis



McCammon Super Readers starts on **September 8** and runs until **June 4, 2027.**

New record sheets are available in the library.

♥ Mrs. Van
Teacher-Librarian



♥ Read ♥ Learn ♥ Dream ♥ Grow ♥

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SD33

CULTURAL NIGHTS



Open to everyone!



SEPT 2026- JUNE 2027

**Hosts: Breanna Tso,
Charlie Michell &
SD33 Indigenous
Education Department**

**What to expect:
Powwow Dancing,
Cultural learning
& Sharing!**

**EVERY THURSDAY
POTLUCK DINNER
6 PM - 8 PM
CSS MINI GYM**

Contact email:
tsobrea28@gmail.com

**Chilliwack Secondary School
46363 Yale Road, Chilliwack, BC**

Drugs or alcohol is not tolerated. Not responsible for any injuries, lost or stolen items
This is a safe space for youth & families to connect to culture and community.

September: A Month of Connection and Community

5th Annual Orange Shirt Day Pow wow October 2-3, 2026

Host Drum - Wild River
MC - Chris Wells
AD - Gary Abbott

Chilliwack Secondary School - 46363 Yale Rd, Chilliwack, BC

Grand Entry
Friday 7:00pm
Saturday 1:00pm, 7:00pm
Feast Saturday 5pm

Orange Regalia Special
Women's Fancy
Men's Grass

Open to the Public
For more info:
Gary Abbott 604-845-5234

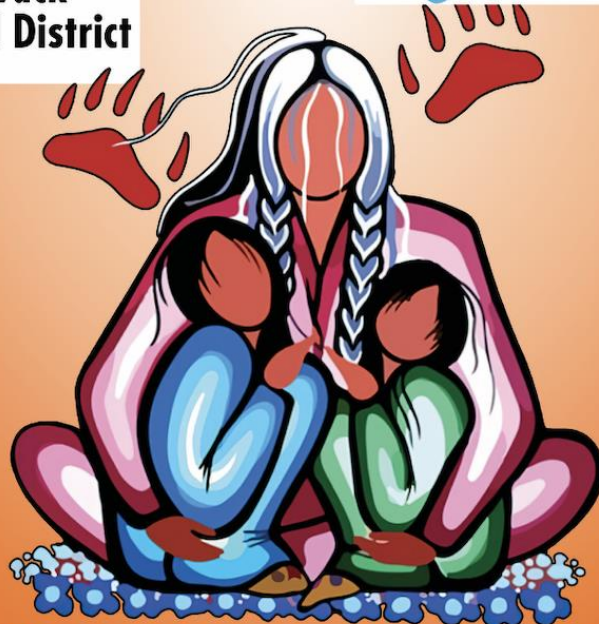
Vendors: First come, first serve. Over 70 spots available
100.00 for the weekend/50.00 per day per spot
set up begins at 3:00pm Friday. 10:00am Saturday
info - Bill Murray 778-384-5671



**Chilliwack
School District**



**CITY OF
CHILLIWACK**



YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

Not responsible for injury, theft or short funded travelers.