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## Important Dates

### November

**10 - First Day of Term 2**

**13 - Remembrance Day**

**20 - Report Cards Distributed**

**24 - Non-Instructional Day**

### December

**22 - Last Day of School Before Winter Break**



# November

# Principal's Message

It is hard to believe we are nearing the end of our first term! The last day of Term One is on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Term One report cards will be distributed in Advisory on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Please review the report cards and connect with classroom teachers if you require more information about student progress.

On Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> we completed the hiring process for our teaching staff. I am very pleased to welcome all of the following new teachers to GW Graham: Mr. Lewis, Mr. Mummery, Ms. Gosse, Ms. Stafford, Ms. Taylor, Ms. MacPherson, Mr. Patterson, Ms. See, Mr. Greenfield, Mr. Florizone, Mr. McGregor, Ms. Etsell, Ms. Campbell, Mr. Acheson, Ms. Lumsden, Mr. Link, Ms. Hinds, Mr. Sandberg, Mr. Bloch, Mr. Sutter, Mr. Speers, and Mr. Cameron.

On Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> we had a very successful Parent/Student/Teacher Interview Night. The on-line scheduling system resulted in a very efficient and informative evening where parents were able to avoid long lines by simply moving to various pre-booked interview times with teachers. Thanks to the parents who were able to join us the interviews. Please feel free to connect with teachers or the administration at any point throughout the year if you have any questions. Parents are also encouraged to join us for the upcoming PAC meeting at 7:00 PM on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> in our school library.

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in our Fall Sports Season! Fall Sports are nearing an end and winter sports are starting to kick off. Thanks so much to all of the coaches for supporting our Fall Sports. Below are a few of the highlights for our Fall Sports:

- ◆ Junior Varsity Field Hockey – Fraser Valley East and Fraser Valley Champions
- ◆ Senior Varsity Hockey is of the Provincials – 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at the Fraser Valley Championships
- ◆ Senior Varsity Girls Volleyball – Currently ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the Province! Looking very strong as they head into playoffs
- ◆ Senior Varsity Football – Ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the Province! Currently undefeated in the regular season

The following basketball teams are starting up:

- ◆ Grade 7 Girls and Boys
- ◆ Grade 8 Girls and Boys
- ◆ Grade 9 Girls and Boys
- ◆ Junior Varsity Boys
- ◆ Senior Varsity Girls and Boys

Congratulations to all of our music students who recently participated in our first school concerts this year. We had three evenings of music where all of our vocals, concert and jazz bands performed to very appreciative audiences. They are starting preparing for the Christmas concerts in December!

Our Drama students are midway through their very special Remembrance Day performances. The Drama students are scheduled for a full day of performing on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> for our Remembrance Day Grade Assemblies. A special thanks to all of the students and staff who are involved in this very important performance for our students, staff and community.



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## 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 and general condition of buildings.

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](http://www.sd33.bc.ca) or tune into radio stations **STAR FM (98.3 FM)** or **THE DRIVE (89.5 FM)**, to receive up-to-date information on school closures and information on the buses. Reports will start after 6:00 a.m. and will be repeated often. The information broadcast is directly from the School District. The reports are confirmed and there is no need to call your school, the School District Office or the radio station. Students will be marked absent for the day, but such an absence will not affect a perfect attendance record.

In the event that there is inclement weather but the school remains open, it is the parent's decision, based on their assessment of the relative safety of travel conditions, as to whether or not their children attend school.

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, Majuba Hill, Ryder Lake and some areas of Columbia Valley and the Eastern Hillside. An announcement will be made should travel in these areas become challenging due to slippery road conditions. *(Please note: the greater Promontory area does not have a snow plan).*

All inclement weather information may be found on the School District website [www.sd33.bc.ca](http://www.sd33.bc.ca)



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## MyEducation Parent Portal

During the 2017-2018 School Year, G W Graham will be activating the Parent Portal on My Education, which will allow you to view your child's report cards during reporting periods. Please click on the hyper link or go to <http://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>

Your default login and password are case sensitive and are as follows:

**Login ID: 33firstname\_lastname**

**(please insert your first and last name)**

**Password: Sept\$2017**

**(This is a temporary password. You will need to change your password before this date. Please see the attached brochure on how to change passwords.)**

The attached information brochure that should help with any questions you may have on the Parent Portal. Some of your student's teachers will be contacting you by email, as they will be using the portal throughout the year for your student's attendance, assignments and grades.

Please activate your account now as we are intending on having a paperless student reporting period come June 2018. **If you have difficulties, please email [gwg@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:gwg@sd33.bc.ca)**



## Grad Clothing



In order for Grads to pick up the Grad Gear they ordered, we request that the student's account be in good standing. By now parents should have received an electronic account statement. Parents are able to check and pay student accounts online by going to <http://gwgraham.sd33.org/> and clicking on the "Pay SD33 Fees Online" icon on the top right hand side. In order to create an account, all you will need is your student's student number which can be found on the student ID card.

## Family Peer Support Group

Parents, if you are looking for ways to help your child you are not alone. Chilliwack has created a group for you! This group provides SUPPORT & RESOURCES and the opportunity to CONNECT with other parents and caregivers, and is facilitated by a Family Peer Support worker. This group meets biweekly at the Neighbourhood Learning Centre.

Contact Katrina Maroney at [chwfamilypeer@gmail.com](mailto:chwfamilypeer@gmail.com) or 604-997-5362



## GRAD 2018

There are still a number for grade 12 student who have not yet met with their counsellor to prepare for their Graduation Transitions interview. Please e-mail your counsellor to set up an appointment ASAP.

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## How do I use MyEducation BC?

From your Home Tab, you can access the four areas (only show what is available on screen shot and in table below) of the system. Click a tab to view information for each of the students for whom you are responsible.



After you click a tab, side-tabs appear on the left side of the page. Click the side-tabs to view detailed information.

Click this tab...	To view your child's...
Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demographics, address, photo</li> <li>Contact names and phone numbers</li> <li>Daily attendance</li> <li>Conduct incidents and actions taken</li> <li>Transcripts, credit summary, and graduation summary</li> <li>Assessments, such as FSAs and Provincial Exams</li> <li>Current class schedule and course requests</li> <li>Membership/Enrollment history in district's schools and programs</li> <li>Records of student fees and events</li> </ul>

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## Click this tab...

Click this tab...	To view your child's...
Academics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>current schedule</li> <li>grades</li> <li>assignments</li> <li>class attendance</li> </ul>
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extracurricular activities, including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>list of members</li> <li>events for each group</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Calendar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monthly calendar with events. You can customize the calendar by choosing the categories you want listed and color-code each child's activities to include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>due date reminders for class assignments</li> <li>activity events</li> <li>school calendar</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## What if I need more help?

MyEducation BC is easy to navigate. The data is secure and view-only. Feel free to explore, if you have a question about how to do something, go to the Help menu for the following options:



- **Online Help:** Click to open online help, then click Using the Student and Family Portal. A table of contents, index, and search feature make it easy to find the information you need.
- **User guides:** Click to open, download, and print a PDF version of Using the Family Portal.
- **Quick Reference Cards:** Select a topic to view a quick reference card.
- **If you still have questions, contact (your school's main office).**

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## Getting Started with the Family Portal

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## What is MyEducation BC?

MyEd BC is a secure, web-based student information management system. The system manages all facets of student data – from attendance to conduct, grades to schedules, and special education.

**District Name:** has been using MyEducation BC since Year **District converted with great success.** We are now implementing the Family portal so parents, teachers, and administrators can work together and communicate more effectively and efficiently.

## What information can I access through MyEd BC?



As a parent/guardian, you can use one login to securely access the information for all of your children from just about anywhere. With MyEd BC, you can view:

- Family contact and emergency information
- Academic information: See real-time information about to your child's academic achievement. Receive important documents like progress reports and report cards.
- Conduct and attendance information: Sign up for email notifications when new information is available.
- Calendar events: Color-code events to see at a glance what each family member is doing.

## Is my child's information secure?

MyEd BC protects your student's information with the same advanced technology your bank uses to protect your financial accounts. Rest assured that users only have access to information they need, and nothing more. We have carefully configured the system to ensure that your student's information is confidential and can only be retrieved by you – the parent/guardian – and authorized school personnel.

You can only view, not edit your child's demographic data, if you find that it is outdated or incorrect, notify your child's school to correct any errors.

## How do I access the system?

You can log on to MyEd BC's Family Portal from any computer that connects to the Internet. This lets you access the system from anywhere – your home and your office.

1. Open your browser to connect to the Internet.
2. Go to <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/zoom/zoom.do>
3. Enter your login ID and password.
4. The first time you log on, you will be prompted to change your password. After this is completed, the Parent Portal home page will display.


Login ID: 33firstname\_lastname  
Password: Sept52017

## I lost my Login ID or password, or I never received them.

If you lost your Login ID or password, or if you never received them, contact [your school's main office](#).

## How do I change my password or email address?


From any page, click **Set Preferences** in the upper-right corner of the screen.



Here you can set several of your user preferences, including your:

- Password
- Email address
- Appearance of your home page

**IMPORTANT:** If you are using a Gmail or Hotmail account, please check your Junk folder to ensure you aren't missing any notifications.







## Chilliwack Youth Conference



# WORKING 2 WELLNESS

**WIN PRIZES AND GET INSPIRED**

**IPAD, ELECTRONICS, GIFT CERTIFICATES AND MORE  
EVERYONE LEAVES WITH SOMETHING!**

**Date: Wednesday November 15th**

**3:30—7:30 pm Dinner included**

**Location: Alumni Hall NLC (CSS)**



*What is possible? What kind of strength do I have inside me?*

*Sometimes life knocks you down. Getting back up can be hard AND transformational. Come to learn to climb mountains, be mindful, and there's a*

**FREE DINNER!!**

**PLEASE REGISTER TO ATTEND SO WE HAVE ENOUGH FOOD AND PRIZES.**

[https://](https://chilliwackyouthconference.eventbrite.ca)

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**For more information email:**

[LATCoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:LATCoordinator@gmail.com)

**Or Call**

**Kate Healey @ 604.792.4267**

Brought to you by the Chilliwack Local Action Team as a part of the Child and Youth Mental Health and Substance Use (CYMHSU) Collaborative, funded in partnership by Doctors of BC and the BC government.



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## News From the Career Advisor

### MONEY, MONEY, MONEY!

Grade 12 students are encouraged to attend at least one of the three award/scholarships/bursaries workshops Mrs. Jones is running on **Nov 14, 15 and 16 during Advisory in room C183**, Mr. Holford's room. Find out what's needed to put together a winning internal award package and what you need to do to be on top of applying for awards. Mrs. Jones will take you step by step through that process. External Awards will be covered in another series of workshops on December 12, 13 and 14<sup>th</sup>. We'll see you there!

### APPLYING TO UBC?

If you are considering application to UBC and want to be considered for major entrance scholarships at the same time, you must **apply before December 1st**. The online application is a bit more in-depth than application to other post-secondary schools so students are encouraged to take their time with the application. Here are two helpful links for students and families: <http://you.ubc.ca/admissions/how-to-apply/ubcs-online-application> and <http://you.ubc.ca/admissions/how-to-apply/personal-profile>

### APPLY BC!

Students hoping to attend a post-secondary institution next fall can apply on-line at [www.apply.educationplannerbc.ca](http://www.apply.educationplannerbc.ca). Every school has a different application deadline so check websites to see when those deadlines are. Many popular programs fill quickly, particularly at UFV, so applying sooner rather than later is a good plan. **Have questions or need help? See Mrs. Jones!**

### FORUM FOR YOUNG CANADIANS

Interested in politics, the way government runs and in making a difference? Consider travelling to Ottawa and spending a memorable week on Parliament Hill as a member of the Forum for Young Canadians. Examine the issues that affect our country during a week of exciting activities and simulations. Three different weeks to choose from! Check out [forum.ca/the-program](http://forum.ca/the-program). Deadline to apply is Nov 27<sup>th</sup>.

### SHAD SUMMER PROGRAM

Does your student have a passion for the sciences, math, the arts or business? Are they a strong academic student in Grade 9-12? You should consider the Shad enrichment program. SHAD is a month long intensive pre-university summer program that focuses on science, math, engineering and entrepreneurship. It brings together 700+ top students from across Canada and fully immerses them for one month at one of 13 host universities across Canada where they will be challenged to grow intellectually and in leadership abilities. Students considering Shad should see Mrs. Jones, visit [shad.ca](http://shad.ca) and apply before Nov 20<sup>th</sup>.

### LET'S STAY IN TOUCH!

Hey grade 12's! With so much on the go this year, you'll want to stay connected to all things related to post-secondary and awards. Be sure to check your account on MyBlueprint regularly. It's an easy way to stay in touch with all you need to know and a great source of important info!!







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## News from the Library

### Library Challenges

For October, we had a library challenge to create a scary story. We had many wonderful entries and it was difficult to choose our top three High School and Middle School stories. Thank you to Ms. Hatson and Mr. Wiseman for judging.

#### **High School**

First place: Delayna B.  
Second place: Montana E.  
Third Place: Mattias K.



#### **Middle School**

First place: Eliza T.  
Second Place: Kade F.  
Third place: J.G. H.

The challenge for November is to create a postcard from your favourite character.

### Reading Challenge:

The winner of the reading challenge for October is Eliza T.

### Book Fair:

GWG will be having a scholastic book fair from Monday, November 27th until Saturday, December 2.



### Overdue books and fees:

We have a number of overdue books please remind students to return any late books. We will be having an "O" from November 20 to November 23. If students return books and pay fines they will receive a prize.

### Author Visit:

GWG will be hosting an author talk on November 6th featuring Robin Stevenson.

