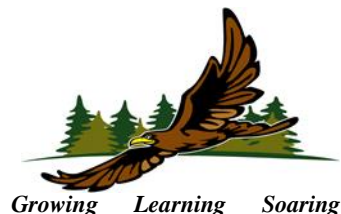


## What's New at Cedar Drive

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Aug 30, 2024

### *Principal's Message*

Dear Cedar Drive families,

I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing summer with great experiences and lasting memories. On behalf of the school staff, I want to welcome our new and returning families for the 2024-2025 school year. Our staff are excited about all that this new school year has to offer, and I am confident that together we will have a productive, enriching and fun-filled school year.



Please regularly check our school calendar for updates [here](#).

### **First Day of School – Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

While children are only at school for a short period of time, it is extremely important that they attend. We report our attendance to the district office at noon and this can potentially impact our staffing levels. If your child/children will be attending Cedar Drive but are unable to make it to school on Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup>, please let the office know through a phone call (604) 941 - 3481 or email [damacdonald@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:damacdonald@sd43.bc.ca). Students do not need to bring anything with them on the first day (please do not send school supplies, backpacks etc.)

- **Returning Grade 1-5 students** attend school from 9:15am – 9:45am. They should report to their classroom from last year.
- **Grade 1-5 students new to Cedar Drive** attend school from 9:15am – 9:45am. They should report to the front of the school, outside the office.
- **Kindergarten students** attend school from 10:00am to 10:30am. They should report to the gym. This will be their drop-off/pick-up area for the entire week.

Welcome Back!

Sincerely,  
Rick Dhaliwal, Principal



# 1<sup>st</sup> Week Back at a Glance

## September 2 - 6

Date	Activities and Events
Monday, Sept 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Labour Day (No School)
Tuesday, Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Day Back to School Grade 1-5 (9:15 - 9:45am) Kindergarten (10-10:30)
Wednesday, Sept 4 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Day for Grade 1-5 8:55am - 2:48pm Kindergarten (gradual entry schedule)
Thursday, Sept 5 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Day for Grade 1-5 8:55am - 2:48pm Kindergarten (gradual entry schedule)
Friday, Sept 6 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Day for Grade 1-5 8:55am - 2:48pm Kindergarten (gradual entry schedule) Terry Fox Run 1pm

### September 2024 Gradual Kindergarten Entry Schedule

Tuesday Sept. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday Sept. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Friday Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Monday Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Sept. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday Sept. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday Sept. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Friday Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup>
All Kindergarten students  10:00am – 10:30am	Group A students  9:00am – 10:15am	Group B students  9:00am – 10:15am	Group A students  9:00am – 10:15am	Group B students  8:55am – 10:55am  <i>**students should bring a snack**</i>	Group A students  8:55am – 10:55am  <i>**students should bring a snack**</i>	Groups A&B  8:55am – 10:55am  <i>**students should bring a snack**</i>	Groups A&B  8:55am – 11:55am  <i>**students should bring a snack**</i>	Groups A&B  8:55am – 1:25pm  <i>**students should bring a snack and lunch**</i>
	Group B students 10:45am – 12:00pm	Group A students 10:45am – 12:00pm	Group B students 10:45am – 12:00pm	Welcoming conversations  11:00am – 12:00pm	Welcoming conversations  11:00am – 12:00pm	Welcoming conversations  11:00am – 12:00pm		
		Kindergarten teachers attending professional learning opportunity at Winslow	School Wide Terry Fox Run at 1pm. Parents are welcome to come and run with their child.	Group A students  1pm – 2:48pm	Group B students  1pm – 2:48pm	Welcoming conversations  12:45pm – 2:48pm	Welcoming conversations  12:45pm – 2:48pm	Welcoming conversations  1:30pm – 2:48pm

Sept 3-6 (Drop off and pick up will be at the gym doors)

Sept 9<sup>th</sup> onwards (Drop off and pick up will be at the classroom doors)

Sept 16<sup>th</sup> onwards (Children attend full days with snack and lunch 8:55am-2:48pm)

# New Information



If you will not be at school on our 1<sup>st</sup> day, September 2<sup>nd</sup> (still on vacation, etc.) please let the office know as soon as possible. If your plans have changed (new home, etc.) and your child will not be attending Cedar Drive, please call the office to let us know. 604-941-3481 or email [damacdonald@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:damacdonald@sd43.bc.ca)



## Bring Supplies **Monday Sept 9th**

School supplies do not need to be brought to school until Monday Sept 9<sup>th</sup>. Please don't send them in with your child before that. Families who purchased school supplies through creative packs, they have been delivered to our school and we will distribute these supplies on Monday to your child. It is all taken care of for you. **If you are still wanting to order school supplies, please do so ASAP:** <https://creativepacks.ca/>



## Terry Fox Run - 2024

We are having our Terry Fox run on Friday, Sept 6<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Parents are welcome to join us. More information to come.

## School Calendar - Dates and Events are Posted on our Website



View Calendar at:

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/cedardrive/Pages/default.aspx>

You can also "subscribe" to the calendar and the information will automatically populate to your smartphone.



## 2024 - 2025 Bell Schedule

8:50 - Welcoming Bell  
8:55 - Morning Instruction Begins  
10:25 - 10:40 Recess  
12:00 - 12:45 Lunchtime  
12:45 - Afternoon session begins  
2:48 - Dismissal

# Messages from the PAC and Grade 5 Committee

## welcome BACK<sup>TO</sup> SCHOOL

Welcome back, everyone! We hope you had as relaxing a summer as you could with kids at home!!

This will be an exciting transition year for us at PAC. One of our final longstanding and core PAC members has moved on as her eldest went to middle school! For years Cedar Drive had longstanding PAC members that dedicated countless hours to our school. We are SO grateful for everything they did for our school.

Now, we have a newer (and bigger!) group of folks on PAC. With so many people in our community leading busy lives, we're focusing our efforts on finding as many people to help out as possible, to make the load lighter. This means a bigger PAC executive (we're almost all splitting roles) and finding volunteers outside of our exec. We know, the idea of volunteering for PAC can sound daunting with everything else going on in life... but we're hoping folks will help us little bits, where they can. An evening shift at the school BBQ or Book Fair, an hour to hand out hot lunches, a morning to help teachers set up an event... whatever you can give, we appreciate!!

This year we will have another gingerbread building night, school dance and other fun activities. Creating core memories for these kids is the goal! If you have questions or would like to help us out, come to our virtual General PAC Meeting on September 17 (link will be shared later) or contact us at [cedardrivepac@gmail.com](mailto:cedardrivepac@gmail.com).

THANK YOU! We're looking forward to an awesome year ahead!!

### SOCIALS

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook! We post info like school reminders and PAC events that will help you stay connected over the school year! Search Cedar Drive PAC on Facebook and Instagram



Please see the PAC calendar attached. Please stay tuned into the weekly newsletter, PAC Facebook and Instagram for developed details, links, forms and/or changes throughout the year.



Freezie Sale Friday Sept 6th after school.  
\$2 each

— WELCOME —  
BACK TO SCHOOL

Dayna MacDonald

## School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

### School Calendar 2024-25

Designation	Date(s)
Schools Open	Tuesday, Sept 3
Pro D Day	Friday, Sept 20
Truth and Reconciliation Day	Monday, Sept 30
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, Oct 14
Pro D Day	Friday, Oct 25
Remembrance Day	Monday, Nov 11
Schools close for Winter vacation (last day in session)	Friday, Dec 20
Winter vacation period	Monday, Dec 23 – Friday, Jan 3
Schools re-open after Winter vacation	Monday, Jan 6
Pro-D Day	Monday, Jan 27
BC Family Day	Monday, Feb 17
Pro D Day	Friday, Feb 28
Schools close for Spring vacation (last day in session)	Friday, Mar 14
Spring vacation period	Monday, Mar 17 – Friday, Mar 28
Schools re-open after Spring Break	Monday, Mar 31
Good Friday	Friday, Apr 18
Easter Monday	Monday, Apr 21
Pro D Day	Friday, Apr 25
Victoria Day	Monday, May 19
Pro-D Day	Monday, June 2
Last day of school for all students	Thursday, June 26
Administrative day	Friday, June 27