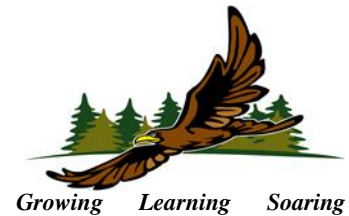


What's New at Cedar Drive

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Sept 6, 2024

Principal's Message

Dear Cedar Drive families,

New Classes

A big thank you for your patience this week while we waited for approval from the board office to go into our new classes for this year. We had several new students and families move into our neighbourhood this summer and this resulted in us needing to make some changes to our classes. Please know that school staff have put a lot of time, thought and care into building classes. We have tried our best to meet the social, emotional and learning needs of all our students, while maintaining balanced learning communities. We will have 12 divisions this year and students will be going into their new classes in the morning on Monday September 9th.

Drop-off on Monday will be at the same classroom as the first week of school. After attendance, teachers and school staff will move students to their new classrooms. Families will receive an email from the office on Monday, indicating their child's new division, their teacher and a map with classroom locations. **Pick-up at the end of the day on Monday will be from your child's new classroom.** Teachers will have pink signs in their windows with their names on them to assist with pick-up and drop-off. There will also be staff outside at the end of the day to help parents find new classrooms if needed. Starting Tuesday September 10th, drop-off and pick-up will be from your child's new classroom. Should you have any questions, please contact the office.

Cell Phones

If you are planning to send your child to school with a cell phone, please know that all cell phones must be stored in student backpacks for the entire school day, including at recess and lunch. If you need to get in touch with your child during the school day, please contact the office at 604-941-3481. Please review this expectation with your child and note that students do not need a cell phone at school for learning purposes.

Financial Support for Cedar Drive Families

Financial assistance is available for any Cedar Drive families that have a need for any of the following items:

- school supplies
- field trips
- PAC hot lunches
- fees for after school programs

The school also has Walmart Gift Cards available for our families to assist with buying food, clothing or learning materials.

Please contact Mr. Dhaliwal at 604-941-3481 or by email rdhaliwal@sd43.bc.ca if you require assistance with any of the above. **All requests will remain confidential.**

Feeding Futures and Lunch Program

The Ministry of Education and Child Care is once again supporting the Feeding Futures Program at schools. We will have healthy snacks available in the office daily for students at recess and lunch as well as some mornings before school. Snacks are available for all students

The district lunch program is continuing again this year. If your child requires a daily lunch, or if you have any questions, please contact Dayna MacDonald by email damacdonald@sd43.bc.ca for assistance. Please be aware that lunches must be ordered ahead of time.

Welcome Back!

Sincerely,
Rick Dhaliwal, Principal



1st Week Back at a Glance September 9 - 13

Date	Activities and Events
Monday, Sept 9 th	Please bring school supplies
Tuesday, Sept 10 th	
Wednesday, Sept 11 th	
Thursday, Sept 12 th	
Friday, Sept 13 th	

New Information



Terry Fox Run - 2024

Cedar Drive students participated in our Terry Fox Run today! Thank you to all the parent volunteers who were able to come out and make our Terry Fox run a huge success! Donations will be accepted until the beginning of October. Here is the link: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/CedarDriveElementary>



Please Bring School Supplies **Monday Sept 9th**

Creative Pack school supplies will be delivered to your child's classroom. If you purchased your own supplies separately, please bring them to school Monday morning. If you still haven't ordered/bought, please do so ASAP.

You can order [here](#).

Sign-Up for Cash-On-Line (Important for our new Kindergarten students and new students to Cedar)

Features of School Cash Online:

- Pay for student planners, field trips, books, clothing etc. online
- Keep a record of all your payment history
- Complete forms, permission slips, volunteer forms
- Manage all your children's school fees with one account and this account follows your child when they transition to a new school in SD43

Go to <https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com>

1. Click on "Get Started Today"
2. Create your account
 - Enter first and last name; click continue
 - Enter fields: address, phone number, e-mail address; click continue
 - Choose a password and security question
 - Make sure to OPT IN to receiving e-mail notifications for updated school information

Thank you for your participation and remember if you have any difficulty getting set up, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. MacDonald in the office (604) 941-3481 or contact school cash online support line at 1-866-961-1803.



After School Programs SEPT-DEC

**To register - Go to www.DWUL.io
Search "Cedar Drive"**

Hip Hop - [K-2 Hip Hop on Mondays](#)

- Mondays starting September 23rd
- 2:48pm – 4:15pm in the gym

Pottery - [Gr 3-5 Pottery](#)

- Fridays starting Sept 27th
- 2:48pm – 4:15pm in the Library

Basketball – [Gr 1-5 Basketball](#)

- Tuesdays starting Sept 24th
- 2:55pm – 4:00pm in the gym



Parent Newsletter for Elementary Schools [Keep immunizations up to date](#)



Sept 19th - Open House (6-7pm)

Sept 20th - Pro-D Day (No school)

Sept 30th - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No school)

Messages from the PAC and Grade 5 Committee

SAVE THE DATE -Thursday Sept 19th 5-7pm. (Before and during the teacher's Open House, PAC will be selling food- great night to not cook!) Watch for an order form to come home. Hope to see you all there!

Grade **5** MEETING

All grade 5 parents please join the meeting in the school library on **Friday Sept 27th 7pm** to discuss fundraising for your child's end of the year camp, grade 5 hoodies, grade 5 yearbook etc. See you soon!

Have a wonderful weekend!



Dayna MacDonald