



## What's New at Cedar Drive

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## Next Week at a Glance April 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>

Date	Activities and Events
Monday, Apr 7 <sup>th</sup>	Math Club 2:55 - 4 pm
Tuesday, Apr 8 <sup>th</sup>	Strong Start Closed Basketball 2:55 - 4 pm
Wednesday, Apr 9 <sup>th</sup>	
Thursday, Apr 10 <sup>th</sup>	Duffle Bag Theatre performance - school wide field trip to Birchland 1 - 2:45 pm Theatrix after school
Friday, Apr 11 <sup>th</sup>	

**While Mrs. MacDonald is away, please email [cedardrive@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:cedardrive@sd43.bc.ca) to notify us of any illnesses, vacations, lates, early dismissals, or for any other office inquiries.**

### New Information

#### April 10<sup>th</sup> - School Wide Walking Field Trip to Birchland Elementary School

On Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup>, students and staff will be walking to Birchland Elementary School to watch a presentation by the Duffle Bag Theatre group. We will be leaving Cedar Drive shortly after 1pm and we expect to be back for dismissal time, but we may be a few minutes late. Students will be dismissed from their outside classroom doors as usual.



#### May 14 - School Wide Field Trip to Act Theatre to watch Shrek Jr.

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, all students and staff at Cedar Drive will be attending a live performance of *Shrek Jr.* at the Act Theatre in Maple Ridge, featuring several Cedar Drive students. We will depart from school at 9:30am and travel by school bus to the theatre. The play runs from 10:30am to 11:30am, and we expect to return to school around 12:15pm.

Tickets must be purchased in advance, so we ask families to log in to School Cash Online and complete the forms and payment by April 22nd. Please note that refunds cannot be provided if your child is unable to attend the field trip for any reason.

We are seeking three parent volunteers from each class. If you are available to volunteer, please inform your child's classroom teacher.

If the cost of the field trip poses a financial hardship for your family, please email [rdhaliwal@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:rdhaliwal@sd43.bc.ca)

## April is Autism Acceptance Month

Autism is a neurodevelopmental condition that impacts how a person thinks, learns, and experiences the world. The term "neuro" indicates that autism affects the brain, while "developmental" signifies that it is present from birth and continues throughout a person's life, with characteristics that may evolve over time. There is no cure for autism, nor would we want one, as it represents a unique way of being human. Autism can be diagnosed in individuals of any gender, race, ethnicity, or economic background.



[Why Johnny Doesn't Flap: NT is OK!](#) is a video story. This children's picture book is written by Clay Morton and Gail Morton and is illustrated by Alex Merry. The story is written by a neurodiverse (ASD) person from the perspective of an ASD child. The narrator is neurodiverse (ASD), and he tells the story of his friendship with Johnny, who is neurotypical. The narrator's reaction to his neurotypical (NT) friend's quirks shows readers that 'normal' is simply a matter of perspective. This story is a great way to start a conversation with your child about neurodiversity and ASD.

Here is another [child-friendly video explaining Autism](#).

Additional Autism resources:

<https://www.actcommunity.ca/>

<https://www.autismspeaks.org/sites/default/files/2018-08/Parents%20Guide%20to%20Autism.pdf>

<https://autismoutreach.ca/>



## Jump Rope for Heart

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. Our amazing students managed to raise an incredible...

**\$4,646!!!**

The Heart and Stroke Foundation is truly grateful for all the effort our school made towards a JUMPING SUCCESS!

We would like to acknowledge the students on their outstanding fundraising efforts!

Our TOP FUNDRAISER:

**Maya Vilvang raised \$1,251!**

In addition, the following students raised over \$3,400!

Lilyana Degobbi

Jasmine Lu

Ronak Thiara

Tate Smalley

Kira Alexander

Jackson Crossley

Ty Ramsey

Samantha Lohm

Maya Verhulst

Gureet Lakheyana

Aiden & Lauren Lovell

Hayley Glenen

Lucas Ataya



## Messages from the PAC and Grade 5 Committee



### Cedar Drive PAC Easter Cookie

**Fundraiser** \$6 per cookie

Please place your order at [www.designercookies.ca](http://www.designercookies.ca) by Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Make sure to indicate on your order form - Cedar Drive PAC fundraiser



### We want your books!

We have boxes set-up at the front door currently accepting all ages- kids, youth and adult books.

The PAC will host a Pop-up book shop to sell the books for \$1-\$3. It will be a great time for Cedar families to stock up on summer reading material!

Popcorn orders due April 14<sup>th</sup>,  
order form attached



**KERNELS** POPCORN SALE  
May 2  
\$3.00 per bag

Three flavours  
Creamy caramel  
Buttersalt  
White cheddar  
Dill pickle

Orders due  
April 14

### Sushi Fu Lunch (Thursday, April 24)

The Grade 5 Fundraising Committee is pleased to offer the opportunity to order Sushi Fu for lunch on Thursday, April 24, 2025.

This lunch is optional and if you choose not to participate, please ensure you send lunch with your child(ren).

**All orders must be placed by Wednesday, April 16th, 2025.**

If you would like your child to participate in this hot lunch but the cost of the food poses a financial hardship for your family, please email [rdhaliwal@sd43bc.ca](mailto:rdhaliwal@sd43bc.ca)

## Summer Camp Opportunity in our SD43 Community Schools



Dates: Monday, June 30 - Friday, August 8, 2025 (No camp on Statutory Holidays)

Time: 8:45 am - 2:30 pm

Cost: \$250 - Includes Snacks and Lunch

For Students currently in Kindergarten - Grade 5

[Click here for Summer Camp Information](#)

For any questions, please contact the designated school coordinator:

James Park: Jorge, Silvia

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Miller Park: Liles, Delphina

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Central/Pitt River: Nurani, Neelo

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# JOIN US - SD43 CLOTHING SWAP

Donate, Earn Credits, and Swap for New-to-You  
Styles on April 12th from 9:00am to 3:00pm at  
Pinetree Secondary School

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE?



SCAN ME

- Bring gently worn clothing you no longer wear
- Earn 10 credits for a large bag or 5 credits for a small bag.
- Use your credits to pick 1 item per credit from the swap.
- Save money – Get new clothes for free!
- Have fun – Find unique pieces and refresh your wardrobe.

