



What's New at Cedar Drive

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Principal's Message

Dear Cedar Drive families,

Welcome back to our returning families and welcome to our new families. I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing summer filled with things that brought joy. On behalf of the school staff, I want to welcome everyone to the 2025 2026 school year. Our staff are excited about all that this new school year has to offer, and we look forward to a productive, enriching and fun-filled school year.

I am excited to join the Cedar Drive Community as your Principal. I was raised on the Northside of Port Coquitlam (when I went to Leigh Elementary, it was the smallest school in the district, with one class of each grade). My parents still live here, and it feels like I am coming home. I have been an educator for over 20 years, having taught at the middle, secondary, and postsecondary levels. I was a Home Ec teacher but have also taught Science and Dance. Most of my teaching has been in SD43, but I also taught in SD36 for a few years, and did a teacher exchange to Adelaide, Australia. Before Cedar Drive, I was a Vice Principal at Port Moody Secondary School.



I look forward to meeting the students and families of Cedar Drive. Please don't hesitate to reach out as we go through the school year. My email is dnembhard@sd43.bc.ca, and the school's phone number is 604-941-3481.

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

First Day of School – Tuesday September 2nd:

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 2nd, please let the office know through a phone call (604) 941 - 3481 or email 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!

Denise Nembhard (she/her)
Principal



Next Week at a Glance

Sept 1 - 5

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

September 2025 Gradual Kindergarten Entry Schedule

Tuesday Sept. 2 nd	Wednesday Sept. 3 rd	Thursday Sept. 4 th	Friday Sept. 5 th	Monday Sept. 8 th	Tuesday Sept. 9 th	Wednesday Sept. 10 th	Thursday Sept. 11 th	Friday Sept. 12 th
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 **students should bring a snack**	Group A students 8:55am – 10:55am **students should bring a snack**	Groups A&B 8:55am – 10:55am **students should bring a snack**	Groups A&B 8:55am – 11:55am **students should bring a snack**	Groups A&B 8:55am – 1:25pm **students should bring a snack and lunch**
	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		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. 3rd -5th (Drop off and pick up will be at the gym doors)

Sept 8th onwards (Drop off and pick up will be at the classroom doors)

Group A – 1st Letter of Last Name (A-K)

Group B – 1st Letter of Last Name (L-Z)

New Information



If you will not be at school on our 1st day, September 2nd (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 cedardrive@sd43.bc.ca.



Don't Bring Supplies until **Monday Sept 8th**

School supplies do not need to be brought to school until Monday Sept 8th. Please don't send them in with your child before that. Families who purchased school supplies through School Start, 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://schoolstart.ca>



Thank you to Mackenzie and Gryffin, 2 of our Cedar Drive alumni, who came in during summer vacation last week to organize the school supplies for us. We appreciate your help!!!



Terry Fox Run - 2025

We are having our Terry Fox run on Friday, Sept 5th at 1pm. Parents are welcome to join us. More information to come.



2025 - 2026 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



Walking School Bus (WSB) - Join Today!

The Walking School Bus is a fun, safe, and active way for students to walk to school together with Walk leader/Parent volunteers. Families can register to join and help create a healthier, more connected school community.

👉 Register here: <https://forms.office.com/r/EbWdd9GhnD>

Messages from the PAC and Grade 5 Committee



Show your Cedar Drive School Spirit with our new school wear!

Available in multiple sizes for adult and youth, T-shirts and Sweatshirts will be available for purchase at our Teacher's Open House Thursday September 18th. The PAC's apparel sales table will be open 5-7pm.



Food at the Open House - Sept 18th

An order form will be coming home for the Food Truck THE DOG FATHER, the PAC will be featuring at the School Open House Sept 18th- stay tuned! (forms will be distributed once students are settled in their new classrooms). Dinner orders must be prepaid with form submitted- no orders day of.



Freezie treats on our first Friday.

The PAC will be giving out Free Freezies to everyone following our Terry Fox Run on Friday Sept 5th.

We do need additional volunteers 1:45pm-2:15pm to help get the freezies distributed to everyone quickly, volunteers please sign up here <https://volunteersignup.org/988YH>



Mabel's Labels - order [here](#)

Get ready for the start of the year and don't lose those Tupperware containers or winter jackets. If they show up in the lost and found and are labelled, I will return them to your child. Make sure at the checkout, after applying **LDW2025** discount code, select to support a Fundraiser and search for **Cedar Drive PAC**.

UPCOMING PAC DATES

Sept 5th Friday Free Freezies

Sept 18th Thursday Open House- 5pm-7pm Food Truck, Cedar Wear

Sept 18th Thursday 7:15pm PAC General meeting in Library- All Cedar parents and caregivers are welcome!

Oct 2nd Krispy Kreme order deadline

Oct 4th Excel Martial Arts Fundraiser Night

We look forward to seeing you all and enjoying a fabulous 2025/2026 school year together!

— WELCOME —
BACK TO SCHOOL

Dayna MacDonald