



What's New at Cedar Drive

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Principal's Message

Dear Cedar Drive families,

I can't believe that 2025 has almost come to an end! The year has gone by so quickly, and I want to thank everyone for their warm welcome to the school. I am enjoying my time at Cedar Drive and thank you for making me feel such a part of the school. December brings a number of celebrations happening during this time for staff and families in our community, such as Winter Solstice/Yalda Night, Hannukah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, and New Years. I wish everyone a happy holiday season. I hope that you are able to take time to participate in events that bring you joy and allow you to be in community with each other, celebrating traditions, and possibly creating new ones.

I would like to thank our staff, who continue to work tirelessly to support our students. I see the countless hours that you put into creating classroom resources, sharing with families, supporting students in both curricular and extra-curricular events, collaborating with other educators in and out of the school building, and working to make this a school where every student is recognised, valued, and has the opportunity to learn. Your dedication and passion make this a wonderful learning community for our students. You make a profound impact on students' lives.

To our students, thank you for the energy, curiosity, and enthusiasm you bring into our school each day. Your willingness to learn, to try new things, and to support one another makes Cedar Drive a vibrant and joyful place to be. We are proud of the hard work you've put into your learning this year—your accomplishments, both big and small, are noticed and celebrated.

Finally, I would like to thank our school community, especially the families of our students. Whether it is helping with hot lunches, driving to field trips, volunteering in the classroom, supporting students with their learning at home, or cheering from the sidelines, your involvement strengthens our school community. We are grateful for your ongoing trust, collaboration, and care.

As we head into the winter break, I hope that each of you is able to pause, rest, and enjoy moments with the people who matter most to you. Thank you for contributing to a school community where every member feels valued and supported. I look forward to all that we will continue to learn and accomplish together in the new year.

Warmest wishes,

Denise Nembhard (she/her)

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Principal



1st Week Back at a Glance

Jan 5 -9

Date	Activities and Events
Monday, Jan 5 th	Welcome Back
Tuesday, Jan 6 th	
Wednesday, Jan 7 th	
Thursday, Jan 8 th	<u>Last Day</u> to Order Me N Ed Pizza - order here
Friday, Jan 9 th	Div 1-4 City Hall Field Trip (9am-12pm)

New Information



Term 1 Learning Update

Log in to your account [here](#) to view, save, and print your child's report card. Reports cards are only available until July 15. Please make sure you print or save before the end of the year.



Cedar Reader

Intermediate students were given the opportunity to join a Newspaper Club! Ms. Dawson and Mrs. Klement enjoyed working with students to create the Winter Edition of

the *Cedar Reader*. We hope you enjoy the student-created columns, games, and other interesting articles! Look for the second edition coming out in Spring 2026! Read it [here](#)



CEDAR DRIVE ELEMENTARY FUNDRAISER – buy tickets [here](#)

It's back! Support your Canucks and Cedar Drive at the same time! For each discounted Canucks ticket sold, Cedar Drive **will receive \$5 to help fundraise for more gym equipment.** Cheer on your Vancouver Canucks while taking advantage of this special rate. Buy game tickets as a Christmas present or stocking stuffer! Please click on the link below to view available games and pricing. Once you purchase your Canucks tickets, don't forget to share the link with

family and friends to show your support!

Cereal Drive 118 Boxes of Cereal and \$515



Thank you to our grade 5 leaderships students and our fantastic Cedar Drive community. We collected a total of 118 boxes of cereal and over \$515. The firefighters came and collected all the donations to bring Share today. You are all truly amazing!!!



Program of Choice Applications, Kindergarten Registration and Cross Catchment

[Program of Choice Applications](#) (Jan 8 – 14)

[Kindergarten Registration](#) (Feb 3 - 5)

[Cross Catchment Applications](#) (Feb 6 – 11)

The links to the applications will be posted on the school district website

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca>



May Day Royal Party Application

Calling all Port Coquitlam students in Grades 2, 3, 4 and 5. Represent your City as a May Day Royal Party member! All positions are selected by a random draw.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH, 2026 (application form is attached)

LEGO Wall

Here is our December Lego Wall. Wishing you all a wonderful winter break!

Mrs. Cristiano & Ms. Lee Law



After School Programs JAN - MAR

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

Math – [Gr 1-5 Math](#)

- Mondays starting Jan 12th
- 2:50 – 3:50pm in Room 6

Basketball – [Gr 1-5 Basketball](#)

- Tuesdays starting Jan 13th
- 2:50pm – 3:50pm in the gym

Art of Cartooning – [Gr K-5 Cartooning](#)

- Wednesdays starting Jan 14th
- 2:50 – 3:50pm in Room 6

Hip Hop – [Gr 1 – 5 Hip Hop](#)

- Thursdays starting Jan 15th
- 2:50 – 4:15pm in the gym



R.C. MacDonald Elementary School
School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

RC MacDonald is hosting an online Parent workshop entitled "How to Keep Your Kids Safe Online"

Principal name: Tamara Sengotta

Email: Tsengotta@sd43.bc.ca

Number of workshop participants: 20-100

Time: Jan 30, 2026 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86446995807>

Meeting ID: 864 4699 5807

Messages from the PAC and Grade 5 Committee



2 hot lunches and 1 treat day - order [here](#)

Me n Ed's on Friday Jan 16th

DUE DATE Thursday January 8th



Treat Day - Doughnut Love on Wednesday Jan 28th

DUE DATE: Thursday Jan 20th



Fuel Catering Pasta - Friday Jan 30th

DUE DATE: Thursday Jan 22nd

If you would like your child to participate in these hot lunches/treat day, but the cost of the food poses a financial hardship for your family please email DNembhard@sd43.bc.ca



The grade 5s would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season. Thank you for supporting all of our hot lunch fundraisers. A few grade 5 students went from class to class handing out candy canes to all students as a thank you.

Have a wonderful winter break!



Dayna MacDonald