



## What's New at Cedar Drive

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### *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 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Drop-off on Monday will be at the same classroom as the first week of school.** 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. Please note that there is a staff meeting right after school on Monday, so teachers are not available to meet with families of their new students.

Starting Tuesday September 9<sup>th</sup>, 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**

No student will ever go without, due to financial hardship. Please contact Ms. Nembhard at 604-941-3481 or by email [dnembhard@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:dnembhard@sd43.bc.ca) if you require assistance. **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 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](mailto:damacdonald@sd43.bc.ca) for assistance. Please be aware that lunches must be ordered ahead of time.

Welcome Back!

**Denise Nembhard (she/her)**  
Principal



## Next Week at a Glance Sept 8 - 12

Date	Activities and Events
Monday, Sept 8 <sup>th</sup>	Please Bring School Supplies
Tuesday, Sept 9 <sup>th</sup>	
Wednesday, Sept 10 <sup>th</sup>	
Thursday, Sept 11 <sup>th</sup>	
Friday, Sept 12 <sup>th</sup>	

## New Information



### **Terry Fox Run - Thursday, Sept 11<sup>th</sup>**

Our Terry Fox Run will be held on Thursday. We will start with a school-wide assembly in the gym at 1:00pm, followed by a run at Cedar Drive Park. Our PAC will be providing each student with a freezie after the run, thank you, PAC! Our new kindergarten students are invited to attend the assembly and run with their parents and we hope they can make it. All other members of our parent community are invited to attend as well. Donations will be accepted until the beginning of October. Here is the link to make a donation: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/CedarDriveElementary>



### **Please Bring School Supplies Monday Sept 8<sup>th</sup>**

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

You can order [here](#)



## After School Programs SEPT-DEC

**To register - Go to [www.DWUL.io](http://www.DWUL.io)  
Search "Cedar Drive"**

Mondays - Clay - [K-5 Clay Modeling](#)

- Mondays starting September 22nd
- 2:50 – 3:50 in Room 6

Tuesdays - Basketball – [Gr 1-5 Basketball](#)

- Tuesdays starting Oct 7<sup>th</sup>
- 2:50 – 3:50 in the gym

Wednesday – Beginner Theatre - [Gr 1-5 Theatre](#)

- Wednesdays starting Oct 1<sup>st</sup>
- 2:48pm – 4:15pm in the Library

Thursday - Graffiti - [Gr K-5 Graffiti](#)

- Thursday starting Sept 25<sup>th</sup>
- 2:50pm – 3:50pm in the Room 6

### **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.schoolcashionline.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.

### A Note from the Library:

Next week will be the first week of book circulation at the library. For those who are new to Cedar Drive, here are some useful notes about the Library:



- Students come to the library for book exchange on Mondays or Tuesdays.
- Book exchange will begin on September 22nd, as our library is being inventoried on the 15th.
- All books are **due on Mondays** (regardless of when your child has their library period).
- Students hand in books in the library bin located in their classroom or in the Return Bin by the library door.
- If you need more than a week to finish your book, keep the book at home and have your child let me know you'd like to renew.
- I usually send a note to remind younger kids if their books are overdue. All kids are allowed one book over their limit, with some exceptions, so no worries if you forget your book once in a while.
- Book Checkout Limits:
  - Kindergarten – 1 book
  - Grades 1 & 2 – 2 books
  - Grades 3, 4, & 5 – 3 books (or more if they have a good habit of returning books on time)
- If a book is damaged or misplaced, please send me an e-mail at [kleelaw@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:kleelaw@sd43.bc.ca) to let me know. **There is no fine** for damaged or misplaced books. I just need to be aware to clear your account.
- If possible, please store water bottles in side pockets and not inside backpacks to avoid waterlogged books.

Thank you for your support in fostering a love of reading in our children!

Ms. Lee Law

Teacher-Librarian

P.S. I am looking for a parent volunteer to help me reshelve books on Monday mornings. If you can come in for even a half hour after dropping off kids, it would help me a lot! It doesn't even have to be every week! Any help is appreciated!



### 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>



Sept 18<sup>th</sup> - Open House (6-7pm)

Sept 19<sup>th</sup> - Pro-D Day (No school)

Sept 30<sup>th</sup> - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No school)

# 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 \$15 cash and Sweatshirts \$30 cash will be available for purchase at our Teacher's Open House Thursday September 18<sup>th</sup>. The PAC's apparel sales table will be open 5-7pm.



Food at the Open House - Sept 18th

Please see THE DOG FATHER order form attached. **DUE Monday Sept 15<sup>th</sup>.**

PAC needs 24 parent **volunteers** for short 30/45 minute shifts to run the Open House Night. Please use this link to sign up for a shift [volunteersignup.org/9BJTX](https://volunteersignup.org/9BJTX)

**FUNDRAISER  
MOVIE  
NIGHT -  
PARENT  
NIGHT OUT**

Starring:  
Children 5  
and up  
Budget (cost of  
entry): \$25 per  
child

Location: Excel  
Martial Arts Port  
Coquitlam  
1740 Broadway,  
Unit 1

Premiere: Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
6:00-9:00pm for Cedar Drive Elementary PAC  
Plot: In a world where children gather and parents need a night off, join us for pizza, games, martial arts and a movie!

**Disney  
Lilo & Stitch**

Scan here to register



### UPCOMING PAC DATES

**Sept 15<sup>th</sup>** order forms due for The Dog Father and sign up to volunteer for the Open House

**Sept 18<sup>th</sup>** Thursday Open House- 5pm-7pm Food Truck, Cedar Wear

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

**Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>** Krispy Kreme order deadline

**Oct 4<sup>th</sup>** Excel Martial Arts Fundraiser Night, Featuring Lilo & Stitch

Have a wonderful weekend!



Dayna MacDonald