



What's New at Cedar Drive

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Principal's Message

Dear Cedar Drive families,

On Monday, February 9, the students and staff will be on a walking field trip to Birchland Elementary attending a presentation called "Resilient Rhythms". This is the second ArtStart presentation that students will be able to attend this year. Students will leave the school at the end of recess to walk to Birchland. We anticipate that we will leave Birchland to return to Cedar Drive at noon. If you are bringing your child to the school between 10:40 and 12:00, we ask that you bring your child directly to Birchland, as there will be no school teaching staff on site at Cedar between those times.

If you bring a bike or scooter to school, we now have a bike rack that is located outside, just beside the doors to the library. Thanks so much to the Pac for making it possible. Friday, Feb 13, the PAC presents the Scholastic Book Fair. I hope that you will get a chance to come by the school and participate. It's a great opportunity for students and families to get a favourite book or find a new favourite book.

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Principal

Next Week at a Glance

Feb 9 - 13

Date	Activities and Events
Monday, Feb 9 th	School Wide Walking Field Trip to Birchland for "Resilient Rhythms" presentation (10:40-12pm) Grade 5 Basketball Practice 2:50-4pm
Tuesday, Feb 10 th	<u>1-5 Basketball 2:50 - 3:50pm</u>
Wednesday, Feb 11 th	Div 5 Evergreen Field Trip 12-2:30 Grade 5 Basketball Practice 2:50-4pm <u>K-5 Cartooning 2:50 - 3:50pm</u>
Thursday, Feb 12 th	Div 6 Evergreen Field Trip 12-2:30 Theme Day - Purple Day for RAC <u>1-5 Hip Hop 2:50 - 4:15pm</u>
Friday, Feb 13 th	Theme Day - Red and Pink Day BOOK FAIR 3-7pm in the gym

New Information



Cedar Drive has started their **"Orangearama"** fundraising event for B.C. Children's Hospital Oncology Department. We do this event every year in honour of Mr. McNally's son Graedon, (his favourite colour was orange) who passed away in 2011 after a long battle with leukemia. Our fundraiser will once again be online this year. Students are encouraged to wear orange on Thursday, February 19th, **"Orangearama Day"** (Graedon's birthday). We will be having a special Assembly in the gym and Mr. McNally's white hair might be a different colour!

We know that so many in our Cedar Drive community have been touched by different kinds of cancers with family and friends. We appreciate your support. If you would like to make a donation this year, it can be done online at Graedon's Tribute page (you might need to "right click" and open the hyperlink). Thanks again for your overwhelming generosity!



Graedon's Tribute Page - [Donate Here](#)



Red and Pink Day - Feb 13

On Friday Feb 13th, wear some Valentine colours (Red and Pink) to celebrate with us at school. Parents, please consider joining in our colour day fun by sporting your red and pink clothing.



RAC (Real Acts of Caring) Week is February 8-14, 2026 and is doing something caring and kind for others without expecting anything in return. It was begun by students in SD43 in 2005. This year, RAC celebrates 21 years of spreading caring and kindness in our schools, communities, our province and beyond. We invite you to consider joining us this year, with your students, in planning and spreading caring and kind intentional acts. Our hope is that by embracing RAC week, RAC will become a regular part of our students' lives, resulting in positive mental health boosts through empathy and compassion.

On Thursday, Feb 12, wear purple, be caring and kind and have fun!



WEAR PURPLE on Thursday, February 12th

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CELEBRATE RAC 2026!

The next RAC Week is February 8-14, 2026



Feb 16th - Family Day (no school)
Feb 26th - Early Dismissal 1:48pm
Feb 27th - Pro-D Day (no school)



E-bikes and E-scooters

The BC government has recently updated their regulations for E-bikes and E-scooters to highlight the importance of safety. It's worth noting that E-scooters are permitted to be operated by anyone 16 years of age or older. "Light E-bikes" (max 250W) are permitted to be operated by anyone 14 years of age or older, while "Standard E-bikes" (max 500W) are permitted to be operated by anyone 16 years of age or older. There are also regulations pertaining to where E-bikes and E-scooters are permitted to be operated. For the safety of students and staff, those old enough to ride E-bikes and E-scooters should operate them with caution on and around school district properties.

You can review these updated regulations here:

[**Electric kick scooter rules and safety - Province of British Columbia**](#)

[E-bike requirements - Province of British Columbia](#)

Please remember to put a fork/spoon in your child's lunch kit.



Messages from the PAC and Grade 5 Committee



BOOK FAIR

Come shop at our Book Fair **Friday Feb 13th**
3:00pm to 7:00pm in the gym.

BOOK TRAILERS

Preview new titles that will be available at our fair!

<https://www2.scholastic.ca/bookfairs/featured-books/>

Have a wonderful weekend!



Dayna MacDonald