



What's New at Cedar Drive

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Principal's Message

Dear Cedar Drive families,

Students are now settled in their classes for the year. I would like to thank staff for their thoughtful work in creating classes. Teachers and students are continuing with their work to create learning communities, and students are getting the opportunity to make new friendships. As I walk throughout the school, I am so happy to see the number of students who actively work to introduce themselves to new students and invite them to play.

Our Open House will be held Thursday, September 18. Please see information posted in this newsletter about the event. I look forward to meeting you during the event.

We will be holding our first fire and earthquake drill next week. Did you know that schools are required to hold a certain number of drills each year? We hope that we will never have to be in a position where we have to evacuate the school, but the drills allow staff and students to safely practice procedures.

Denise Nembhard (she/her)

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Principal

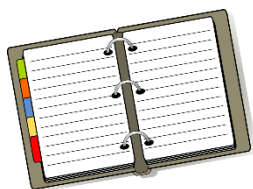


Next Week at a Glance

Sept 15 - 19

Date	Activities and Events
Monday, Sept 15 th	The Dog Father notices Due
Tuesday, Sept 16 th	
Wednesday, Sept 17 th	
Thursday, Sept 18 th	Open House 6-7pm Food Truck - The Dog Father 5-7pm Cedar Drive Spirit Wear Sale 5-7pm PAC General Meeting 7-8pm
Friday, Sept 19 th	Pro- D Day (No School)

New Information



School Planners have been distributed to all Grade 1 - 5 students. Please pay for the school planners on school cash online. These were not included in the school supply packs.

<https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com>



Cedar Drive Open House September 18th

Our school staff, together with our PAC, will be hosting an Open House on September 18th from 6-7pm. This is a great opportunity to visit the school, see your child's classroom, meet our staff and connect with other families in our community.

Terry Fox Run - 2025

Terry Fox donations are being accepted for the whole month of September. Here is the link

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/CedarDriveElementary>



Digital Literacy Request: Looking If anyone has shoe boxes to donate for upcoming projects, please bring them to the library or send them in with your child.

Thank you!

Mrs. Cristiano

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



Sept 19th - Pro-D Day (No school)

Sept 30th - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No school)

Oct 13th - Thanksgiving (No School)

Oct 14th - Picture Day

Oct 23rd Early Dismissal (1:48pm)

Oct 24th Pro-D Day (No School)



Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who over the past two weeks have continued to keep the flow of traffic moving in our drop off zone. We appreciate your willingness to keep all Cedar Drive students safe. Please note that if a staff member reminds you to slow

down or to keep the flow of traffic moving in the drop-off area, it's for the safety of the students. Below are some Back to School reminders to keep the flow of traffic moving during the peak morning drop off and after school pick up times.

All drivers are asked to be mindful of the following reminders and requests:



- The lane in front of the school is a Pickup and Drop Off route. ***This means you are not able to park and or leave your vehicle.***
- When entering the Pickup and Drop Off lane, pull all the way up to the top of the drop-off zone and have your child safely exit or enter your vehicle. Please do not stop and block the entrance to the Staff Only parking lot, as this prevents our staff members from entering and leaving the lot.
- In the Pickup and Drop Off lane, parents are to remain in their cars and keep the flow of traffic moving, stopping only to have their child safely and independently exit and or enter the vehicle along the curb.
- If your child requires assistance with unbuckling or buckling seatbelts, gathering a backpack/lunch kit and/or opening and closing vehicle doors, parents are to park their vehicle in the front parking lot or over at Cedar Park or at the back of Cedar Drive, and assist their child without holding up traffic in the Pickup and Drop Off Lane.
- Please do not park or drop off on the crosswalk as this creates unsafe conditions for our students entering the school property.
- Please see the attached map that shows areas that you can park vehicle and get out of your vehicle.

Hopefully every parent will take a moment to reflect on the pickup and drop off patterns that you have with your children, and make a few small changes, that together, will create a safe traffic pattern around our school site.



After School Programs SEPT-DEC

**To register - Go to 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 7th
- 2:50 – 3:50 in the gym

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

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

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

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

Messages from the PAC and Grade 5 Committee



Thank-you parent volunteers for helping handout the freebies after the Terry Fox Run!

Grade **5** MEETING

All grade 5 parents please join the meeting in the school library on Wednesday Sept 24th 7pm to discuss fundraising for your child's end of the year camp, grade 5 hoodies, grade 5 yearbook etc. See you soon!



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 18th. The PAC's apparel sales table will be open 5-7pm.



PAC needs 24 parent **volunteers** for short 30/45 minute shifts to run the concession table and sell the Cedar Spirit wear. **If we do not have enough volunteers we will have to postpone** selling the new T-shirts and crewnecks. Please use this link to sign up for a shift volunteersignup.org/9BJTX



LAST CALL for hotdog orders!

Please see THE DOG FATHER order form attached. **DUE Monday Sept 15th.**

Cedar Drive PAC General Meeting

Agenda

Thurs September 18, 2025

7:15 pm in the Library

1. Call meeting to order
2. Principal's report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. DPAC
5. Grade 5 committee
6. Terry Fox Run
7. Open House / Welcome Back Food Truck / Cedar Wear
8. Krispy Kreme fundraiser
9. Excel Night
10. Coat Drive
11. The Card Project (Kids Art)
12. Succession Plan
13. New business

All parents and caregivers are welcome to join our PAC GENERAL MEETING this Thursday Sept 18th in the library.

**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 4th 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!



Lilo & Stitch

Scan here to
register

UPCOMING PAC DATES

Sept 15th order forms due for The Dog Father and sign up to volunteer for the
 Concession Table/Apparel table for open house night

Sept 18th Thursday Open House- 5pm-7pm Food Truck, Ice cream from Christine Tossa,
 Concession table & Apparel table (pending volunteers) **BRING CASH**

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

Sept 24th Wednesday 7pm **ALL Grade 5 parents**- meeting in the library
Oct 2nd Krispy Kreme order deadline

Oct 4th Excel Martial Arts Fundraiser Night, Featuring Lilo & Stitch

Have a wonderful weekend!



Dayna MacDonald