



## What's New at Cedar Drive

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### *Principal's Message*

Dear Cedar Drive families,

Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> is our Gr. 5 Leaving Ceremony, beginning at 9:15 am. Due to space restrictions, each student is invited to bring 2 guests to attend the ceremony. We are looking forward to this opportunity for the entire school to say farewell and best wishes to our Gr. 5 students, moving on to Middle School. It will be an emotional time for students, staff, and family members as they celebrate their accomplishments, reflect on their time at Cedar Drive, and prepare to embark on an exciting new chapter. We look forward to sharing this ceremony with our Grade 5 students and their families as we honour their growth and wish them continued success in the years ahead.

I'd like to thank the PAC Executive for all of their hard work and support through the school year. Whether it was organising the Open House hot dog truck, the Scholastic Book Fair, the ever-popular freezie sales, the concession at Sports Day, or the Glow Dance, our PAC is instrumental to our school. Money raised from PAC events go directly to supporting our students, including supporting teachers with classroom resources, reducing the price of field trips, and long-range planning for playground structures. While you may see them at events, there is so much that happens behind the scenes. They work tirelessly to support our students and our staff, and on behalf of the Cedar Drive community, I am so grateful for everything that they do for us. Please join me in thanking them.

Erica Salemink—Chair

Kate DeWolf—Treasurer

Amy Bapla—Secretary

Silver Butler—DPAC Rep

Tara Ataya—Social Media Coordinator

Kirsten Harris—Member at Large

Dee Dee Prince—Member at Large

Thank you to Amy and Kirsten, who are both stepping off the Executive for the upcoming school year. We are so thankful for all that you have done for us!



**Denise Nembhard (she/her)**

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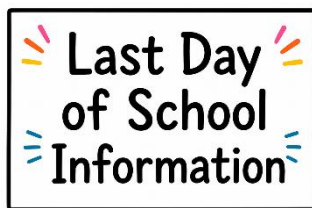
Principal

# Next Week at a Glance

## June 22 - 26

Date	Activities and Events
Monday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	School Supplies <a href="#">Order here</a>
Tuesday, June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<a href="#">Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony 9:15am</a>
Wednesday, June 24 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">School Field Trip (Sun Valley Park)</a> <a href="#">See division times below</a>
Thursday, June 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Last Day of school pick-up 12pm</b> Report Cards available on MyEdBC
Friday, June 26 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Administrative Day</a>

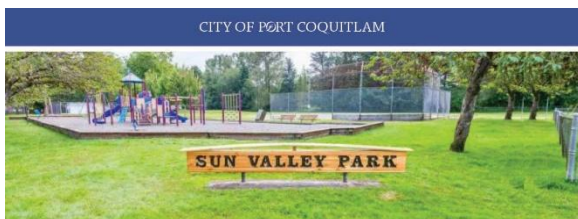
## New Information



The last day of school for Cedar Drive students is Thursday, June 25th. On this day, students will spend time with their classmates and then will be dismissed at 12:00pm.

**If you are unable to accommodate a pick-up time of 12:00pm, please email your child's teacher to inform them that your child will remain at school until 2:48pm. This is important as**

**staff will need to be aware of which children will require supervision during lunch hour and the afternoon.**



## Sun Valley

Our school is going to Sun Valley on Wednesday, June 24th.

This is a walking field trip. Parents are welcome to join us! Please let your child's teacher know if you will be attending.

Divisions 9-12 are attending 9:00-11:30

Divisions 7&8 are attending 10:25- 1

Divisions 1-5 are attending 11:00-2:10

Divisions 6 is attending 12:45 - 2:10



Please remember to notify the school if your child will be away at all next week. Use any of these options, whatever works best for you.

**By Phone:** [604-941-3481](tel:604-941-3481)

**By Email:** [damacdonald@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:damacdonald@sd43.bc.ca)

**By Online:** [Absence Report](#)



### [School Wide Photo](#) and [Grade 5 Group Photo](#)

The grade 5 students were photographed as group. Families wishing to purchase a copy of this photo can do so online by visiting [here](#).  
PASSWORD: **CVRV12026**



The whole school (staff and students) were photographed as a group outside. Families wishing to purchase a copy of this photo can do so by visiting [here](#).  
PASSWORD: **CVRV22026**

*Please contact Edge Imaging directly if you have any questions  
778-656-1762*



### Term 3 Learning Update available June 26th

Term three report cards will be available through the MyEd Family Portal starting June 25<sup>th</sup>. To access this report card please log in to the portal [here](#). A pdf of this Report Card will be visible until July 15<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to keep a copy of the report card, please download, and save it prior to this date. It is important for families to download copies of all three report cards from this year prior to July 15<sup>th</sup>, as we are unable to re-post report cards after this date.

Your user name should be your email address on file at the school with **43-** in front of it (e.g. [dnembhard@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:dnembhard@sd43.bc.ca) will be [43-dnembhard@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:43-dnembhard@sd43.bc.ca)). If you have forgotten your password, please click “I forgot my password” to reset it. If you have any questions or are unable to login into your account, please email [cedardrive@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:cedardrive@sd43.bc.ca)



### Last chance for Lost and Found

Last chance to look through the lost and found. All unclaimed items will be donated. Please come to the front of the school next week and take a look at the rack of clothing.

# Sora Summer Reading

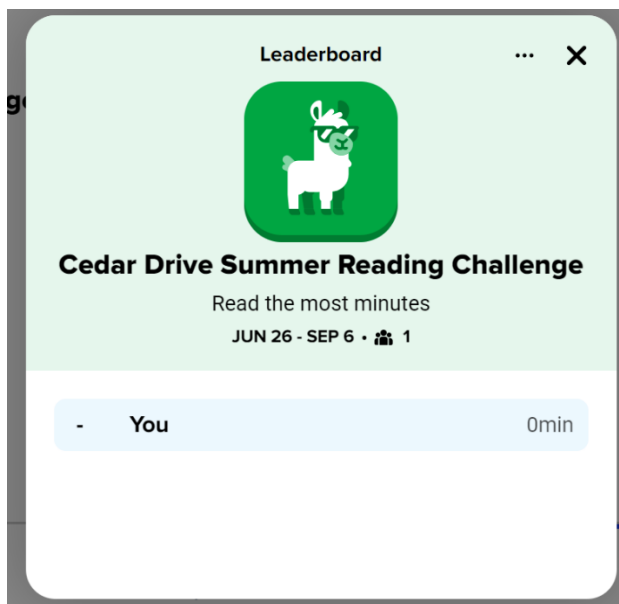
Did you know that students lose between 17% and 28% of their school-year gains in reading over the summer months? Reading 4 to 5 books over the summer prevents this decline.

This year, I'm challenging all Cedar Drive students to be the one to read for the most minutes this summer using the free Sora app. Just download the app, follow the instructions below to set up your account (Microsoft credentials are on a sticker label inside your child's planner), and start reading! School credentials (their email address starting with 011-) will allow Sora to only display age-appropriate reads based on your child's age. The top 3 readers in the school will win a free Scholastic book in September!

To join the challenge, click on this [link](#) Or go to the Reading Challenges section under the **Me** tab and select **Join Challenge** to enter this code: **PPAR1LGQ**. Here is also a QR Code:



If you have any trouble setting up or if you want to check that you've joined, send me an email at [kleelaw@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:kleelaw@sd43.bc.ca).



## Start Reading Today

### On Your Device:

1. Download the free Sora app.



2. Tap "I have a setup code".
3. Type **sd43ca**.
4. Enter your **Microsoft Credentials**.

### In Your Browser

1. Visit [soraapp.com/library/sd43ca](https://soraapp.com/library/sd43ca)
2. Enter your **Microsoft Credentials**.

### Scan QR Code

1. Enter your **Microsoft Credentials**.



# Messages from the PAC and Grade 5 Committee

## **A Huge Shout-Out to Our Amazing Parent Community!**

As another school year ends, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to our parent community. Your support, participation, and generosity make so many wonderful opportunities possible for our students.

Thank you for supporting our many fundraising initiatives throughout the year, including Hot Lunches, Treat Days, Krispy Kreme, Freezy Fridays, Neufeld Farms, Purdy's Chocolates, Gift Cards, Art Created by Kids, Adult Yoga Night, Excel Martial Arts Night, Mabel's Labels, Theatrix After School Program, Coat Drive, Charity of Choice (PJ day), and the concessions at Open House, the Glow Dance, and Sports Day.

We also appreciate everyone who attended, volunteered, and helped make our events such a success, including the Open House Food Truck dinner, Scholastic Book Fair, and our Glow Dance. Your time and enthusiasm help create a vibrant and connected school community.

## **Special Recognition**

A special thank you to **Amy** for leading the Grade 5 Parent Committee in coordinating all the Hot Lunches and Treat Days this year. Funds raised helped support the Grade 5 Camp Day, Grade 5 Celebration Ceremony, and Grade 5 Yearbooks.

Thank you to **Alexis** for keeping our families informed and connected through our social media platforms. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

## **Thank You to Our PAC Executive**

Behind every successful fundraiser and event is a dedicated team working tirelessly behind the scenes. Our PAC Executive attends meetings, organizes events, counts forms and coins, books vendors, makes photocopies, coordinates volunteers, and so much more.

Most importantly, they generously give their time. In today's busy world, time is one of the greatest gifts, and we are incredibly grateful for the commitment these volunteers make to our school community. Simply put, none of this would be possible without them.

## **PAC Executive 2025–2026**

**Chair:** Erica Salemink (Juliette)

**Secretary:** Amy Bapla (Disha)

**Treasurer:** Kate DeWolf (Sawyer)

**DPAC Representative:** Silver Butler (Avery & Dylan)

**Member at Large :**Dee Dee Prince (Charlotte & Evelyn)

**Member at Large:** Tara Ataya (Lucas)

**Member at Large:** Kirsten Harris (Oliver & Amelia)

## **What Your Fundraising Dollars Support**

Thanks to your support, PAC fundraising has helped fully fund many important programs and initiatives for the upcoming school year, including:

- Field trip funding for all 12 divisions
- Classroom funding for every teacher, including Student Services, Library, Digital Literacy and Strong Start.
- Life, Leisure and Learning programs, including Hip Hop Dance and Curling sessions for every class
- School wish-list items- this year PAC was proud to provide- an additional bike rack for students and classroom stools for Educational Assistant in every classroom
- Support for Performing Arts programs
- Parent and Student Body Science Education opportunities
- A well-deserved Cedar staff appreciation lunch!

Every purchase, volunteer hour, and fundraising effort directly benefits our students and school community. Thank you for helping us create enriching experiences and lasting memories for our children.

We wish all Cedar families a wonderful summer and look forward to another great year ahead!

Have a wonderful weekend!



Dayna MacDonald

Please note we have changed the Pro-D date from May 21<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> (see below)

## Cedar Drive Elementary School Calendar 2026-27

<b>Designation</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
Schools Open	Tuesday, Sept 8
Pro D Day	Friday, Sept 25
Truth and Reconciliation Day	Wednesday, Sept 30
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, Oct 12
Pro D Day	Friday, Oct 23
Remembrance Day	Wednesday, Nov 11
Schools close for Winter vacation (last day in session)	Friday, Dec 18
Winter vacation period	Monday, Dec 21 – Friday, Jan 1
Schools re-open after Winter vacation	Monday, Jan 4
School Based ProD Day	Monday, February 1
BC Family Day	Monday, Feb 15
Pro D Day	Friday, Feb 26
Schools close for Spring vacation (last day in session)	Friday, Mar 12
Spring vacation period	Monday, Mar 15 – Monday, Mar 29
Good Friday	Friday, Mar 26
Easter Monday	Monday, Mar 29
Schools re-open after Spring Break	Tuesday, Mar 30
Indigenous Focus Pro D Day	Friday, Apr 23
Victoria Day	Monday, May 24
<b>School Based ProD Day**</b>	<b>Monday, May 31</b>
Last day of school for all students	Tuesday, Jun 29
Administrative day	Wednesday, June 30

**\*\* Please note the updated School Based ProD date**