



What's New at Cedar Drive

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Principal's Message

Dear Cedar Drive families,

Welcome back to our returning families, and a special welcome to those joining the Cedar Drive community for the first time. I hope everyone had a fun, relaxing summer filled with opportunities to connect, explore, and create lasting memories.

On behalf of the entire school staff, I am pleased to welcome everyone to the 2026-2027 school year. Our staff, both new and returning, are excited about all that this year has to offer, and we look forward to a fantastic year of learning, growth, and community building.

Please do not hesitate to reach out throughout the school year. My email is dnembhard@sd43.bc.ca and the school's phone number is 604-941-3481



We encourage families to regularly check our school calendar for important updates and upcoming events [here](#). Over the summer, the district launched an updated website, and we will continue adding resources and information over the coming months. You may also wish to download the **SD43 Coquitlam** app, which will eventually provide calendar integration and optional push notifications.

Please also consider following our PAC on Instagram **@cedardrivepac**, where updates, events, and volunteer opportunities are regularly shared. The Cedar Drive community is one of our school's greatest strengths, and we are grateful for the continued support and involvement of our families. Together, we can create a welcoming, inclusive, and engaging environment where all students can thrive, and I encourage you to volunteer with our PAC at their various events throughout the year.

We look forward to partnering with you and celebrating another wonderful year at Cedar Drive.

First Day of School – Tuesday September 8th:

While children are only at school for a short period of time, it is extremely important that they attend. We report our attendance to the district office at noon, and this can potentially impact our staffing levels. If your child/children will be attending Cedar Drive but are unable to make it to school on Tuesday September 8th, please let the office know through a phone call (604) 941 - 3481 or email damacdonald@sd43.bc.ca. Students **do not** need to bring anything with them on the first day (please do not send school supplies, backpacks etc.)

- **Returning Grade 1-5 students** attend school from 9:15am – 9:45am. They should report to their classroom from last year.
- **Grade 1-5 students new to Cedar Drive** attend school from 9:15am – 9:45am. They should report to the front of the school, outside the office, and one of our teachers will bring them to a classroom.
- **Kindergarten students** attend school from 10:00am to 10:30am. They should report to the gym. This will be their drop-off/pick-up area for the entire week.

Warm regards,

Denise Nembhard (she/her)
Principal

Next Week at a Glance Sept 7 - 11

Date	Activities and Events
Monday, Sept 7 th	Labour Day (No School)
Tuesday, Sept 8 th	1 st Day Back to School Grade 1-5 (9:15 - 9:45am) Kindergarten (10-10:30)
Wednesday, Sept 9 th	Regular Day for Grade 1-5 8:55am - 2:48pm Kindergarten (gradual entry schedule)
Thursday, Sept 10 th	Regular Day for Grade 1-5 8:55am - 2:48pm Kindergarten (gradual entry schedule)
Friday, Sept 11 th	Regular Day for Grade 1-5 8:55am - 2:48pm Kindergarten (gradual entry schedule)

New Information



If you will not be at school on our 1st day, September 8th (still on vacation, etc.) please let the office know as soon as possible. If your plans have changed (new home, etc.) and your child will not be attending Cedar Drive, please call the office to let us know. 604-941-3481 or email cedardrive@sd43.bc.ca.



Don't Bring Supplies until **Monday Sept 14th**

School supplies do not need to be brought to school until Monday Sept 14th. Please don't send them in with your child before that. Families who purchased school supplies through School Start, they have been delivered to our school and we will distribute these supplies on Monday to your child. It is all taken care of for you. **If you are still wanting to order school supplies, please do so ASAP:** <https://schoolstart.ca>



Thank you to Mackenzie and Gryffin, 2 of our Cedar Drive alumni, who came during summer vacation last week to organize the school supplies for us. We appreciate your help!!!



Terry Fox Run - 2026

We are having our Terry Fox run on Friday, Sept 4th at 1pm. Parents are welcome to join us. More information to come.



After School Programs Sept - Dec

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

Art of Cartooning – [Grade 1-5 Cartooning](#)

- Mondays starting Sept 21st
- 2:50 – 3:50pm in Room 6

Basketball – [Gr 1-5 Basketball](#)

- Tuesdays starting Set 22nd
- 2:50pm – 3:50pm in the gym

Clay Modeling – [Gr 1-5 Clay](#)

- Wednesdays starting Sept 23rd
- 2:50 – 3:50pm in Room 6

KPOP Stars – [Gr K – 5 KPOP](#)

- Thursdays starting Sept 24th
- 2:50 – 3:50pm in the gym



2026 - 2027 Bell Schedule

8:50 - Welcoming Bell
 8:55 - Morning Instruction Begins
 10:25 - 10:40 Recess
 12:00 - 12:45 Lunchtime
 12:45 - Afternoon session begins
 2:49 - Dismissal

Messages from the PAC and Grade 5 Committee

Name	Position	Email
Erica Salemink	Chair	cedardrivepac@gmail.com
Kate Dewolf	Treasurer	
Kim Kilkay	Secretary	
Silver Butler	Grade 5 Sub-Committee	
Dee Dee Prince	District PAC Rep (DPAC)	
Tara Ataya	Co - Member At Large	
Cody Flesher	Co – Member At Large	
Denise Nembhard	Principal	

– WELCOME –
 BACK TO SCHOOL

Dayna MacDonald