



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. 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 14th.

Drop-off on Monday will be at your child's new class. Families have already received an email from the office, indicating their child's new division, their teacher and a map with classroom locations. Teachers will have pink signs in their windows with their names on them to assist with pick-up and drop-off. 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.

Financial Support for Cedar Drive Families

No student will ever go without, due to financial hardship. These include:

- School supplies
- Field Trips
- PAC Hot lunches
- Fees for after school programs

Please contact Ms. Nembhard at 604-941-3481 or by email dnembhard@sd43.bc.ca if you require assistance. **All requests will remain confidential.**

Starfish and Lunch Program

The Starfish Program is a community-driven program that provides a weekly food hamper to support families. If you feel this program would be beneficial to your family, please contact school counsellor Sam Coutino scoutino@sd43.bc.ca

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 for assistance. Please be aware that lunches must be ordered ahead of time.

Warm regards,

Denise Nembhard (she/her)

Principal

Next Week at a Glance

Sept 14 - 18

Date	Activities and Events
Monday, Sept 14 th	Go to your NEW classroom Please Bring School Supplies
Tuesday, Sept 15 th	
Wednesday, Sept 16 th	
Thursday, Sept 17 th	
Friday, Sept 18 th	

New Information



Please Bring School Supplies Monday Sept 14th

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
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



Feeding Futures is a government of BC program to give students access to food daily in an equitable, accessible and non-stigmatizing manner. The program is geared to support BC foods to grow local communities, economies and food system resilience. Candace Forsberg and Nadine Darts (Grade 4/5 teachers) are coordinating this program.

The plan at Cedar Drive is to have fresh fruit available daily to students in their classrooms (This takes about 15 minutes in the morning). In order to make this happen, we need parents volunteers to deliver the fruit to the classrooms every morning before school.

We hope to begin the program as soon as we have enough volunteers. If there are any parents that are interested in helping with Feeding Futures, please contact Candace or Nadine ASAP. Thank you! (cforsberg@sd43.bc.ca, ndarts@sd43.bc.ca)



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.
- 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 kleeelaw@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

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.schoolcashonline.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.



Sept 24th - Open House (6-7pm)

Sept 25th - Pro-D Day **(No school)**

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

Messages from the PAC and Grade 5 Committee

Have a wonderful weekend!



