



What's New at Cedar Drive

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Principal's Message

Dear Cedar Drive families,

Students have now settled into their classes for the school year, and I would like to thank our teachers for their thoughtful and collaborative work in creating class placements. Staff and students continue to build strong learning communities, and students are enjoying opportunities to form new friendships while strengthening existing ones.

As I walk through the school, I am always happy to see students making a genuine effort to welcome others by introducing themselves to new classmates and inviting them to join in play. These small acts of kindness help create the caring and inclusive environment that makes our school such a special place. I am excited for the year ahead and know that both students and staff are looking forward to all that it will bring.

Our Open House will be held on **Thursday, September 24, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Please see the information included in this newsletter for event details. The Open House is a wonderful opportunity for students to share their classrooms with their families and for you to experience what makes Cedar Drive such a special community. I look forward to welcoming both our new and returning families.



Friday, September 25 is our first Professional Development (ProD) Day of the school year. ProD days provide educators with valuable opportunities to collaborate with colleagues, learn new instructional strategies, share effective practices, and respond to the evolving needs of their students and classrooms. This year, Cedar Drive staff will be focusing on inclusive practices, fostering positive relationships, and developing skills that support de-escalation and student well-being.

Warm regards,

Denise Nembhard (she/her)
Principal

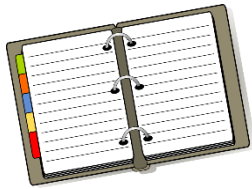


Next Week at a Glance

Sept 21 - 25

Date	Activities and Events
Monday, Sept 21 st	Strong Start Opens Dog Father Orders DUE <u>Grade 1-5 Cartooning</u> - 2:50 - 3:50pm
Tuesday, Sept 22 nd	<u>Gr 1-5 Basketball</u> - 2:50-3:50pm Grade 5 parent meeting on Teams - Link below
Wednesday, Sept 23 rd	<u>Gr 1-5 Clay</u> - 2:50-3:50pm
Thursday, Sept 24 th	<u>Gr K - 5 KPOP</u> - 2:50-3:50pm Open House 6-7pm
Friday, Sept 25 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 24th

Our school staff, together with our PAC, will be hosting an Open House on September 24th 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.



Strongstart is going to start Sep 21st and they can do registration at Strongstart@sd43.bc.ca

Thank you so much!

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



The Feeding Futures program at Cedar Drive is to have fresh fruit available daily to students in their classrooms. **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 you are interested, please contact Candace Forsberg or Nadine Darts ASAP. Thank

you! (cforsberg@sd43.bc.ca, ndarts@sd43.bc.ca)



Hi Cedar Drive families! Please save your bottle caps for an upcoming STEAM project with Ms. Daisy. Students can bring the bottle caps with them to their Digital Literacy classes. Thank you!"



After School Programs Sept - Dec

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



Safer School Sessions for Families

As part of the Safer Schools Together ongoing work through the Ministry of Education and Childcare's **ERASE** (Expect Respect and a Safe Education) strategy, we are pleased to announce complimentary student and family sessions coming up again this school year.

Student sessions on "*Establishing Safe, Caring and Respectful Digital Communities*", as well as "*Establishing Respectful Relationships and Consent in Our Communities*" are for students in grades 5-12. The family sessions are recommended for parents/caregivers/grandparents and youth aged 10 and up. All our sessions can be found [HERE](#). Please note the first session is Tuesday, September 15, but there are other sessions throughout the school year.

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.schoolcashionline.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.

Messages from the PAC and Grade 5 Committee

Dog Father Food Truck order forms and payment cash/etransfer due by this **Monday Sept 21st!** Don't miss out- you must preorder!



Sept 24th Thursday Open House- 5pm-7pm Food Truck, Ice cream from Christine Tossa, Concession table & Apparel table **BRING CASH** for table purchases.



The Cedar Drive PAC is now using **MunchaLunch.com** for hot lunch ordering and other school fundraisers, sign up now, details attached. <https://munchalunch.com/cedardrive>

**All Parents and care givers are welcome to our first PAC
General meeting of the year!**

**Cedar Drive PAC General Meeting Agenda
Thursday September 24, 2026
7:15pm in person in library**

1. Call meeting to order
2. Principal's report
3. Messages to and from Cedar Staff
 - Wishlist Items
 - Art Card Project
 - Musicals- Field trips
 - Theatrix program
4. Munchalunch
5. Treasurer's Report
 - Budget
6. DPAC
7. Grade 5 Committee
8. PAC 26/27 Meeting Dates
9. Fundraising/Event Dates
10. Playground
11. New Business

Grade 5 MEETING

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (PST)

Meeting link: [Grade 5 2026/2027 Cedar Drive Elementary | Microsoft Teams | Meet-up-Join](#)

Have a wonderful weekend!



Dayna MacDonald