What's New at Cedar Drive
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Principal's Message

Dear Cedar Drive families,

Happy Halloween!!
Happy Halloween to our school community! I really enjoyed seeing students in their costumes today and especially appreciated all the students cheering everyone on during the parade. I wish everyone a wonderful Halloween tomorrow, full of wonderful memories, great costumes, and more treats than tricks.




Growing Together—A Monthly Family Connection
Every month, I will be sharing "Growing Together", a series of family conversation starters with questions geared to both older and younger students. Each prompt invites families to explore ideas about belonging, identity, inclusion, and how we understand one another. I hope that it will foster curiosity in students and provide families with simple opportunities to share ideas, ask questions, and enjoy meaningful conversations together.

October Growing Together—Our Stories Shape Who We Are
Every person has a unique story. Our families, cultures, languages, traditions, experiences, and values all contribute to our sense of identity. Learning about our own stories and those of others helps build understanding, appreciation, and connection.
When children and youth develop pride in who they are and curiosity about others, they are better equipped to thrive in a diverse world.
Try it at Home: Share a family tradition, recipe, memory, or story that is meaningful to you.
Family Conversation Starters:
YOUNGER STUDENTS:
"What is something special about our family or culture?"
OLDER STUDENTS:
"How have your experiences, culture, family, or community helped shape who you are?"

Warm regards,



Denise Nembhard (she/her)
Principal

Next Week at a Glance
Nov 2 -6

Date	Activities and Events
Monday, Nov 2nd	Grade 1-5 Cartooning – 2:50 – 3:50pm NO Volleyball Practice today
Tuesday, Nov 3rd	Strong Start Closed Gr 1-5 Basketball – 2:50–3:50pm
Wednesday, Nov 4th	Volleyball Game at Cedar Gr 1-5 Clay – 2:50-3:50pm
Thursday, Nov 5th	Photo Retake Day – please let the teacher know Gr K – 5 KPOP – 2:50-3:50pm
Friday, Nov 6th	

New Information



Photo Retakes

If your child had their picture taken but you aren't happy with it, or they missed picture day completely, photo retakes are on **Thursday November 5th**. Please write a note in the planner or send your teacher an email to let them know that you want your child to have a photo retake.



Digital Literacy Request!
Ms. Daisy is asking students to bring in **thin** cardboard such as: cereal boxes, cracker boxes, kraft dinner boxes, and tissue boxes. Please bring them to the library and thank you for your recycling!



We are updating our school's quiet/calm spaces to give students a restful space to recharge during the day! We are seeking donations of **battery-operated string lights**, **glow-in-the-dark stars**, and **washable cozy blankets or pillows** to help build a cozy corner. If you have any extra or gently used items at home that you would be willing to donate, please send them to the main office, attn: Laura Klement. Thank you so much for your generosity and support!

Messages from the PAC and Grade 5 Committee

Fundraisers

Cedar Drive PAC has several holiday themed fundraisers! We're hoping this makes your holiday shopping easier while raising funds that will go directly to programming offered by our PAC at the school!

Neufeld – Order Here

Chicken strips, breakfast sandwiches, cookie dough… there's so many things to stock up on with Neufeld!! The last day to order is **Thursday November 12**, pickup is **Thursday November 19** at 2:30.

Purdys Chocolates – Order Here

Host/ess gift, present for the kids, snack on Sweet Georgia Browns while the kids are at school?! Purdy's has so many great treats and sweets available. The last day to order is **Friday November 27** and pick up is **Tuesday, December 8**.



Gift Cards – Forms coming home next week

Please return forms to the school with a cheque or you can e-transfer cedardrivepac@gmail.com with "gift card fundraiser" in the details section. **Orders are due on Friday November 20th** and gift cards will be handed out on Wednesday December 4th. Please email Kate @ cedardrivepac@gmail.com with any questions.



Art Card Fundraiser

1. Look for your child's art card to arrive home next week and turn it in to an awesome gift
2. Please go online and place your order.
3. Return your card back to your teacher by Nov 12th.



Orders will be distributed in the first week of December.

Cards



Puzzles



Tree Ornaments



Playing Cards



And More…



Yoga for the Mama's
Wednesday November 25th | 7:00–8:00 PM
$20

Take a deep breath. You've made it through another busy day.

Join Prestonne, owner of Yoga Generation, for a gentle one-hour yoga class in the Cedar Drive gym. This all-levels practice is designed to help you slow down, stretch away the tension of the day, and enjoy an hour that's just for you.

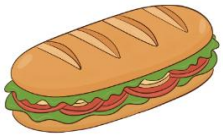
Whether you're new to yoga or have been practicing for years, you'll be guided through a calming class that will leave you feeling lighter, more grounded, and ready for a restful night's sleep. No pressure to be flexible, fit, or experienced, just come exactly as you are.

Prestonne, a Cedar Drive parent herself, has been teaching yoga since 2011 and is a mother of three littles.

Even better, **100% of the proceeds** will go directly to the Cedar Drive PAC, helping fund programs and experiences for our students.

Bring your yoga mat, a water bottle, and comfortable clothes you can move in. We'll take care of the rest.

We begin promptly at **7:00 PM**, so arrive a few minutes early, settle onto your mat, and let yourself unwind.



Hot Lunch – Subway Nov 20th – DUE DATE Nov 12

Place orders through Munchalunch, late orders will not be accepted. Hot lunch and treat days are optional. If you would like your child to participate in this hot lunch, but the cost of the food poses a financial hardship for your family please email dnembhard@sd43.bc.ca

Have a wonderful weekend!



Dayna MacDonald

Let's ring in the holiday season!

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FOOD TRUCKS
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LOCAL VENDORS

ENTRY BY DONATION

Raising funds for inclusive playground

Saturday,
November 7th

Irvine Elementary
3862 Wellington St.,
Port Coquitlam, BC V3B 3Z4

10:00 am to
5:00 pm

irvine.pac43@gmail.com
for more details



