



Cedar Elementary News September

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to school, everyone!

This past week has been very busy as staff, students and families have been getting back into the routine of school and fall activities. Welcome to all of our new families; please continue to talk to me on the playground so I can get to know all our new families.

I am looking forward to working with our school and the Cedar community with a view to meeting the needs of all of our students. Please feel free to meet with me if you have any concerns. Unfortunately, staff are not always available for a drop-in meeting and before school is often a time of getting ready for the day, so please call the office to set up an appointment if you would like to talk with any of us.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the corn roast.

PLANNERS

Planners will be issued for grades 1-7. The cost is \$6 but please contact the office if you need help with this cost.

PHONING IN ABSENCES

Voice mail is available all day so parents can call any time to report students who will be absent or late. This program is for the safety of your child. All absences and lates need to be called in. When leaving a message please state your child's first and last name, division or teacher and if they are ill, at an appointment, or on vacation.

STRONG START

Have you heard about our StrongStart program? StrongStart Early Learning Centres provide a free drop-in program for children 5 and under and their parent, grandparent, or caregiver. Join Selena and a great group of parents any day from 8:45-11:45. You can come any time or any day and stay as long or as short as you would like!



DATES TO REMEMBER



Here are some dates to remember:

September 15	PAC Corn Roast 4:30
September 22	Terry Fox Run 1:00
September 28	Open House 5:15 band rentals 6-7 open house
September 29	Orange Shirt Day
October 5	Photo day
October 6	Pro D day - school not in session
October 9	Thanksgiving Holiday

Open House - September 28th

Band rentals begin at 5:15
Drop into classrooms from 6:00-7:00

Cedar Elementary will observe **Orange Shirt Day** on Friday, Sept. 29 to honour the survivors of the Indian Residential School System and remember those who did not. The reason we wear orange is based on the real life story of Phyllis, a survivor of St. Joseph Mission School in Williams Lake, BC, whose brand new orange shirt was taken from her on her first day when she was just a little girl. Please wear orange on Friday!

Terry Fox Run

Parents are needed to help supervise at corners and pass out water
Please leave your name and number at the office if you are available.
We have set a goal of \$350 - that is only a loonie a student! Let's try to beat that goal.

PAC NEWS

Join us for a fun filled family event Sept 15th from 4:30 to 7:30
Yummy concession, games, bouncy castle, photo booth, dunk tank and more!
Please sign up in the office if you can volunteer for part of the time.

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STAFF LIST

We welcome back many staff members from last year and some new faces this year.

S Sneddon Principal
K Steel Vice Principal
K Freer Secretary
K Adsel Secretary (am)

D Ryckman Kindergarten
A Blow Kindergarten
J Allair Kindergarten/1
E Currie Grade 1
C Becker Grade 1/2
J Green Grade 2/3
T Hibberson Grade 3
T Wilcox Grade 3/4
T Hicks Grade 4
M Ossa Grade 4/5
M Moynihan Grade 5
L Wight Grade 6
J Larsson Grade 6/7
C Poulin Grade 7
D Vincent Grade 7

L Bibbs SST
S Thomas SST
D Lenz Music
A Roth Prep
R Middleton Counsellor
J Brown Hulquminum
TBA Library

S Lee Strong Start
D Taylor Ab Ed EA
L Dorset EA
L Timmermans EA
A Johnson EA
L Atto EA
A Pearce EA
S Walsh CYFSW
K St Cyr Community schools
D Frier SLP
C Walterhouse Psychologist

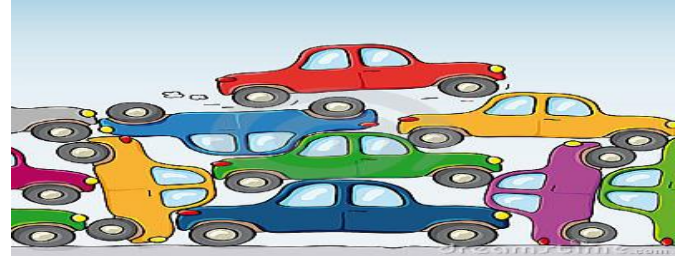
K Dashwood Custodian
D Peck Custodian

We hope to have our Learning Commons position filled soon.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Unless it is really miserable and so wet we can see rain bouncing off the pavement, we go outside at recess and long recess. If your child only has one pair of shoes, he or she will be wet all day. If you are having difficulty affording extra clothing so your child can stay dry, please let us know in the office and we may be able to help. Please send an extra pair of clothing including sock and mitts that your child can keep in their locker or cubby.

TRAFFIC



As we are all aware, parking is at a premium and we all need to continue to be diligent to watch for students and other cars.

Staff parking is in the back lot behind the band building. The reason for this is that the road going in and out is only one lane so it is not conducive for drop off and pick up. When parents use this as a drop off area, there is congestion on that road as they try to leave while staff and other parents try to come in. The front parking lot is open for parents who need to park to walk their children to the door. This would be our Kindergarten students when they arrive and some of our grade ones.

Most other students can be dropped off instead of looking for parking. This front lot is a better drop off area as you can drive through, stop for a moment and still leave room for cars to do the same behind you. As long as there are no busses in the bus loop (they arrive around 8:15, 8:20 and 8:33), this is also another safe drop off area. Please drive to the far end - the second bus gate - in case a bus does arrive or to give other families the same opportunity.

Supervision is provided in the yard for 15 minutes before and after school. The upper parking lot is quite empty about 10 minutes after school so another option is to arrange to meet your child a few minutes after dismissal or drop off before 8:30 if possible to let the cars move out of the way.

HELP US SAVE PAPER

We like to send out our newsletters and school announcements electronically. If you require a paper copy, please write your child's name on the line below. Thank you



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As we have students and staff in our school with peanut allergies, please be aware of the food you are sending in and avoid peanuts specifically. We want our school to be a safe place for all. If your child has a new allergy alert, please let the office know immediately as there are medical forms that need to be completed and a place to leave emergency prescription medication.

Here are some suggestions for nut free snacks:

- Fruit or assorted vegetables
- Dried fruit like raisins
- Cheese and certain crackers or rice cakes
- Pretzels, breadsticks, muffins (check ingredients)
- Yogurt or other milk products
- Homemade popcorn

Please check the labels to be sure!

BUS PASSES

Bus Passes have been distributed but there are still more to come. If your child did not get one yet and you have registered, it should be here next week. If you have not registered, please register through the transportation link on the school district website.

http://www.sd68.bc.ca/?page_id=3149. You can call the school office for their pupil number or for assistance. If you are sure you registered, please call transportation at 250-741-5214

Students can ride the bus without the pass for the next couple of weeks until they are all delivered.

NEW * changes to school bus service to Cedar Elementary and Cedar Secondary Schools from the South Wellington area (Bus Route 8). The bus stop at South Wellington Rd. and Morden Rd. has been deemed to be in a location that can jeopardize student safety. In order to correct this safety concern, it has been found necessary to adjust the bus service for students residing in the South Wellington area (Bus Route 8). There are changes to Bus Route 8 that will see bus service for students earlier in the mornings Monday to Friday. Please note that the former bus stop location of South Wellington Rd & Morden Rd is being eliminated, two new bus stop locations are being implemented in place of this bus stop. The new bus stop locations will be South Wellington School entrance & Dick Ave/Scotchtown Rd.

This bus route change is effective starting Monday September 18, 2017. After school bus service is not affected or changed. Bus drivers sent a note home with your child that list time changes.

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