



# Cedar Elementary News September

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### 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 of you.

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 busy time as we get 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 PAC family night and potato roast.

### PLANNERS

Planners have been 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!



Here are some dates to remember:

- Sept 13 Kindergarten full day
- Sept 14 Terry Fox Run 1:30
- Sept 21 PAC Potato Roast 4:30
- Sept 25 Gr 1 Read with Me
- Sept 26 Open House 6-7
- Sept 28 Orange Shirt Day
  
- Oct 1 PAC meeting 8:45 MPR
- Oct 4 Pro D day - school not in session
- Oct 5 Pro D day - school not in session
- Oct 8 Thanksgiving Holiday
- Oct 11 Photo day

### TERRY FOX RUN

We are running on Friday! Students in grades K-3 or in upper grades who are not comfortable with the road distance will run on the field.

Students in grades 4-7 who have returned the walk/run off school grounds permission slip will run the route on the road. 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 \$700 - that is only a twonie a student! Let's try to beat that goal.



**OPEN HOUSE** - September 26<sup>th</sup>  
Drop into classrooms from 6:00-7:00

Cedar Elementary will **OBSERVE ORANGE SHIRT DAY** on Friday, Sept. 28 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.

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## **PAC NEWS**

Potato roast! Join us for a fun filled family event Sept 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:30 to 7:30  
Yummy concession, games, bouncy castle, photo booth, and more!  
Please sign up in the office if you can volunteer for part of the time.

## **STAFF LIST**

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

S Sneddon Principal  
J Pascoe Vice-Principal  
K Freer Secretary  
T Asdal Secretary (am)

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

L Bibbs SST  
A Gaber SST  
D Lenz Music  
A Roth Library  
TBA Counsellor  
J Brown Hulquminum  
J Keefer FSL

S Lee Strong Start  
D Taylor Ab Ed EA  
L Dorset EA  
A Bennett EA  
A Johnson EA  
D Powling EA  
L Bohnsack EA  
D Probiazanski CYFSW  
V Buck Community schools  
D Frier SLP  
C Walterhouse Psychologist

TBA Custodian  
D Peck Custodian

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

Cedar Elementary has been adopted by Chapters/Indigo Woodgrove!  
From Sept 15<sup>th</sup> - Oct 7<sup>th</sup> Chapters Woodgrove will be asking people to round up their purchase or make a donation and it will all come to our school. So if you were planning to buy some books, please think of this great opportunity for our school - you can go to the store, online or drop into the school.

## **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. Students still on the yard after the busses leave will wait at the office for their ride.

## **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!

### STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS

Please look for these important forms that will be sent home this week. We ask that you complete them as thoroughly as possible and return them to school as quickly as possible so that we have the necessary safety contacts and medical information on file for your child. It is very important that we have two alternate numbers to call in case your child is sick or there is an emergency. Please remember if your child requires any medication at school (e.g. inhalers, epipen, antibiotics) there is a form that needs to be filled out by the parents/guardians. All medication needs to be kept in the office.

The **emergency contact form** is for the school to keep in a binder that comes out for fire and earthquake drills. If we were to have a real emergency, this is the place we would look for phone numbers and the people you want to pick up your children. Please fill this out carefully.

The third sheet is two sided and contains all the **permissions** we need for the school year as well as information on applying for your criminal records check - needed to volunteer in the school.

### SCHOOL VISITATION PROTOCOL

In keeping with our District's Health and Safety policies and good practice, we ask that all visitors check in with the office. If you are volunteering in a classroom or in any other area of our school, or are dropping off something for a student, we ask that you sign in at the office and pick up an 'Authorized Visitor' badge. This also helps us to know who is in our building in the event of an emergency.

### 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](http://www.sd68.bc.ca/?page_id=3149). You can find the pupil number on the top of the report card or call the school office 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.

### DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

We live in a rainy fall/winter climate, and we go outside at short and long recess. Please be sure your child has a raincoat or jacket with a hood. If your child only has one pair of shoes, he or she may be wet all day as those puddles are tempting. 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. These are very helpful for those other days when "accidents" happen and the bathroom is just too far away!

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