



# 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 Summer Slam welcome back party.



#### VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Hello to the Cedar Community! My name is Mike Ingalls and I am excited to be working here at Cedar Elementary School. It is sort of a homecoming for me as I attended school in Cedar from grades 3 to 10 at Woodbank and Cedar Junior Secondary. This is my 21<sup>st</sup> year teaching and my second as a Vice Principal. This year my duties will be split between teaching grade 5 and 6 and administrative work in the office.

I am getting to know many of the students here at CES already. I have met a few parents and grand-parents, and I look forward to meeting more as the year progresses. Please feel free to say hi when you are around the school.

My office hours will be as follows:

- Tues. 12:20 to 2:27
- Wed. 12:20 to 2:00
- Thurs. 12:20 to 1:30

I am looking forward to a great year here at CES!!



Here are some dates to remember:

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|-----------|------------------------------------|
| Sept 12   | Kindergarten full day              |
| Sept 20   | PAC Summer Slam 4:30               |
| Sept 24   | Kindergarten vision/hearing screen |
|           | Div 11 field trip                  |
|           | Open House 6-7 - band rental 5     |
| Sept 26   | Terry Fox Run 1:30                 |
| Sept 30   | Orange Shirt Day                   |
| Oct 8     | Safer Schools Presentation         |
| Oct 10    | Div 7 field trip                   |
| Oct 11    | Pro D day - school not in session  |
| Oct 14    | Thanksgiving Holiday               |
| Oct 15    | Photo day                          |
| Oct 17    | Great Shake out                    |
| Oct 21-24 | Parent conference week             |
| Oct 25    | Pro D day - school not in session  |

#### PLANNERS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Planners are used in grades 1-7. The cost is \$6.00. Teachers had the option of ordering in bulk for their class or sending home a supply list. If your child is in grade 5, they received a list. You can either order online and have the supplies delivered to your home or take the list to a store and buy the supplies. If you require another copy of the list, they are available in the office. For the other grades, please send in cash or cheque (made payable to SD68) for \$40 for the supplies.



#### 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.

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### OPEN HOUSE - September 24<sup>th</sup>

Drop into classrooms from 6:00-7:00

Band rentals from 5:00-6:00



### 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!



### NUT ALLERGIES

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!

### STAFF LIST

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

S Sneddon	Principal
M Ingalls	Vice-Principal
K Freer	Secretary
	Secretary
J Allair	Kindergarten
A Blow	Kindergarten
C Tomlinson	Grade K/1
K Loos	Grade 1
C Becker	Grade 1/2
J Green	Grade 2
T Hibberson	Grade 2/3
T Wilcox	Grade 3
T Hicks	Grade 3/4
L Wight	Grade 4
M Moynihan	Grade 5
M Ingalls/J Keefer	Grade 5/6
J Larsson	Grade 6
S Sareen	Grade 6/7
C Poulin	Grade 7
L Bibbs	SST
V Munro	SST
D Lenz	Music
A Roth/T Cameron	Library
N Corocoran	Counsellor
J Brown	Hulquminum
J Keefer	FSL
S Lee	Strong Start
D Taylor	Ab Ed EA
L Dorset	EA
A Bennett	EA
R Carter	EA
D Powling	EA
L Bohnsack	EA
S Bridgeman	EA
M Hoover	EA
A Piper	CYFSW
E Dolan	SLP
C Walterhouse	Psychologist
Bob Grinnell	Custodian
Sarah Marchand	Custodian

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### BUS PASSES

Bus Passes have been distributed but if your child did not get one yet and you have registered, it should be here soon. 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). 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.

### TERRY FOX RUN

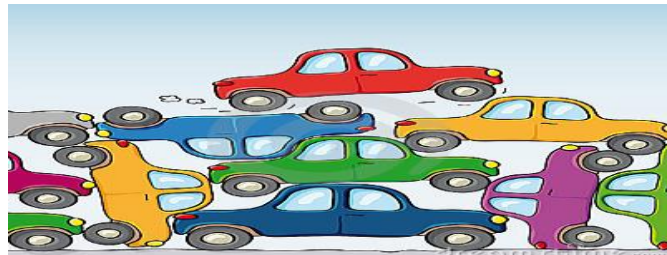
We are running on the afternoon of Sept 26! Students in grades K-3 or in upper grades who are not comfortable with the road distance will run on the field. Students in grades 4-7 who have returned the walk/run off school grounds permission slip will run the route on the road. Parents are needed to help supervise at corners and pass out oranges. Please leave your name and number at the office if you are available. We have set a goal of \$700 - that is only a toonie a student! Let's try to beat that goal.



### 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.

### 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. The entrance to the back lot was widened this summer after the bus loop exit. The plan is that you enter that lot through the bus loop so the entrance and exit are one way. 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 8:25), this is 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.

### 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. Please send an extra set 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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### 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.

### ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Cedar Elementary will observe **ORANGE SHIRT DAY** on Monday, Sept 30 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.



**ORANGE SHIRT DAY SEPTEMBER 30**

### PAC NEWS

Summer Slam! Join us for a fun filled family event Sept 20<sup>th</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. Watch for a notice from PAC outlining upcoming events, a new ordering system for hot lunch and registrations for some afterschool programs. Please join us Oct 8 for a Safer Schools presentation - Parenting in a Digital World.



### ANIMALS IN SCHOOL SETTINGS

Our district has an administrative procedure regarding animals in school settings. There have been an increasing number of pets walking their owners to school so we are posting this as a reminder to leave them at home.

The Board of Education believes that a safe environment free of animals is desirable for its students and employees.

Animals, including all pets, should not be kept or brought onto school properties, into schools or district facilities. The presence of animals presents many problems which include safety and liability issues. It is strongly encouraged that any animals found inside a school or district facility or on school grounds be removed immediately.

Classrooms projects where animals are included or long term education-focused exhibits may be excluded at this time, with principal approval.

### HELP US SAVE PAPER

We like to send out our newsletters and school announcements electronically. If you require a paper copy, please contact the school. Thank you

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