



Aug. 29, 2023

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! We hope you've all enjoyed a wonderful summer surrounded by family and friends. We look forward to a fantastic year together!

The Week Ahead

Monday Sept. 4	Labour Day - No School
Tues. 5	<p>First Day Back to School for grades 1-7, 11:00am – 12:00pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students who attended Cedar last year will line up at last year's classroom entry/exit door when the bell rings. All classes will be brought to the gym for a short assembly before returning to their class for the remainder of the hour. - All NEW students to Cedar will go to the gymnasium when the bell rings. New students will be placed with their grade and return with the class for the remainder of the hour. - All parents are welcome to join us in the gym for the short assembly. - Kindergarten does NOT attend today. <p>* PAC Welcome Back Meet and Greet – Please join PAC for a coffee outside or after the assembly between 11-12pm. What a great way to spend the hour that the kids are in school! Thanks, PAC!</p>
Wed. 6	<p>First full day of school gr. 1-7 8:35am – 2:15pm grades 1-7. Grade-alike groupings rotating for the remainder of the week.</p> <p>Gradual Entry for Kindergarten begins today</p>
Thurs. 7	<p>Full Day of School gr. 1-7</p> <p>Gradual Entry for Kindergarten</p>
Fri. 8	<p>Full day of School gr. 1-7</p> <p>Gradual entry for Kindergarten</p>

NLPS Elementary Classroom Planning - Due to the continued fluctuation in registrations, the process to finalize classroom organizations is expected to take a minimum of a few days once school is in session. Rather than starting in a new class, students will spend the first week in grade groupings and get to enjoy a variety of teachers as they rotate throughout classrooms and activities.

We hope to move into our 2023-2024 divisions the week of Sept. 11th. We will be sure to keep you informed throughout the process.

Kindergarten - please note that Kindergarten students DO NOT attend school on Tues. Sept. 5th. During the first two weeks of school, Kindergarten students are on a gradual entry schedule. Each schedule varies. Your gradual entry schedule has been sent via email in July. Please contact the school @ 250-722-2722 if you haven't received your package yet. The first full day of Kindergarten is Wednesday, Sept. 13th.

School Supplies – School Supply lists have been emailed out to all registered families. Lists are also posted on exterior doors near office, on our school website <https://ce.schools.sd68.bc.ca/> and PAC Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/CedarElementaryPAC>. Please DO NOT send school supplies in with your student the first week of school. Once students are placed in their new class for the year, supplies will be asked to be brought in.



Planners – We encourage all students Gr. 2 -7 to use a Planner. Again, once school begins we will be collecting \$6 per student and ask that families please pay by the middle of September. More information to come soon.

Bus Registration – All families must complete an online registration form for each student every year authorizing them to ride the bus. Registrations are due by the end of June each year.



Registrations are done online at: www.sd68.bc.ca/students-parents/registration-information/. Please phone the school to get your student # to register.

Saying Good-bye to your child at school – This can be difficult for some kids and even their grown ups. We want to support you and your child through this process as best we can. When a child is encouraged to work through separations, they build new connections and confidence in themselves. It will encourage independence as they step out into a supportive environment here at Cedar.

Tips

- Establish routine of arriving to school on time and saying goodbye at the **line up outside**. If you are late, sign your child in at the office and say goodbye at the **office**. Saying goodbye in the line up or at the office is the least disruptive for everyone, including all of our students who have already said goodbye and for our classes that are in session.
- If your child has difficulty with goodbyes, we suggest you keep the goodbye quick and positive ie. “I can’t wait to hear all about your fun day at school.” Staying on and extending goodbye in the hopes of things being easier for your child, often makes things more difficult and anxiety can grow.
- From K-7, trust that as a staff at Cedar, we are ready to support your child with a lot of love and have many great tricks of the trade to help your child work through ‘goodbye’ to the other side of having an awesome day at school!

2023-2024 School Year Calendar – Please see attached.

Thank you so much for your support as we begin the 2023-2024 school year together. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to reach out.

Enjoy your long weekend. Looking forward to seeing everyone next week! PAC encourages you all to stop by their Meet and Greet coffee hour on Tuesday from 11-12pm to introduce yourself and inquire about how you can get involved with supporting our school!

Sincerely,

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