



# CEDAR NEWSLETTER

January 2026



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to school after winter break. It has been wonderful re-connecting with our school family and getting back in to our learning routines. I hope you had a restful and joyful winter break. We're excited for a fresh start to the school year and we look forward to all of the new discoveries that January can bring!

This stretch between now and spring break is when some of the deepest learning of the year takes place. Strong routines at home make a big difference, so thank you for continuing to support your child's learning by keeping those consistent habits in place. After the holidays, getting back into a consistent school routine can take a little time. Encouraging regular bedtimes and morning routines will help. We will also begin looking ahead to the next school year. Please watch for information about kindergarten registration (info in this newsletter), cross catchment transfers, and registration for Late French Immersion, for families with children currently in Grade 5.

Thank-you for your continued partnership and helping to make our school a welcoming and warm community, we look forward to continuing this throughout the rest of the year.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 15th** - PAC meeting at 7pm in the library

**January 16<sup>th</sup>** - Pro-D day - No School

**January 20<sup>th</sup>** - Culture Evening 4-6

**January 27<sup>th</sup>** - Rotarians come to read

**February 2-6** - Kindergarten Registration Week

**February 3-27** Cross Catchment Requests

## BELL SCHEDULE

**8:45** School Begins

**10:15-10:30** Recess

**12-12:15** Eating time

**12:15-12:45** Recess

**2:30** Dismissal



## DECORATION REQUEST



As Christmas decorations are being put away until next season, we are wondering if you have any ribbon, or small items that that you do not want anymore that could be donated to the school for attaching to the swags that we will make again next year. If you do, please drop the items off in the office. Thank-you.





# 2026-2027 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

OPENS FEBRUARY 2, 2026

Register online! [www.sd72.bc.ca](http://www.sd72.bc.ca)

## What you'll need:

- Child's birth certificate (Canada) or proof of citizenship;
- Child's Care Card;
- Proof of current residence (hydro bill, purchase/rental agreement or property tax notice); and
- Custody agreement, if applicable.



Scan or visit  
[www.sd72.bc.ca](http://www.sd72.bc.ca) for  
more information on  
how to register.

## Learning at Home

Choose eBlend when  
registering online or visit  
Sandowne Elementary  
for our elementary  
eBlend program.

## Liq'wala/Kwak'wala K

Register online with your  
neighbourhood school and  
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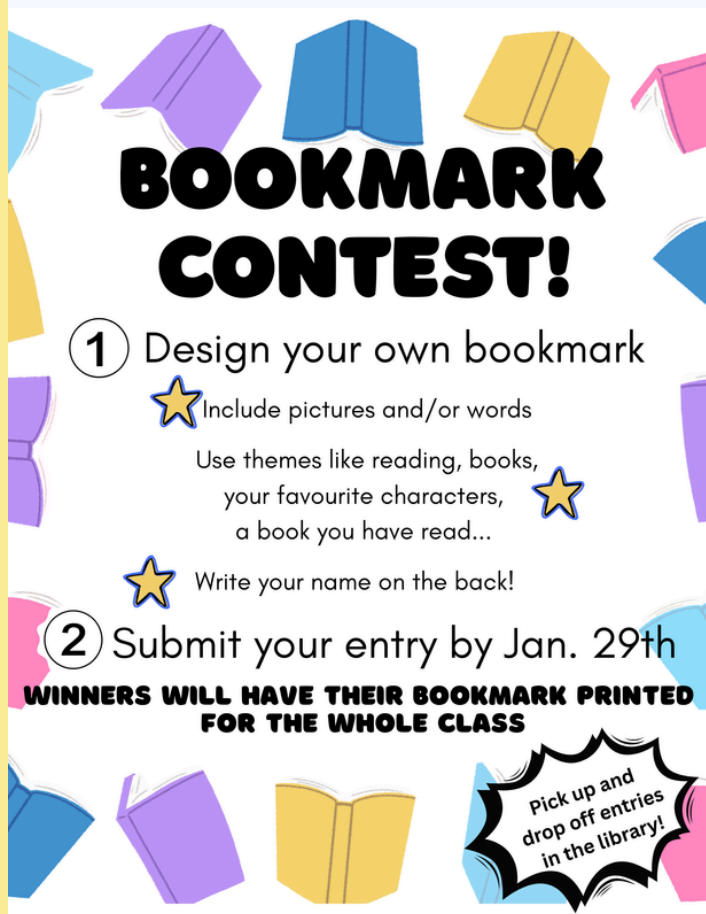


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## UPDATE ON BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Dear Families & Caregivers,

We want to share an update about Battle of the Books at elementary schools for this school year. As some of you may be aware, elementary library programs are being delivered differently. Teacher librarians are now providing prep coverage for classroom teachers, which changes how library time is scheduled and supported. Because of this shift, we will not be running Battle of the Books this year.

We know this news may be disappointing for students who enjoy the program. Battle of the Books has been a valued literacy experience for many years, and we appreciate the excitement it has brought to students and families. Staff will be using this year to explore how the program might continue in the future in a way that is sustainable, including looking at coordination and funding needs.

Battle of the Books will continue in middle schools. Grade 5 students will have the opportunity to participate in Battle of the Books when they enter middle school next year. Our commitment to literacy remains strong. Students will continue to be supported through classroom learning and library programs that promote reading, inquiry, and a love of books.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.





# SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER



Our West Coast Seeds fundraiser will support outdoor education and our school garden. Orders are due by January 24, 2026 and seeds will arrive at the school mid to late February. If you are interested in ordering, please go to:

<https://fundraising.westcoastseeds.com/pages/organizations/cedar-elementary-school-sd-72> or scan the QR code above.

Thank you so much for your support!



## A FEW DECEMBER PHOTOS

