



CEDAR NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2026

Principal's Message

Dear Cedar Families,

We have had a great start to the school year building community, settling into routines and digging into learning. As we begin the year, we encourage families to stay connected with the school through newsletters, email communications, and our website. Open communication between home and school is one of the most important ingredients for student success, and we value the partnership we share with our families.

Throughout the year, students will have many opportunities to learn, grow, participate in extracurricular activities, develop new friendships, and contribute positively to our school community. We encourage every student to embrace new challenges, demonstrate kindness and respect, and take pride in their learning. We had a group of students do a book reading for the school at our most recent virtues assembly last week.

It was wonderful seeing so many families who were able to attend our annual Truth & Reconciliation pancake breakfast/orange shirt day. We are grateful for so many caring community members and volunteers who helped make the morning a success. After breakfast we went on a neighbourhood walk led by Qwaya and Qwaya Jr as well as some student drummers to acknowledge the impacts of residential school.

As we move into the fall season, please remember that mornings are becoming darker and visibility can be reduced. We encourage all families to take extra care during drop-off by using designated crosswalks, driving slowly in school zones, and watching carefully for students and staff. If your child walks or rides to school, consider bright or reflective clothing to help them stay visible.

Warm regards,
Michelle Nohr



Upcoming Events

October 2

National Custodian's Day

October 5

World Teacher's Day

October 7

Kindergarten Hearing Screen

October 10

World Mental Health Day

October 12

Thanksgiving - School Closed

October 13

Individual Photo Day

October 14

1st PAC meeting of the year

October 15

Great BC Shake Out

October 23

Provincial Pro-D Day - School Closed

October 30

Wear Orange and Black Day



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School supply payments are now due. If you have not yet done so, please pay \$35 per child via e-transfer to cedar@sd72.bc.ca or by bringing cash to the office.

Please include your child's name(s) with the payment.



BELL SCHEDULE

8:45 – School Begins

10:15 – 10:30 Recess

12 – 12:15 Eating Time

12:15 – 12:30 Recess

2:30 – Dismissal



For safety reasons, it is important to not have students dropped off before, or picked up later than our supervision times.

Before School Supervision

8:30 am until first bell

After School Supervision

2:30–2:45 pm

ABSENCES

Please make every effort to ensure that your child(ren) come to school on time. If your child arrives late, they must come in to the office to sign-in.

If your child will be absent, late, or picked up early, please advise the main office and the classroom teacher as early as possible. When notifications are received with minimal notice it may be disruptive to classes in session and/or difficult to track down students.

You may leave an attendance notification two ways: 1.)Phone our attendance line 250-287-8335 – please ensure you speak slowly and clearly, leaving your child's first and last name, your name, and the reason for the absence. 2.)Email cedar@sd72.bc.ca – please include your child's first and last name, your name, and reason for the absence.

Thank you for your assistance in ensuring we have correct attendance information each day.



CEDAR PAC

The Cedar Elementary PAC executive would like to welcome all new and returning parents to Cedar Elementary. We will be holding our annual AGM on Wednesday October 14th at 7pm in the Cedar Elementary School Library. PAC meetings are open to all parents and guardians of students at Cedar Elementary and we would love to see you there.

You do not need to come to PAC meetings to be part of PAC. We appreciate any help that you can offer, whether it is volunteering at events, gathering donations, delivering hotdogs, or whatever else you can do. Your support makes a difference.

Any questions or wonders, please feel free to email the the PAC at CedarElementaryPAC@gmail.com or come out and join us at the AGM on Wednesday October 14th @ 7pm in the Cedar Elementary School Library

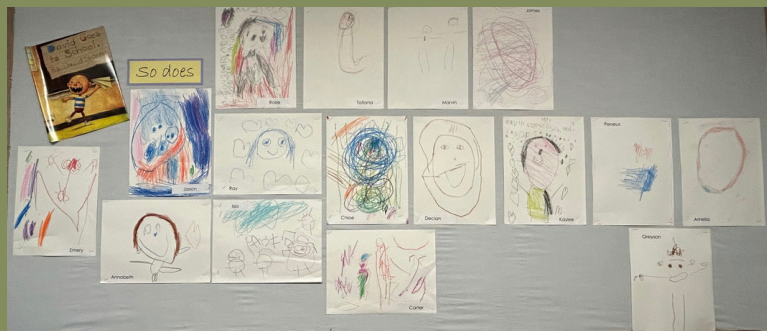
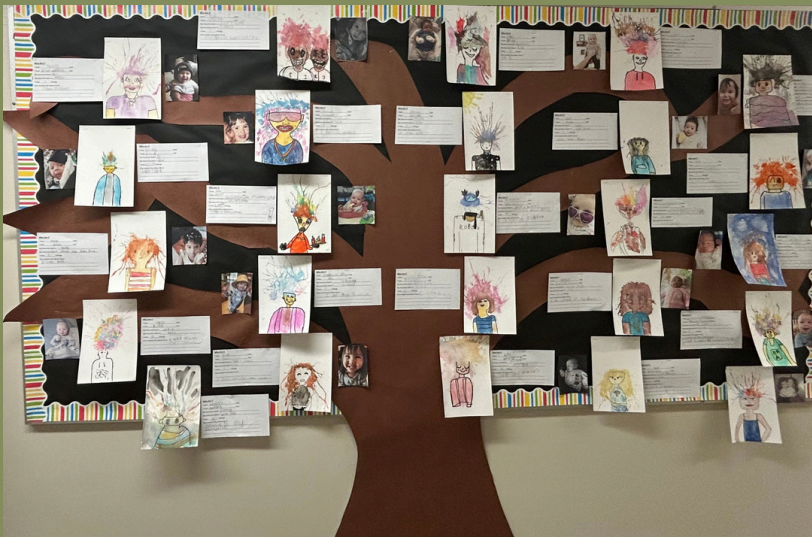


Reminder

- Please drive SLOWLY & ATTENTIVELY through the parking lot- it's a busy place and getting darker each morning!
- Please ensure your child is certain about after-school arrangements before leaving each day so that needless, worrisome situations do not arise. Thank you.
- Students need to have a full change of clothing in their backpacks. We go outside to play everyday, rain or shine. A water bottle to keep hydrated is also helpful.
- For safety reasons, students need to dismount their scooters and bikes and walk them once they are on school property.
- As in previous years, our playground area is a "no go" before school
- We have students and adults in our building who are allergic to peanuts and scents. Thank-you for your help in keeping our community safe.

BEACH DAY

A large group of people, including children and adults, are gathered on a grassy field under a clear blue sky, participating in the Terry Fox Run. The text "TERRY FOX RUN" is overlaid in large white letters.



SEPTEMBER ARTWORK





TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION, ORANGE SHIRT DAY, PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND OUR EVERY CHILD MATTERS WALK



School District 72

2026/2027 CALENDAR

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LEGEND:

 Instructional
 Non-Instructional
 Vacation Period
 Statutory Holiday
 Student learning conference day
 Administrative day

Sept 7 Schools closed - Labour day
Sept 8 Pro-D day
Sept 9 Schools open
Sept 30 Schools closed - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Oct 12 Schools closed - Thanksgiving day
Oct 23 Pro-D day
Nov 2 Student learning conference day
Nov 11 Schools closed - Remembrance day
Dec 21-Jan 1 Winter break
Jan 4 Schools open
Feb 15 Schools closed - Family day
Feb 16 Pro-D day
March 15-29 Spring break
Spring student learning conference In place of a spring student learning conference, parents & caregivers will receive learning updates in alignment with Ministry reporting guidelines.
Apr 16 Pro-D day
May 17 Pro-D day
May 24 Schools closed - Victoria day
June 30 Schools closed - Administrative day

Instructional Non-Instructional Vacation Period Statutory Holiday



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