



CEDAR NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2026

Principal's Message

Dear Cedar Families,

We all had a busy 3 days during our first week back at Cedar and it is wonderful hearing about everyone's summer adventures. The energy in the building and outside has been incredibly positive and our day at Miracle Beach on Friday was a great way for everyone to play and develop friendships. We are thrilled to be in our classes to settle into routines and reconnect with teachers and friends.

Our staff has engaged in thoughtful discussions to support each student's success. We want to assure you that class placements have been made with great care and consideration, balancing resources and peer groupings to create the best possible learning environment for all students. We appreciate your understanding of the complexities involved in this process.

Class Placement Considerations Include:

- individual student needs
- a balance of strengths, abilities and skills
- peer relationships and social dynamics
- support staff availability and optimization
- contractual class size and composition requirement

Placement decisions are a team effort, involving teachers, administration and support staff such as our Youth Care Worker, Indigenous Support Teacher, Inclusion Support Teacher and Counsellor.

We recognize that some students may feel disappointed about not being placed with certain friends or teachers. We encourage families to model hopeful, compassionate, and open-minded attitudes. Emphasizing resilience, new experiences and a growth mindset will help students positively navigate this transition.

Wishing you a wonderful week and school year too,
Michelle Nohr

Upcoming Events

September 9-18

Kindergarten Gradual Entry

September 18

Terry Fox Run

September 20

Community Terry Fox Run

September 29

Pancake Breakfast/Orange Shirt Day and Block Walk

September 30

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - School Closed

October 7

Kindergarten Hearing Screen

October 12

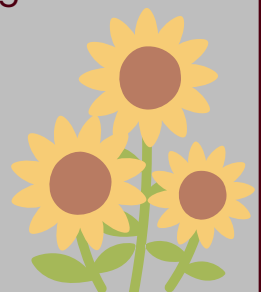
Thanksgiving - School Closed

October 13

Picture Day

October 24

Provincial Pro-D Day - School Closed



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



MEDICATION / ALLERGIES

If your child has any medical concerns, allergies, or is taking daily medication, please ensure that all of our information is up to date.



If you wish to keep and have us administer medication at the school for your child, a "Request for Administration of Medication" form must be completed. This needs to be completed each year and as a prescription changes.

ABSENCES

If your child is going to be away from school, we really appreciate you letting us know. There are 2 ways to let the office know:

- Phone **250-287-8335**
- email **cedar@sd72.bc.ca**

It is important to give the following information:



Student's name
Date of absence(s)
Reason for absence



FORMS COMING HOME



The following forms will be coming home this week and need to be reviewed, signed and returned to school.

Student Verification Form – Please check information carefully and write any corrections on the form and sign it at the bottom. Please send it back signed even if there are no changes.

Emergency Release Form – has a list of who can be contacted, if you cannot be reached, in the case of a serious incident at the school or where your child might need medical attention.

FIPPA 2026/2027 – is a consent form to allow us to include your child's name or image on our school website or newsletter.

District Information Systems Acceptable Use Agreement – is needed for students to use computers at school.

Walking Fieldtrip – is a permission form, with maps included, to allow your child to go on neighbourhood walks with their class.

REMINDERS



- Please send your child with a labelled water bottle to keep hydrated during the day
- Dress for the weather, we go outside almost everyday
- Have an extra change of clothes and pairs of socks in backpacks
- If your child is riding their bike, skateboard or other wheels to school, please make sure that they wear a helmet, walk it on school grounds and secure it. Students have been doing such a great job with this already 😊
- Cell phones and other personal digital devices are not allowed at school. If brought to school, they must be kept in the student's bag and only be used with permission from the teacher or principal. This is in accordance to our SD72 cell-phone use policy.
- As in previous years, our playground area is a "no go" before school

School District 72

2026/2027 CALENDAR

LEGEND:

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

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Instructional Non-Instructional Vacation Period Statutory Holiday

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



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