



# Cedar Grove Monthly Newsletter

September, 2025

Dear Cedar Grove Families,

It has been a busy and fantastic return to school! We have many clubs and sports that have started: Environmental/Green club with Ms. Brooks, Cross Country (Grades 3-7) with Ms. Katie & Vanessa, Grade 6/7 leadership and Student Council, Volleyball with Mr. Brampton, and more!

**Call out:** We are seeking volunteers to help coach and run Volleyball practices.



The practice times are:

Grade 4/5 Team: Mondays 2:40-3:30 pm; Wednesdays and Thursdays 7:40 am- 8:15 am

Grade 6/7 Team: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays 7:30 am - 8:20 am

If you are willing to volunteer for our Volleyball teams, please contact Mr. Brampton at [Pbrampton@sd46.bc.ca](mailto:Pbrampton@sd46.bc.ca) \*Any time you can spare is a help!

Next week - We look forward to seeing families on Thursday, September 18th for Meet the Teacher evening, starting at 5 pm in the gym (children are welcome) and the PAC Welcome Back BBQ is 4:30 - 6:30. It will be a great way to connect with families and Cedar Grove staff.

This month Cedar Grove is supporting Sunshine Coast Community Services in a clothing drive for all ages (children and adults). The contact is Shirley French, whom you may know from attending Parent & Tot and Bellies & Babies at the Community Rec Centre. If you have clothes that are in good condition, please bring them to the office by, Friday September 26th.

Lastly, yearbook ordering starts NOW! A big thanks to Dan Tsuji (Dad to Hana) for putting together our school yearbook. Place your order through this link: [CGE Yearbook Purchase](#)

There is a lot going on at Cedar Grove in the next couple of weeks. Please read for key dates and check out the PAC corner of the newsletter. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions.

With gratitude,

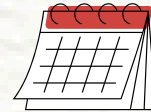
Lia Cuccurullo, Principal





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## Key Dates



**Sep 15** - First full week for Kindergarten

**Sep 18** - PAC Welcome Back BBQ & Meet the Teacher evening

**Sep 19** - Terry Fox Run (Whole school) - wear running shoes, parents are invited to volunteer, reach out to your classroom teacher - students are invited to bring a toonie (or any donation) 

**Sep 24** - Cross Country Meet - Cliff Gilker trails

**Sep 29** - School Commemorates Truth and Reconciliation Day, Students are invited to wear orange shirts

**Sep 30** - Truth & Reconciliation Day, No School.

## OCTOBER:

**Oct 1** - Cross Country Meet at Davis Bay Elementary

**Oct 1** - School Picture Day

**Oct 7** - Cross Country Meet - Gibsons Grind

**Oct 8 & 9** - Early dismissals, family conferences

**Oct 10** - Thanksgiving Turkey Trot @ 1:00

**Oct 13** - Thanksgiving holiday, No School

**Oct 15** - Cross Country event at KES

**Oct 15** - PAC Meeting at 2:40 in the library

**Oct 24** - Pro-D Day

**Oct 30** - PAC Halloween dance 6:30 - 8:30



# Sep 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



September 30 (and 29th for SD46) honours the children, who never returned from residential schools, and it raises awareness about the intergenerational trauma experienced by survivors and their families. It is more than a day, it is a commitment to truth and reconciliation.

As a community, it is important that we commit to our unlearning and learning, and together work to elevate Indigenous experiences and stories. Wearing orange is a sign of our commitment to reconciliation and it creates opportunities for conversations and healing.

Orange Shirt Day was started by Phyllis Webstad, who is Northern Secwepemc (Shuswap) from the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation, to honour and recognize all those, who attended a residential school because she believes that "Every Child Matters." Learn more about Phyllis' story here: Phyllis' Story ([orangeshirtday.org](https://www.orangeshirtday.org))

While orange shirts may certainly be worn throughout the week, we encourage all students, staff, and community members to wear orange to school on Monday, September 29th.

Tuesday, September 30th, is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. All schools across the District will be closed in recognition of this day.

For more information about Orange Shirt Day, please visit: <https://www.orangeshirtday.org>

Our thanks in advance, to all who participate and learn alongside us this month.



**<https://www.orangeshirtday.org>**

*"It may take a million steps  
to reach reconciliation  
between our peoples in the  
shishalh swiya, and right  
now, we may only be on step  
500... but we're on our way."*

*ʔakista xaxanak Garry Feschuk*

Visit our new website: [syiyayareconciliation.ca](https://syiyayareconciliation.ca)







# Cedar Grove Sep. 2025

## Our Team



### Office Staff:

Ms. Stephanie – Administrative Assistant

Ms. Bruce - Library Assistant

### Education Assistants:

Ms. Tracey

Ms. Louise

Ms. Val

Ms. Anneke

Ms. Michelle

Ms. Sabrina

Education Assistant, Shine Program: Ms. Camp

### Custodians:

Bernice Hill

Ben Hancock

### Administration:

Lia Cuccurullo – Principal

### Classroom Teachers:

Div. 1, 6/7 – Mr. Tultz

Div. 2, 6/7 – Mr. Brampton

Div. 3, 5/6 – Kate Haxton

Div. 4, 4/5 Ms. Renee

Div. 5, 3/4 Ms. Kennedy & Ms. MacInnes

Div. 6, 2/3 Ms. Valenta & Ms. Favro (Fridays)

Div. 7, 1/2 Mr. Emmerson

Div. 8, 1 Ms. Friesen

Div. 9, K – Ms. Radford

SHINE Program – Charlotte Hagedorn

### Non-enrolling Teachers:

Ms. Brooks – Teacher Librarian/ Literacy Support

Ms. Katie – Inclusion Support

Vanessa Marie – School Counsellor

Ms. Broom - English Language Learner Support

Mr. Duplassie - Indigenous Education Teacher (Mr. Guzek is taking the year to travel)!

### Community Schools Coordinators:

Ms. Laura & Ms. Sheila

# Cedar Grove Elementary School Library

Welcomes you BACK TO SCHOOL!



## Library News

Welcome back to school! My name is Ms. Amy Brooks and I am the Teacher-Librarian at Cedar Grove. Ms. Sylvie, our amazing Library Assistant, joins me on Tuesdays. We are the CGE Library Team!

We have A LOT of new books and old favourites in the library, and book checkouts will begin soon, after Ms. Sylvie and I have completed our library inventory.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by phone or email, or just drop by. CGE Library is open to everyone!

## Checkout Times

Each class has a designated Library Time once a week for book exchange. But if you'd like to take out a book even when it's not your Library day, just pop your returns in the bin and sign the new books out on the clipboard.

## Book Safety Tip

Please keep your library books away from your water bottle!



## Contact Me

Phone: 604-886-7818

Email: [abrooks@sd46.bc.ca](mailto:abrooks@sd46.bc.ca)

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## Water Bottles

Students are encouraged to bring a refillable waterbottle to school.



## Bell Schedule

8:20 - Doors Open  
8:20 - First Bell  
8:30 - Instruction Begins  
10:15 - 10:35 - Recess  
11:50 - 12:05 - Eating Lunch  
12:05 - 12:35 - Outside play  
12:35 - Class begins for afternoon  
2:30 - Dismissal



## School Supplies

At SD46 we do not ask families to purchase or pay for school supplies. This ensures that all our students have high quality learning supplies thereby reducing financial challenges for all our families.



## Late or Absent

If your child will be late or absent please call the office at 604-886-7818 and let us know or leave a message. When your child arrives at school they will need to sign in.

## West Coast Recess



Please send your child to school with appropriate outdoor clothing. Many kids know the benefit of keeping a change of clothes at school.



### Changes to Code of Conduct

In line with the new British Columbia restrictions for cell phone use in schools, we are implementing a cell phone policy for a focused and respectful learning environment. We ask that cell phones be left at home. If a student must bring a phone or other device (for medical or other extenuating circumstances), it will need to be handed in at the school office or given to the teacher upon arrival on school grounds. If a student's phone is seen during the school day or before the bell, they will be asked to give their phone to the office for the remainder of the day. Phones/devices will be kept in a locked box for safety and to minimize distractions during school hours. If you need to contact your child, please call the school. Cedar Grove Elementary School will not be responsible for lost, stolen or damaged technology.

### CGE Code of Conduct

#### Key Words: respect, responsibility, cooperation and kindness

These are the key words at our school and are to be considered in everything we do as we learn and have fun together. These key words are to be demonstrated in our attitude and behaviour.

- We will be respectful to ourselves and those around us; respectful of plants, animals and the environment, respectful to the equipment, buildings and grounds provided for us.
- We will be responsible for our own learning and behaviour. We choose to act responsibly and we don't allow our behaviour to be controlled by others. We will work and learn to the best of our ability.
- We will be cooperative with each other so that our learning time together is safe and supportive for all of us. If we have problems we will solve them cooperatively so that all of us win.
- We will always be kind to each other because we are all valued people.

At some point in the year, you may have a problem with one, or more, of your fellow students. We follow a restorative conflict resolution practice to solve problems.

If you have a problem on the playground, there are adults available to help you reach a solution. Staff can help you problem solve. Ask an EA, a teacher, or the principal for help.





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## PAC CORNER



Welcome back, CGE families!

A quick update from your 2025/26 PAC to let you know about the events and fundraisers kicking off to support our awesome kids. September is always a busy time so let's get to it...

**Meet the Teacher Night & BBQ** | Thurs, Sept 18 4:30 - 6:30PM | This annual event is a great way to connect with your child's teacher, explore the school and meet your fellow CGE Families. We're looking forward to seeing you there! Your PAC will be running a cash concession, including burgers, hot dogs, chips & bubbly waters!

**Terry Fox Run** will be held on Fri, Sept 19th!

**Orange Shirt Day** | Tue, Sept 30th, all Sd46 schools are closed. | Show your support and wear your brightest orange to school on Mon, Sept 29th.

**Hot Lunches & Popcorn** are Coming Back! Starting October, hot lunches will be served at CGE. You will be sent a link to order once it's up and running.

### **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

We need compassionate and reliable people like YOU to help us keep our hot lunch program running. If you are interested, please reach out to our Hot Lunch Coordinators Lisa or Rebecca at [cgehotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:cgehotlunch@gmail.com)

**Keep It Slow** | Please remember our school is in a Playground zone which means 30 km down to dusk every day. If you're having a friend or relative help with pick up it's a great idea to remind them as well.

**Calling All Class Reps** | Interested in getting more involved at school? We'll be putting out the call for our class reps this week at our monthly meeting. It's a huge help to teachers and the PAC, and is a fun way to stay up to date on your class activities. If you are interested please sign-up on the sheet on the PAC board for Class rep volunteers or email us at [cgepac@gmail.com](mailto:cgepac@gmail.com)

Keep your eyes on your email for our continual 'FUN'draising Campaigns' that will be sent out this week !

- Alternative Fundraiser
- IGA cards
- CGE clothing & Merch

PAC Meeting | Thursday, Sept 11 at 2:40 pm in the CGE Library. All are welcome and encouraged to hear about events, how you can help and get to know the goings on at Cedar Grove! Kids are welcome!

A huge thank you to our past PAC members and everyone who has signed on for this school year!

And please if you have any questions for your CGE PAC don't hesitate to email us at [cgepac@gmail.com](mailto:cgepac@gmail.com)

Thank you,  
CGE PAC



# Community Offerings



THIS  
**FALL!**

**DRIFTWOOD  
THEATRE  
SCHOOL**

- \* **Puss 'N Boots Production Class with Gabe**
- \* **Festival 2026 Speech and Dramatic Arts with Sandi**
- \* **Technically Magic with Michael**
- \* **Improv Long Form Narrative with Sandi**
- \* **Fundamentals & Magic in the Moment with Gabe**
- \* **Drama Maker's Lab with Tara**

**12 & 14 Week Classes starting the week of Sept 15th  
ALL AGES (including ADULT & FAMILY classes)**

**[DriftwoodTheatreSchool.ca](http://DriftwoodTheatreSchool.ca)**



**Don't miss out on this**

**AMAZING SLATE OF CLASSES!**

**Hone Your Craft, Meet Like Minds and HAVE SOME FUN!!**

