



DALLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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December 2025 Newsletter

Dallas Food Drive- Running the month of December

As the cold weather sets in and we head into Christmas break, our school has decided to do a Christmas food drive, as well as collecting new, or gently used winter items. If you are able to support our efforts, please feel free to send non-perishable food items to school with your child to add to their classroom bin. Additionally, we will be collecting new or gently used mittens, socks, scarves, toques, winter coats, snow pants and boots (all sizes welcome). We will also have a bin set up at the entrance of our Christmas concert. Although it is not a requirement, we ask that everyone consider bringing a non-perishable food item when coming to watch the concert.

Primary Christmas Concert- Thursday, December 18th

It is that exciting time of year, when children can be heard singing through the halls each day practicing for our Christmas concert. Our primary (K-3/4) Christmas concert will be held on December 18th. We will be having a showing for our students from 1:30-2:30 p.m and our evening show will be from 6:00-7:00 p.m. We strongly recommend that if there are any extended family members that want to attend, they join the early showing, as the evening show can be very packed.

1:30 PM Afternoon Concert: Spectator entrance is through the community room doors – doors open at 1:15 pm

6:00 PM Evening Concert: School main entrance doors will open **for students only at 5:30 pm** (there will be ushers to support students to get to where they need to be). **Spectator entrance is through the community room doors which opens at 5:30.**

Changes in SchoolCash Fees

We understand there have been some concerns and feedback from parents regarding the district's online transaction fee rates.

After a review of the transaction fee price structure with SchoolCash Online, the District will be reducing its transaction fee rates to a 2.5% charge for online payments.

On December 5th, the District will be working with SchoolCash to update the system's programmed rates for payments made online. This will require all current fees to be deleted and recreated under the new rate structure - online and cash payments cannot be processed during the transition on December 5th. Please also expect limited availability to pay online during the week of December 6th-12th.

Between December 15th to January 31st, 2026, the District will be working to process refunds to families who paid online, reducing their net charge to 2.5%. These refunds will be processed to the card used to make the original payment.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during this process.

Report Cards

Term 1 report cards will be accessible by parents on December 12th. The report card **will be accessed digitally by families** through the parent portal, **and paper copies will only be printed by request.** The instructions for setting up your parent portal account are below.

To Access the MyEducation BC System (Parent Portal)

1. Visit <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>
 2. Make sure popups are enabled for your browser.
 3. Your username (LOGIN ID) will be: (the email address you gave to the school to contact you)
 4. Password requirements: Must be at least 8 characters, including a capital letter, a symbol, and a number. If this was set up last year, it will be the same.
 5. Enter your username (LOGIN ID) and password then click "Log On" to access the system. You may be prompted to change your password and fill out some information so that in the future you can click "I forgot my password" to receive a new password if you haven't already.
- If you experience any difficulties, please first try resetting your password. If that doesn't work, please contact our office for further support 250-573-3261.

Volleyball News

Volleyball has now wrapped up for the two teams that participated in the league this year. Teams progressed nicely this season, learning some key fundamentals of the game as well as teamwork and sportsmanship. A big thanks to Kaylee Steffen, Sarah Park and Maegan Archibald for donating their time to coach our Girls' and Boys' Competitive Teams. Also, Ashleigh Russett and Sarah Robillard, who coached our Girls' Recreational team, and Mr. Cartie and Courtney Bernier our Girls Tier 3 Team.



Basketball Volunteers

Basketball season is just around the corner, and we have many enthusiastic students interested in playing this season. However, we need some coaches to help assemble these teams. The season starts the third week of January and runs to mid-March. For more information, please contact the office if this interests you. Teams may be limited due to the availability of volunteer coaches and teacher sponsors.

Skating

Skating is starting for all students. Each class will have 1 or 2 sessions between November and March to go skating with their class. Please make sure your child(ren) are prepared on their day with skates, helmet, gloves etc. We have a limited number of skates to borrow. Please let your child's teacher know if you need to arrange to borrow skates ahead of their skating day.

After-School Plans: Please ensure that your child knows their after-school schedule before leaving for school in the morning. We are happy to deliver messages to the students occasionally; however, there are approximately 325 students attending Dallas.

Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser

Cut-off for ordering Purdy's chocolates is December 2nd. Orders to be picked up December 11th. You can order through this [link](#) and customer no. 27079

White Elephant Sale

Back by popular demand, PAC will be doing the White Elephant sale again this year! This event runs off your donations and volunteers so please keep your items and some time available.

Tuesday – December 2 – Drop off donations between 1pm and 2pm

Wednesday – December 3 – Classrooms shop for class sign-up

Thursday – December 4 – Classrooms shop for class sign-up during the day and then open to families to shop with their child after school until 4:00 pm

Friday – December 5 – Clean up and take donations

Parents: Please refrain from coming in during school hours, as we have reserved those times for classes to attend.

Please [sign up](#) to volunteer.

Hot Chocolate Sale

Ms. Thompson's class will be having a hot chocolate sale in December to raise money to send a child to Summer Camp through the Easter Seals. Date to be announced shortly. Hot chocolate will cost \$2 each. Thank you for your support!

Fundraising for Easter Seals

Collecting pull tabs from cans is another way we are raising funds for Easter Seals. Before you send your cans off for recycling, pull the tabs off and send them to the school where we in turn sell them to recyclers. They can be collected and turned in throughout the year.

Lost and Found

Lost and Found will be laid out the night of the Christmas concert. Any clothing left at that time will be donated to a local thrift store.

Dallas Merchandise

School clothing, hats, water bottles and more are available to order anytime throughout the year. Go to [OvertimeApparel](#) to order online.



Weather Reminders

Students spend time outdoors at recess and lunch each day. It is important that they are dressed for the colder weather and have coats, mitts, toques and appropriate footwear. Indoor shoes are also required at this time.

Safe Arrival

Please remember that all student absences and late arrivals must be reported by either calling, **1-844-350-2647**, or using the **school messenger app**, or online at **go.schoolmessenger.ca**. Please do not call the school directly. All absences or late arrivals that have not been reported before 8:40 am will initiate the School District's safe arrival system to call both home and cell phone numbers up to 5 times until a parent is reached and a response given.

Hot Lunches



Our PAC organizes Hot Lunches **every second Wednesday**. Ordering is only done online through the MunchaLunch program. First time users must go to the [link](#) through the [Dallas website](#) under the PAC tab. Orders are due by 9:00 am the week prior to the lunch. Cancelled orders must also be done by 9:00 am the week prior in order to receive a credit.

Milk

Milk is available at lunch daily for students to purchase from the snack shack. You can either pre-purchase a punch card for your child to use, or it can be purchased individually for \$1.50 cash.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

December 2 nd	Gr 6/7's to attend Anne of Green Gables
December 3 rd	Skating – Reid/Watson
December 3 rd & 4 th	White Elephant Sale
December 10 th	Skating – Kolasa/Reed/Cartie
December 10 th	Hot Lunch – Senor Froggy's – Pasta
December 18 th	Winter Concert 1:30 and 6:00 pm
December 19 th	Ugly Sweater Day
December 19 th	Last day of classes before Christmas Break
Dec 20 – Jan 4 th	Christmas Break
January 5 th	Classes resume
January 6 th	PAC Meeting
January 7 th	Skating – O'Neil/Chapman/Bodger
January 13 th	Gymnastics – Pearson/Inkster
January 14 th	Skating – Thompson/Collins
January 15 th	Stake Lake – Pearson/Sutherland
January 20 th	Gymnastics – Pearson/Inkster
January 27 th	Gymnastics – Pearson/Inkster
January 30 th	TNRD Library - Pearson



February 4 th	Skating – Ruddick/Linton/Sutherland
February 6 th	Professional Development Day – there is no school for students
February 16 th	Family Day – school closed
February 18 th	Skating – Reid/Watson
April 3 rd	Good Friday – school closed
April 6 th	Easter Monday – school closed
April 27 th	Professional Development Day – there is no school for students
May 15 th	Professional Development Day – there is no school for students
May 18 th	Victoria Day – school closed
June 25 th	Last day of school – 12:34 dismissal