



DALLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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March 2026 Newsletter

Report Cards

Term 2 report cards will be accessible by parents on March 12th. The report card will be accessed digitally by families through the parent portal. Instructions for setting up your parent portal account are below. If you require a printed copy, please email Mrs. Hoogstins at choogstins@sd73.bc.ca to request one.

To Access the MyEducation BC System (Parent Portal)

1. Visit <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspn/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.

Basketball News

Basketball has now wrapped up for the four teams that participated in various leagues this year. Teams progressed nicely this season, learning some key fundamentals of the game as well as teamwork and sportsmanship. A big thanks to all of our coaches, teacher sponsors, scorekeepers, referees, and parents who made this season a success.



Bake Sale

On Thursday, March 12th and Friday, March 13th, Mr. Ruddick's grade 5 class will be holding a Bake Sale. The proceeds of the Bake Sale will go towards funding guitar lessons for the class.



Grade 7 Parent Info

Wednesday, March 4

- general parent meeting (students encouraged as well!) at Valleyview Secondary East Gym (New Gym) at 7:00 PM
- hockey academy specific meeting follows general meeting at 7:45 PM

Thursday, March 5

- please send back your filled out and signed course registration sheet and hand to classroom teacher

Friday, March 6

- students will register for their courses with their classroom teacher on MyEd portal
- students should keep the login card given to them by their teacher as they can use it to login to account in August (last week of August usually) to view Grade 8 timetable

Other important things:

- More information on VSS Website. Go to www.vss.sd73.bc.ca > Parents & Students tab > Welcome to Grade 8 tab
- All Grade 7 students will go to VSS for a tour sometime in May or June
- There is usually a Grade 8 Orientation day on the last Thursday in August at VSS. This is optional for students but encouraged to attend if possible.

Student Transfers for 2025/2026

Requests for student transfers that will commence in September will be accepted starting on March 2, 2025, and ending at 12:00 noon on August 26, 2026. All submissions must be made in writing and forwarded to the receiving school's principal. All decisions regarding student transfers will be in accordance with Board Policy 300.1 School Boundaries and Student Transfer Requests.

Parent Drop Off Safety:

Thank you to everyone who is using the Todd Hill Crescent drop-off area to drop off and pick up students. Harper Road gets very congested during drop-off and pick-up, but if you do have to use the school loop, please pull forward as far as possible to allow vehicles to pull in behind you. Please do not try to back up once in the loop; instead, wait until you can pull forward. Do not use the parking lot to drop off or pick up students. Thank you for your cooperation.

Railway Crossing: (Pat Road)

Please review the following safety guidelines with your child(ren) as a precaution.

- Obey Signals and Gates: Never cross when lights are flashing, bells are ringing, or gates are lowering/lowered. It is illegal and highly dangerous to go around lowered gates.
- Wait for Signals to Clear: After a train passes, do not cross immediately. Wait for the gates to fully rise and the lights to stop flashing, as a second train might be approaching on another track.
- Cross Quickly and Directly: Walk straight across the tracks. Do not linger or stand on the tracks.

Spring Break

Just a reminder Spring Break is March 16-27. Enjoy your two weeks and we will see everyone back to school on Monday, March 30th.

Easter Seals Camp Fundraiser

The school is hosting a meat fundraiser to raise money towards sending a student to an Easter Seals summer camp. Forms for the Penguin Meats fundraiser should have come home with your child. You can purchase items for yourself or try selling to family/friends also. Please be sure to return the order form with payments by March 13th. Delivery date is scheduled for April 23rd therefore you would need to pick up your orders after school that day.

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 anytime throughout the year.

Class Photo Day

Please mark the date May 4th on your calendar for Class photo day.

Family Portrait Fundraiser

There are still a few spots available for the Family Portrait Fundraiser after school on Thursday, March 5th. Mountain West Studios will be here to do a family photo shoot. You pay a \$30 sitting fee (which goes directly to the school) and you will receive an 8x10 complimentary print. You can sign up through this [link](#).

Weather Reminders

Students spend time outdoors at recess and lunch each day. It is important that they are dressed for the cold/wet weather and have coats, mitts, toques and appropriate footwear. As things are warming up, the field can get very wet and muddy. Keeping a change of clothes in the student's locker is always a great idea.

Inside Shoes

Students are expected to have a pair of inside shoes to put on when they come in from the outside. With the winter weather, all staff and students (and parents) should be removing their outside footwear at the front entrances. Children should not be in sock feet in the building as this poses a risk for slip and fall injuries. Also, in the event of an emergency, students will not be prepared to head outdoors.

Dallas Merchandise

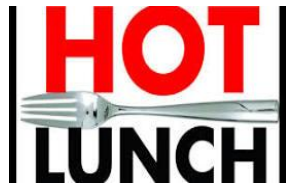
School clothing, hats, water bottles and more are available to order anytime throughout the year. Go to [OvertimeApparel](#) to order online.



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** as well as some Booster Juice days usually one Thursday a month. 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.

Popcorn

Popcorn is available every second Friday (typically) and is made available to all students for a dollar a bag. This is a school initiative made possible with the help of staff members. Proceeds go toward replacing or repairing equipment, such as Chromebooks.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

March 2 nd	Valleyview presentation to Grade 7's
March 2 nd – Mar 13 th	Penguin Meats Fundraiser
March 3 rd	Swim Club – 6:45-7:45 am
March 4 th	Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs
March 5 th	Family Photo Night
March 5 th	Harper Mtn tubing – Collins/Watson
March 6 th	Gymnastics – Collins/Thompson
March 10 th	Swimming – Ruddick/Linton
March 11 th	Swimming – Collins/Thompson
March 12 th & 13 th	Bake Sale for whole school – sponsored by Mr. Ruddick's class
March 12 th	Re-scheduled Stake Lake trip – Thompson/Collins
March 12 th	Booster Juice
March 12 th	Report Cards to be posted to MyEd
March 13 th	Gymnastics – Collins/Thompson
March 13 th	Penguin Meats orders due
March 13 th	Last Day before Spring Break
March 16-27	Spring Break
March 30 th	Return to school
April 1 st	Hot Lunch – The Pond (soup)
April 2 nd	Gymnastics – Kolasa/Cartie



April 3 rd	Good Friday – school closed
April 6 th	Easter Monday – school closed
April 9 th	Gymnastics – Kolasa/Cartie
April 11 th	Swim Club – 5:00-6:00 pm
April 13 th	Kamloops Airport – Reed/Watson
April 15 th	Hot Lunch – Senor Froggy’s – Tacos
April 15 th	ArtStarts Performance – Rainbow Dance
April 15 th	Swim Meet
April 23 rd	Penguin Meats Pick Up
April 23 rd	Booster Juice
April 23 rd	McGowan Parloff at Hillside
April 23 rd	Gymnastics – Kolasa/Gymnastics
April 27 th	Professional Development Day – there is no school for students
April 29 th	Hot Lunch – Pizza
April 29 th	Dallas/Juniper Parloff at Dallas
April 30 th	Kolasa/Cartie - Gymnastics
May 1 st	Young Author’s
May 4 th	Class Photos
May 6 th	Hot Lunch - DQ
May 15 th	Professional Development Day – there is no school for students
May 18 th	Victoria Day – school closed
May 19 th	Jump Rope for Heart
May 20 th	Hot Lunch – Subway
May 22 nd	Kindergarten Orientation
May 25 th	Zone 2 Track Meet
May 27 th	District 1000/1200 Run
May 28 th	District Track Meet
May 28 th	Booster Juice
May 30 th	Grade 7 Overnight @ Eagle Bay (organized by Grade 7 parents)
June 3 rd	Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs
June 4 th	ArtStarts Performance
June 17 th	Hot Lunch – Senor Froggy’s - Pasta
June 25 th	Last day of school – 12:34 dismissal