



DALLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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May 2026 Newsletter

OUR NEW WEBSITE

Our new website is up and running. Here is the [link](#) to the new site in case your browser didn't automatically forward you to the new site.

CLASS PLACEMENTS 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

The placement of students for the coming school year is a thoughtful and complex process. The primary principle when placing students is to find the most suitable classroom placement in which the student's academic program and social-emotional needs are met as effectively as possible. Planning for the coming school year begins in June when school enrolment projections are compiled and reviewed. Many factors are considered when making placement decisions:

- class size
- instructional groupings
- special needs
- grade balance
- behaviour, work habits
- social growth and development
- student learning style
- student leadership
- gender ratio

Under the School Act, it is the school's responsibility to arrange the student's placement with a teacher. Parents do not have the right or responsibility to choose a teacher. However, we provide parents with an opportunity to have input. This input is based on educational considerations. Parents who wish to provide input regarding instructional needs must submit it in writing and email it to the principal (morr@sd73.bc.ca) by May 29th. Late requests may not be considered.

Warm Weather and Dress Code

With the warm weather upon us, students are encouraged to bring hats, sunscreen and sunglasses to protect themselves. Also, drinking plenty of water is essential in order to prevent dehydration. Please be mindful of the school district dress code when sending your child(ren) to school.

Student Transfers for 2026/2027

Requests for student transfers that will commence in September will be accepted starting on March 2, 2026, 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.

Hanging Basket Fundraiser

Reminder to pick up your hanging baskets after school May 7th.

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:

May 5 th	PAC Meeting & Annual General Meeting – 6:00 pm
May 6 th	Hot Lunch – DQ - cancelled
May 6 th	Young Artist Conference
May 6 th	Flag Football @ Dufferin
May 7 th	Hanging Basket Orders pick up
May 7 th	Gymnastics – Ruddick/Linton

May 7 th	School level high jump (Gr 6/7's)
May 7 th	School level 1200 m (Gr 6/7's)
May 8 th	School level 800 m (Gr 6/7's)
May 8 th	Bike Program – Inkster, Chapman, O'Neil
May 8 th	Salmon Release – Thompson – Pine Park
May 8 th	Robbins Range - Collins
May 8 th	Spirit Day - Kids dress like adults/adults dress like kids
May 12 th	Zone 1000/1200 m races
May 13 th	Track and Field Day
May 13 th	Flag Football @ Dallas
May 14 th	Hike/picnic – Collins/Thompson Kenna Cartwright Park
May 14 th	Come Read with Me (One-to-one reading) year end wrap up
May 15th	Professional Development Day – there is no school for students
May 18th	Victoria Day – school closed
May 19 th	Jump Rope for Heart
May 20 th	Hot Lunch – Subway
May 20 th	Learn to Fish – Collins – Lac Le Jeune
May 20 th	Grade 6 Immunizations
May 21 st	Gymnastics – Ruddick/Linton
May 22 nd	Kindergarten Orientation
May 22 nd	Spirit Day – Anything but a Backpack
May 22 nd	Bike Program – Inkster, Chapman, O'Neil
May 25 th	Zone 2 Track Meet
May 27 th	District 1000/1200 Run
May 27 th	Kamloops Heritage Railway – O'Neil/Chapman/Inkster
May 28 th	District Track Meet
May 28 th	Booster Juice
May 29 th this day)	Spirit Day – Twin Day/All one colour(please note we changed the theme
May 29 th	Bike Program – Inkster, Chapman, O'Neil
May 30 th	Grade 7 Overnight @ Eagle Bay (organized by Grade 7 parents)
June 2 nd	PAC Meeting – 6:00 pm
June 3 rd	Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs
June 3 rd	Paramount Theatre – Cartie/Linton/Kolasa
June 4 th	Gymnastics – Ruddick/Linton
June 5 th	Group Bike Ride – Inkster, Chapman, O'Neil
June 5 th	Gr 7 Day @ TRU
June 5 th	Spirit Day – Favourite Book Character/Superhero/Mythical Creature
June 11 th	Paul Lake – Ruddick/Linton
June 12 th	Spirit Day – Crazy Hair/Moustache Day
June 15 th	Invasive Species Presentations – Gr 4-7
June 15 th	Isobel Lake – Chapman/O'Neil
June 17 th	Hot Lunch – Senor Froggy's – Pasta
June 18 th	Axe Capoeira Performance for whole school
June 18 th	Shumway Lake - Cartie
June 19 th	Spirit Day – Fancy Day (dress like a king or queen or like a CEO) Please note we changed the theme for this day
June 19 th	Downtown Day – Most primary classes
June 22 nd	Isobel Lake – Watson/Reid
June 23 rd	Brock Pool – Ruddick/Linton/Collins/Thompson/McCarthy
June 25 th	Last day of school – 12:34 dismissal

Transfers/moving - If you are planning to move your child(ren) for the fall of 2026, please complete the form below and submit it to the office as soon as possible so we can place students accordingly and make the appropriate arrangements for your child's file.

ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS FOR 2026-2027

Please let us know if your child will not be attending Dallas Elementary so we can begin planning classes for next year.

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Student's Name: _____

I will be transferring my child(ren) to another school in September 2026. School transferring to: _____

Please return this portion to the school office. Thank you.

Content for Parent Newsletters

HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOLS

MAY 2026

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

Pertussis

Pertussis, also known as whooping cough, is **currently circulating in the Interior Health region**. It is contagious and can spread easily through coughing or sneezing, or through close contact such as sharing food or drinks, cigarettes or vapes, or kissing.

Pertussis is identified through testing by a healthcare provider and can be treated with antibiotics to decrease the time a person is contagious. All positive cases are followed up by Interior Health, and the follow up aims to reduce the transmission risk to close contacts who may be at higher risk.

Immunization remains the most effective way to prevent pertussis or reduce the severity of illness. If you are not sure if your child is up to date for pertussis or other diseases, check your child's immunization status through [Health Gateway](#). If you have questions about immunization or would like to schedule an appointment to get up-to-date contact your [local public health](#).

For more information see: [Pertussis \(whooping cough\) | HealthLink BC](#).

HARM REDUCTION

Talking to Teens About Substance Use

Open, honest conversations about drugs, alcohol, vaping, and other substances help teens make safer choices. **Talking early and often—without judgment and with a focus on safety—does not increase substance use and can reduce risks.** Even if you don't have all the answers, listening, sharing family values, and learning together can make a big difference. For more information see:

<https://www.interiorhealth.ca/stories/how-talk-teens-about-drugs-and-other-substances>

MENTAL HEALTH

EmotionsBC

Dealing with emotions that are hard to manage can create chaotic relationships. **EmotionsBC provides training, knowledge and support to help people cope, understand and communicate better with loved ones struggling with mental health challenges.** The ultimate goal in all relationships is striving for that sense of connection.

Click [here](#) to see the programs and groups they offer.