



DALLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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November 2025 Newsletter

Book Fair

A BIG thank you to the students and families for supporting this year's Book Fair. The total sales were \$6,874! This means our school library will receive almost \$3,200 worth of new books! Thank you to Mrs. Gartrell for organizing and to Ms. Chapman, Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. Collins, Teegan C, Izzy C and Zoe M for their help this year. Way to go Dallas!



Come Read with Me

A big thank you to all Grade One parents who took time out of their busy day to attend the "Come Read with Me" session on October 15th. It was a great opportunity for parents to learn some positive reading strategies to help with their child's literacy development.

Drop Everything and Read

Monday, October 27th was BC School Library Day. To celebrate the day, students and staff Dropped Everything and Read from 1:25 to 1:45 pm

Remembrance Day

Just a reminder that the school is closed for REMEMBRANCE DAY on Tuesday, November 11th. We will have our Remembrance Day assembly on Monday, November 10th, starting at 10:30 AM. Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend



Intramural Soccer

Intramural Soccer wrapped up last week with the Arsenal Aardvarks capturing the playoff title in a shootout. Congratulations to all students that participated in a successful season. Next up will be intramural dodgeball.

Cross Country Running

Congratulations to our cross-country runners this year. Our teams traveled to three different runs throughout September and October. All the runners showed such dedication, perseverance and good sportsmanship.

Volleyball

Volleyball season is in full swing. Without the support of our staff and parent coaches, volunteer drivers, and teacher sponsors, we would not be able to have 3 teams playing. Thank you for all your support! Our students come to school for early morning practices with smiles on their faces, they are eager to practice during recess and lunch breaks, and they put forth their best effort in games. A link to the game schedules is on the Dallas webpage.

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.

Dogs on school grounds

It's great to see many parents walking to school to pick up their children with their four-legged friend in tow. However, a few students are terrified of dogs, so please keep your dog away from the school entrances, the tarmac, and the playground. Dogs must always be on a leash, and please be diligent about picking up after your dog. Students have a hard time cleaning up the mess and often have to call home to get a change of clothes.

Personal Digital Devices Guidelines/Expectations:

The Dallas Elementary Cell Phone/Technology policy addresses the appropriate use of personal digital devices during our regular school day. Personal Digital Devices means any personal electronic device that can be used to communicate or access the internet, such as a cell phone, tablet or other smart devices. As per AP 350.1, the safekeeping of these devices is solely the responsibility of the owners.

Guidelines for Students:

- Students who bring personal electronic devices will be instructed to keep them in their backpacks or lockers for the duration of the school day
- Use of cell phones is not permitted, unless special permission is granted by the teacher.
- No use of a cell phone during the recess or lunch breaks
- If a student needs to contact a parent or guardian, they will ask permission from the teacher to use the school phone

A progressive response system will be in place for those students who fail to comply with these guidelines and expectations. It is designed to promote responsible personal digital device use and minimize disruptions during instructional time.

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.

Upcoming PAC Events:

Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser

Watch for flyers to come home in a few weeks. A link will also be on the school website when it starts.

White Elephant Sale

PAC is planning a White Elephant Sale again for the first week of December. Start saving up items that you can donate to the sale. Details to come home soon.

Christmas Family Dance and Santa Photos

New this year, the PAC will be hosting an evening dance for families on Wednesday, November 26th. There will be a concession stand, and you can sign up for photos with Santa. Details to come home soon.

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.

Lost and Found

The lost and found is once again overflowing with items. How can you as parents help reduce this year's collection of lost & found items??? **Label your children's clothing with their name.** As well, please make a point of checking our lost and found cart whenever you visit the school.

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:

November 4 th	PAC Meeting – 6:00 pm
November 4 th	Outdoor Ed – Chapman
November 5 th	Outdoor Ed – Inkster
November 5 th	Hot Lunch – CM Chicken
November 6 th	Outdoor Ed – Thompson
November 7 th	Outdoor Ed – Linton, Ruddick, Collins, Sutherland
November 10 th	Outdoor Ed – Chapman
November 10 th	Remembrance Day Assembly – 10:30 am
November 11 th	Remembrance Day – school is closed
November 12 th	Skating – O’Neil, Chapman, Inkster
November 12 th	Outdoor Ed – Inkster
November 13 th	Outdoor Ed – Thompson
November 14 th	Outdoor Ed – Linton, Ruddick, Collins, Sutherland
November 18 th	Outdoor Ed – Chapman
November 19 th	Skating – Reed/Inkster
November 19 th	Outdoor Ed - Inkster
November 19 th	Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs
November 20 th	Outdoor Ed – Thompson
November 21 st	PJ & Slipper Day – school-wide
November 25 th	Booster Juice
November 25 th	Outdoor Ed – Chapman
November 26 th	Outdoor Ed – Inkster
November 26 th	Evening Christmas Dance and Santa Photos
November 27 th	Outdoor Ed – Thompson
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 (dates to be confirmed)
December 10 th	Skating – Kolasa/Reed/Cartie
December 10 th	Hot Lunch – Senior Froggy’s – Pasta
December 18 th	Winter Concert – times to be announced
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 7 th	Skating – O’Neil/Chapman/Bodger
January 14 th	Skating – Thompson/Collins
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