



DALLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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October Newsletter

Thank you!

A big thank you to our PAC for hosting the Welcome Back BBQ and volunteering their time to make the evening such a success! It was a fantastic evening for all the parents and students who could attend.

I hope parents had a chance to connect with their child(ren)'s teachers and learn a little more about the year ahead.

A special thank you as well to Rogers Rental and MarketFresh for sponsoring the event and helping make it possible.

Terry Fox Run

We have exceeded our goal and raised \$1,055 so far for the Terry Fox Foundation!! Way to go Dallas! We'll continue collecting until October 9th so you can still send a donation in. Thank you to everyone that donated and to the students that did extra fundraising outside the school.

Book Fair

The Dallas Elementary Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Library from Tuesday, October 20th - Thursday, Oct. 22nd. Each class will get to preview the fair on Tuesday and then purchasing will be done on Wednesday and Thursday. More information will be sent home as we get closer to the date. All funds raised from the Book Fair are used to buy books for our school library. Thank you for your support! Hope to see you there.

Check out [Dallas Elementary's](https://dallas.sd73.bc.ca) homepage for more information.



Volunteer Coaches

We are looking for parent/community coaches for our Girls' and Boys' Volleyball Teams which will be starting shortly. Season starts the week of October 19th and runs to December 3rd. Criminal record checks must be completed for all volunteer coaches. Please contact Mark Orr (morr@sd73.bc.ca) if you are interested in coaching.

Volunteers for Milk

We are also looking for a couple parent volunteers to come to the school for 20 minutes at lunch time to run the milk program. Please contact Mark Orr (morr@sd73.bc.ca) if you are available to help.

Volunteers for Reading with Students

We are looking for volunteers that can come read with students 2 hrs a week as part of our Come Read with Me program. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter. One more training date is available October 5th.

Worry Bugs 2026/2027

Worry Bugs is a group for children in kindergarten and grade 1 who struggle to manage day-to-day worries. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more details.

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.

Halloween



In the spirit of Halloween, students will have the opportunity to dress in their costumes on October 30th for a day of Spooktacular fun. However, please remember **masks and weapons of any kind are not permitted**.

Milk

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

Popcorn

Popcorn sales will be starting soon. Most Fridays, students may purchase a bag of popcorn for \$2. Cash must be turned in to the teacher by the start of Friday.



Entrances and Exits

At this point, all students should know which door is for their designated use. If your child is late, please use the main door located at the front of the school. Upon entering the building, late students should then sign in at the office.

Parent parking

There is limited parent parking in the parking lot on Harper Rd. This is a reminder that there is much more space in the designated parent drop off/pick up zone across the field on Todd Hill Crescent. Your support in using this area for pick up/drop off is appreciated.

Cross Country Races

Students in grades 3-7 will be invited to sign up for Cross Country this week.

Race #2 – Oct 7 @ Eagle Point Golf

Race #3 – Oct 14 @ Westsyde Centennial Park

Parents are responsible for driving students there and back

Safe Arrival 1-844-350-2647 or visit go.schoolmessenger.ca

Parents are to call the Safe Arrival system or use the SchoolMessenger App if their child is going to be late or absent from school. Students new to our school district will need to visit the website (go.schoolmessenger.ca) to set up an account before using the system. This allows our secretary, Mrs. Hoogstins, to spend less time tracking down students who may be missing, and thereby ensuring the safety of all the kids quicker.

Sign in and Sign out

Please ensure your student arrives on time. Arriving late disrupts the class and the student's learning routines. If a student is late, they must sign in at the office. They must also sign out if leaving early. For safety reasons, parents are to report to the office before going to any classroom.

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. The September to December session is open for ordering now.

Labeling Children's Clothing

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. It is always full of misplaced items, which if labelled, could be returned to the rightful owners.

Mabels Labels

Speaking of labeling clothes and other items. Check out [Mabels Labels](#) and choose Dallas Elementary to shop from a variety of labels and support our fundraiser.

Student Photos

Photo day for individual photos is October 2nd and re-takes will be October 22nd. Here is the [link](#) for the "click here" in the flyer below.

Photo Day is coming soon!

Mountain West Studios will be at our school for photo day in the next few days! Your child will be provided with their unique login code and ordering instructions.

How to prepare for Photo Day - Click here!

If you have any questions regarding your photos, please email help@mountainwest.ca

Please watch for a flyer like the one below to come home.



Bring a smile!

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Burnaby BC, V5J 4R5

Phone: 604.433.0551
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help@mountainwest.ca
mountainwest.ca

Dallas Merchandise

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



The Big Deal Coupon Book

Coupon books are still available. Please send your orders in by Friday, October 2nd.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

October 2 nd	Photo Day
October 7 th	Hot Lunch – Senor Froggy’s - Tacos
October 7 th	Come Read to Me (Gr 1 families)
October 7 th	Cross Country Run – Eagle Point Golf Course
October 9 th	Pumkin Patch – Watson, Reid, O’Neil
October 12 th	Schools are closed for Thanksgiving
October 14 th	Kindergarten Bus Safety training
October 14 th	Cross Country Run – Westsyde Centennial Park
October 16 th	Outdoor Learning – Reid, Watson, O’Neil
October 20 th -22 nd	Book Fair
October 21 st	Hot Lunch - Subway
October 22 nd	Photo Re-takes
October 23 rd	Professional Development Day – no school for students
October 28 th	Pumpkin Patch – Inkster, Chapman, Bodger, Pearson, Thompson, Collins
October 30 th	Outdoor Learning – Reid, Watson, O’Neil
November 4 th	Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs
November 6 th	Outdoor Learning – Reid, Watson, O’Neil
November 11 th	Remembrance Day – no school
November 13 th	Outdoor Learning – Reid, Watson, O’Neil
November 18 th	Hot Lunch – Booster Juice
November 27 th	Green Thumb Theatre Presentation
November 30 th	Professional Development Day – no school for students
December 2 nd	Hot Lunch – Senor Froggy’s – Pasta
December 16 th	Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs
December 19-Jan 3	Christmas Break
February 5 th	Professional Development Day – no school for students
February 15 th	Family Day – no school
March 13-Mar 30	Spring Break (Good Friday and Easter included)
April 26 th	Professional Development Day – no school for students
May 21 st	Professional Development Day – no school for students
May 24 th	Victoria Day – no school
June 29 th	Last day of school – 12:34 pm dismissal





BECOME A VOLUNTEER TUTOR

Help students build reading confidence



Do you have **2 HOURS A WEEK**
during school hours to read one-on-one
with young students?



No experience is necessary,
but you must have strong
English language skills



We provide free training
and ongoing support



Tutors read with 3 elementary
students for 30 minutes each,
once a week for 12 weeks



Fall Volunteer Training

Training Date

Tuesday
September 29th 2026
9am to 12 noon



Training Date

Monday
October 5th 2026
5:30pm to 8:30pm



Henry Grube Education Centre
245 Kitchener Crescent



Please register by contacting Cami at
camiliteracyinkamloops@gmail.com or 250-573-1785

Come Read with Me | Volunteer Tutor Program



Worry Bugs 2026/2027

Worry Bugs is a group for children in kindergarten and grade 1 who struggle to manage day-to-day worries.

Together, children and caregivers will learn strategies to manage anxiety.

 Fall session:

Thursdays
4:00-5:00 PM
Nov. 5, 12, 19,
26 Dec. 3, 10,
2026

 Winter Sessions:

Wednesdays
4:00-5:00 PM
Jan.13, 20, 27,
Feb.3, 17, 24, 2027
- OR -

Thursdays
4:00-5:00 PM
Jan.14, 21, 28,
Feb.11, 18, 26, 2027

 Spring Session:

Wednesdays
4:00-5:00 PM
April 14, 28,
May 5, 12, 19, 26,
2027

All sessions will be held at the
Henry Grube Education Centre - 245 Kitchener Crescent.

Registration pre-screening are required.
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