



# DALLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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September 2025 Newsletter



## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Welcome back to the 2025-2026 school year! I'm sure that you and your children are excited about getting back into the routines and structures that school provides.

Unfortunately, we got off to a rocky start due to declining enrollment, and we had to surplus a teacher. However, with classes already set and space in each of these classes, it was a relatively straightforward process.

Teachers should have reviewed proper procedures with students and communicated to them the appropriate door to enter and exit the building. Communication about your child will, for the most part, come from their classroom teacher. General information will be posted on our website, providing the most up-to-date details and important dates.

<https://dallas.sd73.bc.ca/en/index.aspx>

### Staff Directory (Teaching Staff)

#### Assistants

Div. 1 Mrs. Watson Kindergarten  
Div. 2 Mrs. Reid Kindergarten  
Div. 3 Mrs. Inkster Grade 1/2  
Div. 4 Mrs. O'Neil Grade 1/2  
Div. 5 Ms. Chapman Grade 1/2  
Div. 6 Mr. Bodger Grade 2  
Div. 7 Ms. Pearson Grade 3  
Div. 8 Ms. Thompson Grade 3/4  
Div. 9 Ms. Collins 3/4  
Div. 10 Ms. Sutherland Grade 4  
Div. 11 Mr. Ruddick Grade 5  
Div. 12 Mrs. Linton Grade 5/6  
Div. 13 Mrs. Kolasa Grade 6/7  
Div. 14 Mr. Reed Grade 6/7  
Div. 14 Mr. Cartie Grade 6/7

### Certified Educational

Mrs. Durante  
Mrs. Johnson  
Mrs. Maurice  
Mrs. Nordin  
Mrs. Sandoff  
Mrs. Ward  
Mrs. Wardrop  
Mrs. Norton (FNEW)

## **Bell Schedule**

Warning Bell	8:23 am
Start of Day	8:30 am
Start of Recess	10:00 am
End of Recess	10:15 am
Start of Lunch	12:15 pm
End of Lunch	1:15 pm
End of Day	2:34 pm

## **Welcome Back BBQ hosted by our PAC**

It is a Dallas Elementary Tradition to have our Welcome Back BBQ. This gives parents and students an informal evening of meeting friends and teachers of Dallas Elementary School. We welcome families to join us on Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. The PAC will be selling hot dogs, juice, chips and water. Watch for an email with more details to come home shortly.

## **Parent parking**

There is limited parent parking in the parking lot on Harper Dr. 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.

## **Bus students**

If you have a child who usually takes the bus, please call and let the office know in advance on days where your child(ren) will not be taking the bus home. This will go a long way in ensuring that buses leave promptly and staff are not looking for bus students who have been picked up by their families.

## **Student Code of Conduct**

[Administrative Procedure 350](#) sets out the expectations for student behavior in schools and field trips connected to schools. We will include a copy of this procedure in the package being sent home with students. Please review this procedure and take the time to talk with your child(ren) about the expectations for student conduct at school. Teachers will also review this information with their students, using our Dallas' Respectful/Responsible/Ready behaviour matrix. When an incident does occur you can expect a phone call from school administration, or our teacher in charge to alert you of the incident.

### **Positive Behaviour Intervention Support (PBIS) - GOTCHAS/Student of the week**

This year students at Dallas will continue working hard at demonstrating the expected behaviors outlined in the three R's in the school's Behaviour Matrix. The three R's stand for: Respect, Responsibility, and Readiness. Dallas staff have been "catching" students who are showing expected behaviors by giving them a Gotcha slip that can be entered into the draw for student of the week. Each Friday 3 students' names are drawn for student of the week. Their pictures are displayed on the bulletin board outside the office and they are awarded with Dallas school paraphernalia. At the end of the week their certificate is given to their classroom teacher to be sent home.

### **Safe, Respectful School Community**

Our primary responsibility is to ensure that all students at our school are safe at all times. To accomplish this, we need support from our families.

### **Medical Alert**

Parents of any students at Dallas Elementary who have a potential life threatening medical condition need to notify the school immediately. If your child requires an epi-pen, you are required to provide an up to date (not expired) epi-pen to the school immediately. All staff are trained every September on how to use an epi-pen and alerted to all students who have medical alerts.

### **Severe Allergies**

We have students in our school who have severe and life-threatening allergies. To help ensure their safety we ask families to be considerate of the needs of other students in your child's class by not sending food and/or items that would exacerbate the concern. Classroom teachers will highlight the needs in their classrooms to parents this week.

### **Safe Arrival 1-844-350-2647 or visit [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://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](http://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.

### **Verification forms/consent forms**

Packages of verification forms and various consent forms are coming home this week. Please take the time to carefully check the information on the verification forms. Make any changes, sign and return them to the office. Even if the information is current, please sign and return it to the office.

### **School fees**

A form will also be going home with information on school supply fees. We strongly encourage everyone to use the online payment program [schoolcash](#) for payments for school fees and field trips.

### **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. An email will come home when the first session is set up for this year.

### **Milk program**

Chocolate and 2% White milk will be available at lunchtime again this year starting later this month. Watch for order forms to come home shortly. Additional order forms can be picked up outside the office, by the drop slot.

### **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 with misplaced items, which if labelled, could be returned to the rightful owners.

### **Terry Fox Run**

This year's annual Terry Fox Run will be held Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Please help support the run by sending in a Toonie for Terry.

### **Cross Country Races**

For students that have signed up for Cross Country Races, we have four races this year.

Race #1 – September 17<sup>th</sup> OLPH run held at MacArthur Park

Race #2 – September 24<sup>th</sup> RLC run held at Eagle Point Golf Club.

**Parents are responsible for driving students there and back**

### **Come Read with Me**

We are looking for volunteer tutors that can dedicate 2 hours a week to come read with students at the school. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter with contact information and the training dates if you are interested.

## **Upcoming Dates/Events:**

- September 9<sup>th</sup> - PAC Meeting 6pm in the school library
- September 16<sup>th</sup> - Kindergarten Bus Safety training
- September 22<sup>rd</sup> - Professional Development Day – there is no school for students this day
- September 24<sup>th</sup> - Welcome Back BBQ – 5-7 pm
- September 24<sup>th</sup> – Photo Day
- September 25<sup>th</sup> - Terry Fox Run – 10:30 am
- September 29<sup>th</sup> - Orange Shirt Day
- September 30<sup>th</sup> - Schools are closed for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
- October 13<sup>th</sup> - Schools are closed for staff and students for Thanksgiving
- October 15<sup>th</sup> - Come Read to Me (Gr 1 families)
- October 24<sup>th</sup> - Professional Development Day – there is no school for students this day



Come Read with Me

# BECOME A VOLUNTEER TUTOR

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 good 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

## Volunteer Training

Monday  
September 29, 2025  
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Tuesday  
October 7th, 2025  
9 am - 12 noon

Henry Grube Education Centre  
245 Kitchener Crescent



Please register by contacting Cami at  
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