



DALLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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September 2026 Newsletter



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Welcome back to the 2026-2027 school year! I'm sure that you and your children are excited about getting back into the routines and structures that school provides.

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://www.sd73.bc.ca/dallas>

Staff Directory (Teaching Staff)

Div. 1 Mrs. Watson Kindergarten
Div. 2 Mrs. Reid Kindergarten
Div. 3 Mrs. O'Neil Kindergarten/Gr 1
Div. 4 Mrs. Inkster Grade 1
Div. 5 Ms. Chapman Grade 1/2
Div. 6 Mr. Bodger Grade 2
Div. 7 Ms. Pearson Grade 2/3
Div. 8 Ms. Thompson Grade 3
Div. 9 Ms. Collins 3/4
Div. 10 Ms. McCarthy Grade 4
Div. 11 Mrs. Brake Grade 4/5
Div. 12 Mr. Ruddick Grade 5
Div. 13 Miss McDaniels Grade 5/6
Div. 14 Ms. Kolasa Grade 6/7
Div. 15 Mr. Reed Grade 6/7
Div. 16 Mr. Cartie Grade 7
Mrs. Swoboda – LART
Mrs. Linton – LART/Prep
Mrs. Szydlik - Prep

Certified Educational Assistants

Mrs. Duggan
Ms. Johnson
Ms. Landygo
Mrs. Maurice
Mrs. Nordin
Mrs. Sandhoff
Mrs. Ward
Mrs. Wardrop
Ms. Adolph (IEW)

Office Staff

Mr. Orr (Principal)
Mr. Nesci (Acting Vice-Principal)
Mrs. Hoogstins (Secretary)

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	1:10 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 Thursday, September 24th 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.

Dallas Merchandise

School clothing, hats, water bottles and more are available to order anytime throughout the year. Go to [OvertimeApparel](#) to order online. Orange shirts are available to order. Cut-off is Sept 23rd to get Orange shirts before Sept 29th.



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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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

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.

Verification forms/consent forms

Packages of verification forms and various consent forms have gone home. 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. The September to December session is open for ordering now.

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.

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.

Terry Fox Run

This year's annual Terry Fox Run will be held **Friday, September 25th**. Please help support the run by sending in a Toonie for Terry.

Cross Country Races

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

We have three races this year.

Race #1 – Sept 23 @ MacPark

Race #2 – Oct 7 @ Eagle Point Golf

Race #3 – Oct 14 @ Westsyde Centennial Park

Parents are responsible for driving students there and back

Come Read with Me/One to One Reading

We are looking for volunteer tutors that can dedicate 2 hours a week to come read with students at the school. If you're interested, please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

Student Photos

Photo day for individual photos is October 2nd and re-takes will be October 22nd

Upcoming Dates/Events:

September 15 th	PAC Meeting 6pm in the school library
September 21 st	Professional Development Day –no school for students
September 23 rd	Hot Lunch – Fresh Slice Pizza
September 23 rd	Cross Country Run - MacPark
September 24 th	Welcome Back BBQ – 5-7 pm
September 25 th	Terry Fox Run – 10:30 am
September 29 th	Orange Shirt Day
September 30 th	Schools are closed for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
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 12 th	Schools are closed for staff and students for Thanksgiving
October 14 th	Kindergarten Bus Safety training
October 14 th	Cross Country Run – Westsyde Centennial Park
October 21 st	Hot Lunch - Subway
October 22 nd	Photo Re-takes
October 23 rd	Professional Development Day – no school for students
November 4 th	Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs
November 11 th	Remembrance Day – no school
November 18 th	Hot Lunch – Booster Juice
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



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Literacy in Kamloops Society

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

Come Read with Me | Volunteer Tutor Program