



Edith Cavell Elementary

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Opening Newsletter / Information

We are very excited for the beginning of our 2026-2027 school year. We all hope you had a fun, relaxed, rejuvenating and summer filled with what you needed. For many of our students, “Back to School” is a time that can be filled with feelings of excitement but also anxiousness. Over the next few days talk as a family about how change can be hard but good at the same time. Navigating talking points can prove difficult as well so help your child prepare for the plausible question of, “What was a highlight of your summer?”

As numbers across our district fluctuate significantly over the summer, we do need a few days to finalize our classes and placements across all schools in the district. Students generally will be with last year’s teacher for the first week of classes. The grade ones will be with a variety of our teachers as Ms. P and Mrs. Bender will be welcoming their new students to Cavell.

First few days schedule:

Tuesday, September 8th

- 9:00-9:45am Grade 1-7 students
- Please report to last year’s classroom at 9:00am.
- The only exception is Ms. Chang/Ms. Figuracion’s Div. 11 please go next door to 100N. Ms. Maclaren’s Div. 10 students please report next door to 100S. Drop off / pick up for Ms. Figuracion/Ms. Chang’s class will be at primary playground and for Ms. Maclaren’s class in the undercover area.
- Any new students to Cavell (that have been confirmed by our office this week) please report to the library at 9:00am
- New kindergarten families 10:00-10:30am (follow your schedule that was sent to you for the rest of the week)

Wednesday, September 9th

- 9:00am-3:00pm for grades 1-7 students
- Division 13 (Mrs. Bender’s new grade 1s) pick up and drop off each day in the music room
- Division 14 (Ms. P’s new grade 1s) pick up and drop off each day in front of the library
- Please pack a snack, a lunch, and water for the day

Thursday, September 10th

- 9:00am-3:00pm for grades 1-7 students
- Please pack a snack, a lunch, and water for the day

Friday, September 11th

- 9:00am-3:00pm for grades 1-7 students
- Please pack a snack, a lunch, and water for the day

Cutlery — A reminder to all families to send cutlery with your child's lunch (if needed). We do not have cutlery to provide to our students.

Late Return / moved – if you have not let the office know already and you will be late returning or you have moved please email studentrecordscavell@vsb.bc.ca as we need to finalize our numbers during our first week back.

Safe Arrival – If your child will be late or is going to be away please call our Safe Arrival Number at 604-713-4932, Ext. 1 or email cavsafearrival@vsb.bc.ca. Even if you have told your child's teacher about the absence, please call or email Safe Arrival to report it. Students arriving late (after teachers have taken attendance), must sign in at the office.

PAC News

PAC Welcome Back Coffee

Grab a coffee and catch up with fellow parents and caregivers over a pastry.

Grade 1 - 7 Welcome

9:00 - 9:40

Located by the basketball court (West side of gym)

Kindergarten Welcome

10:00 - 10:30

Located by Kindergarten entrance (East side of Cavell)

Walking School Bus

All Walking School Bus applicants have been contacted. If you did not receive the welcome emails, please re-submit your application via the link below. Additional walk leaders are needed for AM and PM walks. <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=RFWlxeisMUWHg07OjwWVeZnjzXRT-FlkodWVrSaS8FUQUtWNVIETzJNRk0zUkdaNDM0N1NaRzBaNCQIQCN0PWcu&route=shorturl>

September Dates:

September 8th – 9:00 to 9:45am Grade 1-7 students / 10:00-10:30 for all new Kindergarten students

September 9th – first full day of attendance for grade 1-7 students

September 15th – Individual Photo Day

September 15th – first PAC meeting of the year 7:00pm in the school library – all parents welcome / babysitting provided

September 21st – Professional Day – school is not in session for students

September 25th – Terry Fox Run at Douglas Park (more information to come)

September 30th – Truth and Reconciliation Day – School Closed