



Vedder Elementary School Newsletter



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Hello Vedder Families,

Wow, what a whirlwind of a first week we've had! Thank you all so much for your patience and perseverance as we sorted out many logistics, health and safety protocols, and false fire alarms to get our year running successfully. All classes are now set and students are settled into their new classes. Students will go to their new classroom for arrival and dismissals from this point on.

This year we are using a resource called [6 Cedars](#) to learn about core competencies. For September, we will be focusing on Bear.



Bear is a **great protector**. He represents **Personal Awareness and Responsibility**.

Through Bear, we can learn to nurture our own personal well-being by valuing ourselves and our accomplishments; understanding our feelings and making good choices that demonstrate respect for ourselves and others. We will be teaching the following statements:

- I can look out for my own well-being.
- I can practice self-regulation
- I can show self-determination

September promises to be full of learning, friendships and fun. Thank you to our parents and our staff for being partners in learning. Together, we will help our students further develop “**kind hearts and curious minds**”.

Warmly,
Mrs. Tracy Wagner, Principal

All newsletters will be published online at the website, on the **first Friday** of every month.

Parking

Our parking lot is running smoothly so far this year. Please remember:

- The **bus loop** is for **busses and staff** parking only
- **Handicap parking** is in the front parking lot (**permit holders only**)
- **Drop-off/pick up lane** - pull all the way up to the front spot on the **GREEN LINE**.
- Once at the **GREEN LINE**, up to three cars can unload their children.
- **PLEASE WAIT** for the car in front of you to leave to exit. **DO NOT pull out** into the through lane unless directed to do so.
- **Please DO NOT BACK UP** once in the drive thru lane – the chances of a smaller child getting hit are huge.
- **Parking is to the left and back of the school.**
- Chief Epp, has also graciously agreed to let our parents park in the **Tzeachten Hall lot (across the street)** for drop off and pick up. Please feel free to use this space for short-term parking. Please be sure to still walk your child across the road.
- Our **full-stop, crosswalk** is in front of the school on **Promontory Road** – please follow Mrs. Stolz's lead in crossing

Fees

Thank you for waiting until classes were set to send in your fees for supplies. You can now pay by sending cash or cheque (made out to Vedder Elementary) to your child's classroom teacher.

- **Kindergarten, grades 1, 2 and 3 = \$45.00**
- **Grades 4 and 5 = \$65.00**

PAC Hot Lunch and Lunch Drop Offs

Our first PAC Hot Lunch will be on October 15. **Please be sure to pack your child's lunch and snack each day.** Our school has a culture of parents dropping off **fast food** lunches to our students, mid-morning, I'd really like to see this stop if possible. We know the odd day has its challenges but hopefully we can stop making this a daily occurrence. **Thank you in advance for your support of limiting lunch drop offs.**

Breakfast and Lunch Program

Vedder Elementary is dedicated to ensuring that our students are ready and able to learn while at school. We all know that it's very difficult to concentrate when we are hungry. We are so grateful for the supports of our PAC, our community Bowls of Hope Program, and the many

parents who make random food donations as acts-of-kindness. Together, with all of this support, we are able to provide breakfast and lunch to our students who arrive to school hungry. This program is available to all students, whatever the reason.

Cops for Cancer – Tour de Valley Visit – Sept. 21

We are fortunate to have the Cops for Cancer Team stopping by Vedder Elementary on September 21. Cops for Cancer is an exciting annual event where law enforcement and emergency services personnel cycle across the Fraser Valley raising money for **childhood cancer research and support services** at the Canadian Cancer Society. Donations raised are used for life-saving pediatric cancer research and caring support programs like Camp Good Times. This year, our students will decorate inspirational posters and decorations to welcome the team. Riders will roll into our parking lot and greet students from a distance. I'm certain our kids will love to see the team again this year. **If you'd like to make a donation to this team that supports childhood cancer patients, please send it to school with your child by Sept. 21. We will also be selling Smencils (\$2each) as a fundraiser for this event.**

PHOTO DAY – September 28

Get ready to smile! Student individual photos will be taken on Tuesday September 28. Please ensure your child is not wearing green clothing as they will blend in to the backdrop. Ordering information will be sent home in the week prior to photos.

Orange Shirt Day Assemblies and Walks – Sept 29

On **Wednesday September 29**, we will be holding two smaller assemblies and community walks to learn about Phylis' Orange Shirt and it's relevance in regard to residential schooling in Canada.

- Please note that there will be **NO SCHOOL on September 30** as this day is now national **Residential School Commemoration Day. All schools will be closed** so people can reflect on the importance of our learning and pursuit towards Truth and Reconciliation.

Paperwork Coming Home with Students:

Please watch for, complete, and return the following paperwork that will be coming home with your child this week.

Verification Forms

A yellow student verification form will be sent home this week. **Please update, sign and return these forms by Friday, September 17th.** These forms are very important as the school depends on the information you provide to us to contact you or your designate in the case of an emergency.

Medical Alerts

If you require the school to administer any kind of medication to your child, an authorization form must be completed first. Please see the office to get the forms, which must be signed by the family doctor and parent. **Please notify the school office and your child's teacher if there are any health issues that we need to be aware of.**

As we have students with severe allergies to nuts, our school is Nut Aware.

Indigenous Ancestry Letters

Indigenous Ancestry letters will be sent home Wednesday, September 15. Please look for these letters in your child's backpack. Once you have completed the form, please send it back to the school to Mrs. Surman. Thank you.

PAC News

*Vedder Elementary PAC welcomes all families back to school! Please join our **PAC Facebook group Vedder Elementary PAC** for all things Vedder Elementary School related. We keep things updated and bring you information that will help us all along through the school year.

***Our first PAC meeting for the year will be TUESDAY Sept 21 @ 6:30pm. Stay tuned to hear if it will be live or** If you are interested in becoming more involved or taking on an executive role, please email vedderelpac@gmail.com for more info.

***Vedder Elementary School masks and lanyards** are available for sale at the office. These are such great masks! Very comfortable and have the Vedder logo and virtue printed on them. Lanyards have a safety clip to hold the mask for when not being worn without the worry of it getting lost or dirty. Masks and lanyards are \$2 each.

Vedder Bear Wear – We are excited to offer Vedder t-shirts and hoodies for purchase. Watch for paper order forms to come home soon with your child, you will also be able to order online through our hot lunch page. T-Shirts are \$15, hoodies will be \$40. Deadline to order will be: September 28.

