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Fall Newsletter – 2025

Upcoming School Events/Dates:

First Day Back – 8:55-10:00 am (first bell @ 8:50am).....Tuesday, Sept. 2nd

First Full Day of School (8:55-2:48).....Wednesday, Sept. 3rd

Early Dismissal @ 1:48pm (School Organization).....Friday, Sept. 5th

Parent/Teacher Intakes Early Dismissal @ 1:48Thurs./Fri., Sept. 25th and 26th.

Orange Shirt Day Assembly.....Monday, Sept. 29th

Observe the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (School is not in session).....Tuesday, Sept. 30th

Thanksgiving Day (School is not in session)..... Monday, Oct. 13th

Professional Development Day (School is not in session)...Friday, Oct. 24th

School Photos (Student Picture Day).....Thursday, Oct. 29th

Updates from the Principal

Welcome back! I hope the summer months offered you time to rest, reconnect, and enjoy meaningful moments with loved ones. As we step into a new school year, I'm filled with excitement and gratitude to be part of such a vibrant, caring, and diverse community. For our families and staff, whether you're returning or joining us for the first time, we are excited to welcome you to the community. We have a number of new staff as well as staff members returning from leave. We are looking forward to another school year at Edmonds Community School.

Kind Regards,
Mr. Hamilton

The First Week of School (What It Will Look Like and What to Expect)

The new school year begins on **September 2nd for Students in Grades 1 to 7**. **On Tuesday, Sept. 2nd students will attend from 8:55 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (first bell @ 8:50am).** Students in grades 1 to 7 will report to **last year's teacher at 8:55 a.m. for attendance** and they will remain with their last year's teacher for the remainder of the week.

If your child's last year's teacher is **not at Edmonds this year** – there will be a teacher assigned to work with the class for the week. Grade 1 to 7 students **NEW** to Edmonds Community School will be welcomed at the table in the courtyard by the portables and assigned a temporary class for the week. Regular school hours will begin **on September 3rd** – following the schedule with 8:50 a.m. for the first bell and students brought in at 8:55 am. Our dismissal is at 2:48 p.m. **Lunch Envelopes** will be given out on Tuesday and the lunch program will start **on Wednesday, Sept. 3rd**. Please try to return the lunch envelopes on Wednesday morning.

Welcoming Our New Kindergartens

Welcome to our Kindergarten families! Please join us with your child on **Tuesday, September 2nd from 10:45 – 11:30** for our **Welcome to Our School** event. This event will be in rooms 109 and 110. There will be activities for you and your child to participate in together. During this time, you will also sign up for a **Welcome Conversation** with our kindergarten teachers and receive additional information about the **Gradual Entry Schedule** which was sent out earlier. At the end of the event, your child will receive a **Welcome bag to keep at home** and explore. We can't wait to see you!!!

Class Placements and General Timeline

Throughout the first week of school, we will be closely monitoring student attendance. We can expect that our school enrollment will fluctuate for the first week which impacts our school organization and staffing. **Generally, we are seeing significant growth to our enrollment.** We are hoping to be in our assigned classes early in the second week of school.

We would like our families to realize that class placements (i.e. which class your child is in) are a very thoughtful and time-consuming process which goes back to June of the previous year. The majority of our divisions are combined classes. Combined or "split" classes **are very common** in most school districts, and studies show that children in combined classes do just as well as students in single grade classes. In every classroom, regardless of whether or not it is a combined grade class, there is a wide range of abilities, talents, and interests. Our Edmonds staff will work hard to differentiate instruction to match the diversity in all our classes. The transition into a new classroom for a new year is **an exciting opportunity for kids to practice critical life skills such as making new friends, adjusting to new environments, and learning new routines.**

School Supplies

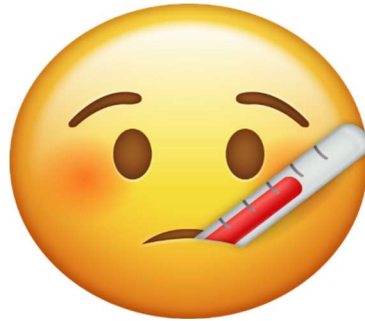
Unfortunately, the **Affordability Funding** was discontinued this school year. This means that families will have to pay a **school supply fee of \$25/student**.

Families can expect that their children use the supplies purchased with these fees for the duration of the year. **There will be a separate form for school supply fees coming to families.**

A few reminders...

- The Provincial Government guidelines for student **cell phone use** in schools is still in place. Please note that staff will be asking students to keep personal devices off and stored safely during class time. Cell phones can cause considerable distraction and interrupt learning. Exceptions to this are if the classroom teacher is asking students to use phones for a particular educational purpose. **It should be noted that most elementary students do not have a cell phone or choose to leave the cell phone at home. The school is not responsible for personal valuables that are brought to school.** The school will continue to focus on encouraging safe, responsible use of technology. If you need to contact your child during school hours for an important reason, please phone the office.
- **Traffic in the parking lot – the parking lot is for staff and visitors.** Please do not use the staff parking lot as a drop-off zone. Many students and families walk to school through this area and it creates a safety concern if there are cars driving through. It also blocks access for staff and emergency vehicles. If you are parking your car and taking a younger student to school - there is residential parking along 18th Avenue. For older students, there is a 5-minute drop-off zone in front of the school.
- **Rain Jackets** – As we enter the fall season, we can expect the weather to turn colder and wetter. We want students to be outside as much as possible to get fresh air. **Please make sure your child(ren) have a jacket for colder, wetter weather.** In the case of **extreme weather**, we will have inside days. For grades K-3, it is **advisable to have a change of clothes at school.**
- As we enter **cold and flu season**, we typically see more staff and students getting ill. Please keep children home if they are sick (e.g. coughing, runny nose, fever, stomach pain, etc.). If we are noticing symptoms at school, **the office will phone home and request the student gets picked up.** We are working together to keep everyone as healthy as possible.
- If your **child is not feeling well or coming late-** please call the office **before 9:00** each morning your child is away. This avoids a follow up phone call from the office. The phone number is (604) 296-9012 and press “2” after the recording. State your child’s name and division **CLEARLY.**

- When a student arrives late, they (or the parent) **MUST sign-in on the yellow sheets that are located on a small table outside of the office.** As well, when a child is leaving early for the day, **they (or the parent) must sign themselves out on the same yellow sheets.** Indicate the name, division, date and time arriving or leaving. If the children don't sign in late, parents will receive an unnecessary phone call from the office which will cause alarm and confusion.



Welcoming a New Community Coordinator

We are welcoming Lawna London to the role of Edmonds Community Coordinator. She is coming to us from Byrne Creek Secondary and brings familiarity and experience with the community. Welcome Lawna!

National Day for Truth And Reconciliation and ORANGE SHIRT DAY- Tuesday, September 30th.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, also known as Orange Shirt Day, is a day to **recognize the legacy of the Canadian Residential School system.** It commemorates the residential school experience and honours the healing journey of the survivors and their families. It also shows commitment to the ongoing process of Reconciliation. Leading up to this day and throughout the year, **Edmonds will recognize Orange Shirt Day through teaching and school-wide activities. Wearing orange shirts is a symbol of our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation and to ensure that every child matters.**

From the Edmonds Office

At the start of each year, parents/caregivers are required to complete a number of forms that are sent home in a package at the start of the year (by the end of September). Some of these forms carry over from previous years and some are filled out each year. **Please complete and return these forms as soon as possible. All forms, except the Student Verification and Emergency Release forms, are located ONLINE at <https://forms.sd41.bc.ca/Forms/sdconsentac>.**

Please wait until you receive the package with instructions.

NOTE: PLEASE TRY TO CREATE AN EMAIL ADDRESS FOR SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS OTHER THAN YAHOO OR HOTMAIL AND PROVIDE THIS NEW EMAIL TO THE OFFICE. THIS WILL ENSURE YOU DO NOT MISS OUT ON ANY IMPORTANT SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS. MOST OF THE TIME, THE EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS THAT ARE SENT TO THE HOTMAIL AND YAHOO EMAIL ADDRESSES DO NOT WORK. THIS IS A DISTRICT-WIDE ISSUE.

If you are new to Edmonds this year (or you are current student/family but have not yet gone on-line and completed):

- Consent to Send Commercial Electronic Messages (CASL)
- Media Release
- Student Personal Information
- Walking Permission

For all students, every year:

- District Technologies & Information Systems: Student Acceptable Use Agreement - Grades K, 4, 8 for the parents. **STUDENTS of Grades 4-12 also have to review & sign this agreement.**
- O365 Permission - Information only and reviewed in Grades K, 4, 8 (No approval required just for information to parents.)
- Student verification form - needs to be reviewed – please indicate changes on the paper copy and return it to the school. - **Paper copy will be sent home.**
- Student Emergency Release form - filled out completely and returned to the school. - **Paper copy will be sent home**

School Cash Online

The School Cash on-line system is available to pay for field trips, events, hot lunch program, etc. If you have any questions about set-up and use - **PLEASE** contact the office at 604-296-9012. We are encouraging as many families as possible to use the School Cash Online system. **The button is located on the Edmonds webpage.**

