

Evelyn Dickson Elementary School Newsletter

Vi-Kids Ventures



At EDS we C.A.R.E - Community, Acceptance; Achievement, Respect; Responsibility, Excellence

September 4, 2025

Principal's Message

Hadih, Bonjour, and Hello!

It has been a wonderful first week at EDS! We are so happy to see our students back, and we extend a very warm welcome to all our new students and families. Our Kindergarten students will join us for their first full day on **September 12th**, and we are excited to have our entire school community together once again.

We also have a few staffing updates to share. Welcome back to **Mrs. Tori Egan** and **Ms. Jessi**, who have returned from leave. We are fortunate to also have **Ms. Loewen**, **Miss Quintal**, and **Ms. Bailey** with us again this year. In addition, **Mr. Cayanan** has taken on a new role as our Inclusive Education Teacher, and **Mrs. Ephrom** is now our librarian. We are also pleased to welcome **Ms. Catherine Espiritu**, who has joined us as custodian in the primary wing.

Please join us on **Wednesday, September 17th** for our **Ice Cream Social and Meet the Teacher Night!** From 5:00–6:00 p.m., families are invited to the gym for ice cream sundaes, generously provided by our PAC. This is a wonderful chance to connect with teachers and other EDS families. At 6:00 p.m., we invite parents to stay for our **first PAC meeting of the year**—a great opportunity to learn more about the many ways PAC supports our school.

At EDS, the safety of our students is always a top priority. We follow **SD 91 Emergency Planning protocols**, which means staff and students regularly practice drills to ensure everyone is prepared in the event of an emergency. Over the course of the year, we will complete six fire drills, two lockdown drills, and one earthquake drill. At times, we may also call a **shelter-in-place** for safety—for example, if there is wildlife on our playground.

This will be the only **paper copy** of our newsletter this year as we continue moving toward more environmentally friendly practices. Going forward, newsletters will be posted on our **school website** and **Facebook page**. Families without access to technology may request a paper copy from the office.

A reminder that all students should have brought home a copy of our **Code of Conduct** this week. If you did not receive one, please check our website or contact the school office for a copy.

On **Tuesday**, students will also bring home a **Registration Verification Form**. Please review, update, and return it promptly to ensure we have the most up-to-date contact information, medical needs, and email addresses for your child.

This newsletter also includes:

- SD 91 Violence Threat/Risk Assessment: Fair Notice and Process
- September Lunch Menu

Insure My Kids Student Accident Insurance Information and Application

At EDS, we believe in working closely with families to support every child in reaching their full potential. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns—we are always here to help.

With appreciation,

Barb Ziler
Principal

Coming Events:

September 12 – First full day of school for Kindergarten students

September 15 – School Assembly

September 17- 5:00 – Ice Cream Social and Meet the Teachers
6:00 PAC Meeting

September 18 – School Picture Day
Fire Drill

September 19 – District Planning Day – No School for Students

September 25 – EDS Terry Fox Run

September 26 – Ultimate Frisbee Day

September 29 – Orange Shirt Day

September 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No School

Visting our Building

Just a reminder to parents and guests that when you are visiting our building you must come directly to the office after entering the front door.

Visitors and parents are not permitted to go into classrooms or other areas of the school. Should there be a need to access the building, a visitor badge will be pro-

On the Menu this week:

Monday – Chili

Tuesday – Hot Dogs (PAC Lunch Day)

Wednesday – Fish Sticks

Thursday – Taco Wrap

**Friday – Grilled Cheese and
Tomato Soup**



September Birthdays

Athena, Maria, Orrin, Arlo, Jamila,
Gasem, Annie, Jesse, Carter, Linden,
Tyrell, Brando, Lucas



EDS ICE CREAM SOCIAL

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

COME MEET YOUR TEACHERS
5:00 - 6:00

PAC MEETING
6:00 - 6:45



Elementary Band

Students in Grade 5 and 6 wishing to take Elementary Band can drop by the office for an information/sign up sheet.



September 9 - First Day of Grade 5 Band

September 10 - First Day of Grade 6 Band

- Instrument Rental night at NVSS for Grade 5/6 Band students

Inside vs Outside Days

We try to be outside as much as possible before and after school and during recess and lunch play time. Appropriate outdoor clothing is important. Inside days are determined by the weather and air quality.

On rainy days please ensure your child is dressed to be warm, dry and comfortable when playing outside. Rain jacket, rainboots, and waterproof pants. It is also a good idea to send a change of clothing. On sunny days, especially fieldtrips, sunscreen, a hat, proper footwear and bug spray are strongly recommended. Students should be able to apply this themselves.



Communication with your Child's Teacher

Should you have any questions or concerns, you can always reach out to your child's teacher. If you are unsure how to contact them, you can always call our office and leave a message. If you prefer an email, please contact our office and we will ensure you get the information you need.



MORNING DROP OFF

Just a reminder that we do not have supervision in place until 8:15 a.m. If you need to drop your child off before this, please contact the office to discuss arrangements.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DRILLS

All schools participate in Emergency Preparedness Drills each year. We will have six fire drills, two lockdown practices and an Earthquake drill. If your child talks to you about these drills, please reassure them that the practices are to ensure their safety in an emergency.



Shine On

Sign up for School Age
Care at Evelyn Dickson
Elementary!

Care options include
before and **after**
school care!

YMCA School Age Care includes:

- quiet and active play
- exciting physical activities
- valuable time outside
- time with staff who truly care
about your child

Register at
nbc.ymca.ca/child-care



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