



William Cook Elementary School

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Dear Cook Community,

September 6th, 2024

Looking forward to a wonderful 2024/2025 school year!

The staff at Cook welcomes all of our students and families as we begin the 2024/25 school year. We hope you have enjoyed a fun and restful summer break and are as excited as we are for a great year. We are currently enrolling just over six hundred and sixty students. We have many students moving in and out of Cook, and we are trying our best to keep up with our registration. We greatly appreciate your patience as we organize a large school setting. We are pleased to welcome back students and families, and a special hello to those of you who are new to the Cook community!

Welcome to New Staff & Returning Staff

We are very excited and pleased to welcome a number of new staff members!

Name	Position
Mr. Lara	Teacher (Returning)
Ms. Koh	Teacher (Returning)
Ms. Karimi	Teacher (Returning)
Mr. Chan	Teacher (Returning)
Ms. Kayda	Teacher
Mr. Grenzberg	Teacher
Ms. Naka	Teacher (Returning)
Ms. Withers	Teacher
Ms. Hong	Teacher
Ms. Lawrence	Teacher
Ms. Goldgewicht	Teacher
Mr. Mendoza	Teacher
Ms. Kim	Teacher (Returning)
Ms. Albanese	Teacher (Returning)

We are currently working on filling a Grade 6/7 class with a classroom teacher. We are also waiting to hire three ELL/Resource teachers.

Meet the Staff Night

We welcome all families to come meet their child's teacher on Thursday, September 19th at 6:00 pm. Teachers will provide 2 sessions (6:00 – 6:15pm AND 6:15pm – 6:30pm).

PAC

All parents are automatically members of our Parent Advisory Committee. We encourage you to attend and hear about all of the wonderful things that the PAC does to support student learning at Cook. Our first PAC Meeting is Wednesday, September 25th at 3:00pm in the Library. Please feel free to join us!



Electronic Communication from the School



Most of our communication from the office will continue to be electronic in the form of emails, electronic Week-At-A-Glance, and updates to our school website. *Please make sure that we have your most up to date email address at the school office to ensure that you are receiving all the information.* Please feel free to call us at the office if you have questions or concerns about this at 604-668-6454.

Medical Alerts



We are currently updating our student medical alert list and necessary documentation. If your child has an allergy or medical condition, please return the medical form provided to you. If you did not receive a form, please call the school office and let us know so we can get it to you as soon as possible.



Thank you parents for remembering to not get out of your car when pulling up to our **drop off lane**. Safety is of most importance, so we ask that you stay in your car if you choose to have your child be dropped off. We have also had parents park their car in front of other parked cars and leave it unattended, please be considerate of others who have followed the rules and parked in a spot. Choosing to walk or bike to school with your child is very much welcomed.

With the parking lot increasing in size, we are asking staff to park in the east parking lot with the west parking lot being for staff overflow.

September startup notices

We will send these home this coming week. This is a package of notices and permission forms regarding school supplies, walking field trips and your child's verification form. Please complete these by September 27th and return to your child's classroom teacher.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Terry Fox Run in our school field *September 18th* in the afternoon
- *September 19* – Meet the Teacher Night (6-6:30pm)
- *September 20* – Pro-D Day (NO SCHOOL)
- *September 25* – PAC Meeting at 3:00pm in the Library
- *September 27* – Orange Shirt Day for our school community to recognize
- *September 30* – National Truth & Reconciliation Day (NO SCHOOL)
- *October 14* – Thanksgiving (NO SCHOOL)
- *October 25* – Provincial Pro-D Day (NO SCHOOL)
- *October 29* – Early Dismissal at 12:00pm for Parent-Teacher Conferences

Professional Development Days for 2024-2025 (NO SCHOOL on these dates):

Friday, September 20 th	Monday, January 27 th
Friday, October 25 th	Friday, February 14 th
Monday, November 25 th	Friday, May 16 th

<u>BELL SCHEDULE:</u>

School Hours: 8:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Learning Starts	8:45am
Recess	10:15 – 10:30 a.m.
Lunch	11:50 – 12:42 p.m.
Dismissal	2:45 p.m.



Please help your child come to school **on time**. The beginning of the day helps our learners know what to expect as teachers review their *Shape of the Day*. If your child is coming late, they must come to the front office first.

We also want to remind families that their child **must** be picked up on time. Unfortunately, we cannot care for your child after school as we have meetings to often attend at the end of the school day.



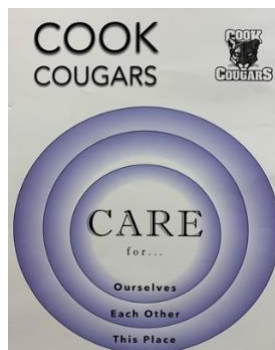
Lunches need to be brought to school with your child and should not be dropped off during the school day. Please be sure that your child has a spoon or fork as we will not be providing students utensils.



Any **visitors** to the school are asked to check in at the office first and sign in. A staff member will help you. Should you wish to speak with a staff member, please make an appointment ahead of time.

Our learners go outside for recess and lunch. Please be sure to have your child come to school with the appropriate clothing depending on the weather. It never hurts to leave a second set of clothes at school.

Here's to a great year of learning together. At Cook we Care for ourselves, each other and this place:



Our goal at Cook School is to continue focusing on literacy, specifically **READING**. We hope that you will help your child by reading with them daily or making sure they try and read on their own each day.

