

# WILLIAM COOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Cook Community, 

September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## Looking forward to a wonderful 2025/2026 school year!

The Cook staff is delighted to welcome all our students and families to the 2025/26 school year! We hope your summer was both fun and restful, and that you're ready for the wonderful year ahead. We are enrolling just over 640 students, and with many families joining or moving within our community, we truly appreciate your patience as we organize our busy and vibrant school. Students will move into classrooms on Monday. We are thrilled to greet our returning students and families and extend a very warm welcome to those who are new to Cook. We're so glad you're here and look forward to an amazing year together!

## Welcome to New Staff & Returning Staff

We are very excited and pleased to welcome several new staff members!

Name	Position
Ms. Atwal	Teacher (Returning)
Ms. Domai	Teacher
Ms. Gale	Teacher
Ms. Leung	Teacher (Returning)
Mr. Su	Teacher
Ms. Santos	Teacher
Ms. Tennant	Teacher (Returning)
Ms. Li	Teacher

We are currently working on filling a Grade 5/6 class with a classroom teacher.

### Meet the Staff Night



We welcome all families to come meet their child's teacher on <u>Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup></u> 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.

#### 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.

Thanks to all our summer garden helpers! Your hard work watering our gardens throughout the summer has paid off with late summer flowers.

## September startup notices

We will send forms 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 27<sup>th</sup> and return to your child's classroom teacher.

## **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:**

September 18<sup>th</sup>

Meeting the Teacher – 6:00 – 6:30 pm

September 19<sup>th</sup>

Terry Fox Run

September 22<sup>nd</sup>

PRO-D day (NO SCHOOL)

September 30<sup>th</sup>

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (NO SCHOOL)

October 13<sup>th</sup>

Thanksgiving (NO SCHOOL)

October 23<sup>rd</sup>

Individual Photos

October 24th

Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:00 Early Dismissal

## **BELL SCHEDULE:**

School Hours: 8:45 am – 2:45 pm

Doors open. 8:40 am Learning Starts 8:45 am

Recess 10:15 – 10:30 am Lunch 11:50 – 12:42 pm

Dismissal 2:45 pm



Please help your child come to school <u>on time</u>. 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 <u>must</u> 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:** 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 <u>not</u> 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:

COUGARS

Our goal at Cook School is to continue focusing on literacy. We hope that you will help your child by reading with them daily and discussing what you have read together.