

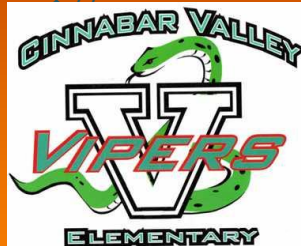
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# Cinnabar School News

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Website: <http://cb.schoolsweb.sd68.bc.ca>



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to all our returning students, new students, parents and staff. Cinnabar School staff is proud to be a caring community of learners, and I see that caring, nurturing quality in each and every staff member, even though I've only been here a few weeks. I believe that you and your children will also see it in the teachers' eyes and in their approach to your child. We are here for you and for your child, and we will do everything possible to help your child have the best possible year of learning and growth.

This year we would like to welcome some new faces to our Cinnabar family: Char Tomlinson (Grade 3/4), Pamela Ellis (prep), and Cassidy Sanford (. 2 Grade 1/2).

We are excited to have such an enthusiastic, knowledgeable group of new and returning teachers for our students. We work best together as a team (child, family, and teacher) so communication will be very important to us. Teachers will be in constant contact with parents, and if you have any questions or concerns or just want to talk, you can reach me at the school (250-716-1030) or email [Colette.young@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:Colette.young@sd68.bc.ca)

## Save the Date!

Please check out all of our celebrations and events on our website:  
<https://cb.schools.sd68.bc.ca/>

September 7-	11am -12pm school for Grade 1-7 students
September 8-	Full time school begins for Grade 1-7
September 14-	Gradual Kindergarten begins
September 14-	PAC Virtual Meeting 6:30pm
September 27-	Terry Fox Run (tentative date)
September 29-	Orange Shirt day
September 30-	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School)

## SCHOOL HOURS

### Monday - Friday:

8:42 am	Welcome Bell
8:45 am	Morning Instruction Begins
11:45 am	Long Recess – outside
12:20 pm	Welcome Back Bell
1:20 pm -1:35pm	Short Recess – outside
2:26 pm	Classes Dismiss for the Day

Office Hours: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Coming



## SCHOOL CALENDAR

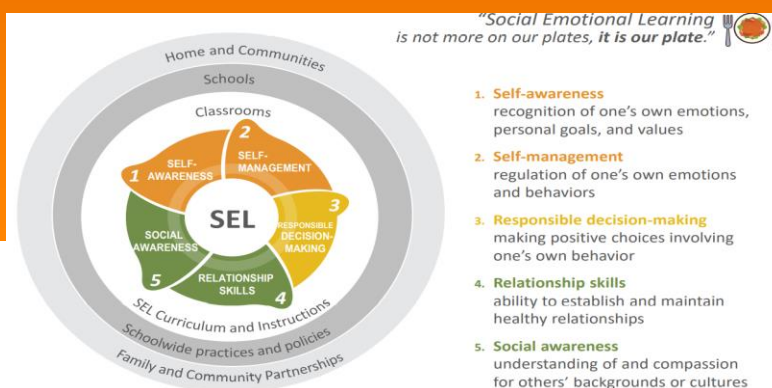
Our school plans and activities will all be sent electronically through the WAAG (Week at a Glance) every 1-2 weeks. This is our major form of communication to you. This monthly newsletter is also posted on our school website.

## NLPS Social Emotional Learning and Compassionate Learning Communities

I've learned, over the past few weeks, that Cinnabar is made up of a strong, caring, compassionate community. But how can we enhance our community to connect us even more? Throughout the year, we will be sharing more about SEL and CLCs. Please take a look at the SEL overview below.

What does a Compassionate Learning Community Look Like?

- Compassionate Learning Communities take time to care for their members
- Everyone has a place and everyone feels valued, connected and feels a sense of belonging



### Drop-off

Please plan to drop your child(ren) off and pick them up *as close to the bell as possible* to minimize traffic on the school grounds. Teachers will inform students which door to meet at in the morning in order to ensure safe distances.

### Pick-up

Cinnabar staff will dismiss students at 2:26 pm each day and naturally this will lead to high traffic areas. We want to keep everyone safe. This will require our entire community to practice and model safe social distancing. Our children are always looking to adults as a model of how to behave appropriately. Our staff will do everything they can to continue to educate students about safe social distancing after school. Additionally, you will receive this information from your classroom teacher via e-mail. Please arrange a safe pick-up plan with your child and re-iterate the importance of keeping a safe distance.

### Parents/Visitors to our Building:

We are pleased to announce that parents and visitors are able to set up an appointment to speak with staff, if needed. Please adhere to the safety guidelines as outlined by the Ministry of Education and NLPS guidelines. To book your appointment, please contact the office at 250-716-1030 or email the office or your child's teacher directly.

Please see the NLPS COVID Communicable Disease Plan 2021-22 below.

<https://www.sd68.bc.ca/document/covid-19-communicable-disease-plan-2021-22/>

## PAC News

If you enjoy working together with other enthusiastic people, please consider becoming involved in our Parent Advisory Council. They make an important difference to your children by providing opportunities the school is not able to do on its own. Please consider being involved in your child's (children's) school. We'd love to see you there!!

Message from PAC: Welcome to another year at our amazing school. For all of the new families that are joining our school we have a Facebook Page which will keep you up to date on what's happening at the school such as events, spirit days and other pertinent information so please join, it's called: **Cinnabar Valley PAC Group**

Our first PAC Meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm – this will be a virtual meeting and the Zoom Link will be put on to the Facebook page 2 days before.

Remember to collect your Country Grocer receipts and send them in to the school, we get 1% of the totals and use this money for food for events and our ever-popular popsicle sales. Another place we make some money for the school is at Cobb's Bread. When you shop there, please let them know that you are with Cinnabar Valley Elementary School as they add up how much customers spent from our school and we receive a % of the total amount.

## TERRY FOX RUN

Our annual Terry Fox run will be held on September 27 (**tentative date**). All pledge money raised goes directly to the Terry Fox Foundation. Classes will be completing the run and pledge sheets will be provided online. More information to follow.

## STUDENT PLANNERS

There is always so much information to communicate in the opening days. **Please be sure to read your child's planner pages as there is necessary and important information in it.** We encourage you to read both our **Code of Conduct, Student/Parent Handbook** and **School Goals** on our Cinnabar Valley School website. Your questions and/or comments are always welcome.



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## Kindergarten

Welcome to all of our new kindergarten students and families. We are looking forward to building wonderful relationships with all of you. 😊 Please refer to the email sent from the kindie teachers as to gradual entry schedule. If you have not received this schedule, please contact the office.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

SD 68 is committed to promoting Safe Schools for all students and staff. Part of that commitment is ensuring staff and students are trained and prepared to respond to any threat, minor or serious, to our school population. SD 68 staff periodically conduct 'practice drills' to simulate effective responses to potential safety threats. These drills are similar to our fire and earthquake drills with an added focus on staying safe within the school building.

Should you arrive at your child's school during such a practice, please follow instructions that will be posted at the entrance to the school. If you need to reach your child or child's teacher, please contact the office. Children's safety is our first priority.

The time we have with your children for teaching and learning is precious and must be protected. Each interruption affects the flow of a lesson and the creative thinking of students, and it can be a challenge to re-establish that flow. If you need to speak with your child or teacher and/or drop off items, please check in at the office and we will be able to assist you. It is also helpful if you send a note in your child's planner if there is something your child's teacher needs to know (appointment, early pickup, etc.) or leave a message with the office staff.

### Lunch

Please consider sending reusable juice containers to school with your child/children. This will lessen our recycling and reduce our garbage. It is an environmentally friendly alternative that will help us, too and it aligns with our NLPS Goals-To be a leader in environment stewardship and sustainability

### PARENT EMAILS

Please let us know your email so that we can email important newsletters and notices. We are trying our best to save the environment and go paperless. If you need a paper copy of newsletters, please let us know. You can also find the newsletters on our website.

<https://cb.schools.sd68.bc.ca/>

For your information, **Verification Forms** will be sent home electronically the second week of school. Please check with the person you are using as an emergency contact so they know they may be called. This information is **absolutely critical** to have; please send the forms back to school with your child, **with any changes made in a different color, as soon as possible**. Thank you.

**ALSO, please consider having a *Criminal Record Check* done at the start of the year, if you haven't already done so.** Thank you to the parents who have. A CRC does not expire for 5 years and allows you to participate in all activities inside and outside the school with our students. **We desperately need parent helpers at events (once safe to do so) and it is a challenge when CRC have not been done.** This is a district mandated step that must be taken in order to become involved in any way in the school.

Online application: <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/eCRC/home.htm>

Access Code/ID Number: UQ4T7XXBHE

Phone (toll free): 1-855-587-0185

Fax: 250-953-0408

Email: [criminalrecords@gov.bc.ca](mailto:criminalrecords@gov.bc.ca)

If you wish to help drive students for field trips (once safe to do so), you will need to fill out a **Driver Volunteer Form** as well. Please contact the office for a form if you are interested.

*We look forward to a year of learning, successes, and great experiences. ☺  
See you on Tuesday!!*

Sincerely,  
Colette Young and all Cinnabar Staff