



Aspen Park Elementary School Newsletter

Hello Aspen Park Families,

Welcome back to school! We are excited to begin the 2026/2027 school year and look forward to reconnecting with familiar faces and welcoming new members to our school community.

Class placement information will be sent to all families via email on September 4th.

Here are this week's information items. New items are in always in **Yellow**.

Week at a Glance

September 7	September 8	September 9	September 10	September 11
No School	First Day of School (Half Day) Dismissal at 11:45am ENTER SPARK Meetings Kindergarten Gradual Entry 12:30 – Staff Meeting	ENTER SPARK Meetings Kindergarten Gradual Entry 11:15 – Fire Drill (No Bells)	ENTER SPARK Meetings Kindergarten Gradual Entry	ENTER SPARK Meetings Kindergarten Gradual Entry
September 14	September 15	September 16	September 17	September 18
8:15 – Open Gym	10:30 – Primary Assembly 1:00 – Intermediate Assembly	Open Gym 9:00 – Fire Drill		Open Gym

Upcoming dates to note:

- September 21 – Pro-D Day **(No School)**

- September 22 – Earthquake Drill
- September 22 – Aspen Open House
- September 24 – Terry Fox Run
- September 30 – Day for Truth and Reconciliation (**No School**)
- October 1 – School Assembly

First Day of School

The first day of school for students from grade 1 to grade 7 is Tuesday, September 8th, from 8:35 am until 11:45 am. Kindergarten and ENTER students will have a different schedule which was communicated separately.

Bell Schedule

Due to this year's school calendar and the required instructional time, we have made a small adjustment to our daily schedule. Our school day will now begin at 8:35 a.m., rather than 8:40 a.m. We appreciate your support in helping students arrive on time and ready for a great day of learning.

8:35 am	School starts
10:10 – 10:25	Morning Recess
11:45 – 12:05	Lunch eating time
12:05 – 12:30	Lunch Recess
2:30 pm	End of day dismissal

School Supplies

For the 2026-2027 school year Aspen Park Elementary will be providing basic school supplies to students in Kindergarten to grade 7. Instead of parents purchasing individual sets of supplies, families provide money to the school, and the school will purchase supplies for each student. This approach will ensure equity and equality among all students and will save parents time (no shopping!) and money (ordering in bulk, our discount on school supplies is significant). The only items parents will have to provide are a backpack, a lunch bag, and appropriate shoes for gym.

- Kindergarten to Grade 7 the fee will be \$40
- The office will accept cash, cheque, or email transfer
- Fees will be due September 30th

The office will accept cash, cheque, or e-transfer. Fees are due no later than October 17th. Those who are choosing the e-transfer option, you can send the transfer to AspenPark@sd71.bc.ca. Please make sure you include the following message: **School Supplies-Student(s) Name**

Feel free to email me at zale.darnel@sd71.bc.ca if you have any questions or comments.

I look forward to seeing everyone on September 8. Have a great rest of your summer!

Respectfully,

Zale Darnel
Principal, Aspen Park Elementary