



September 7/2025

Ey Swayel Prince Charles Families:

Thank you for your patience and support this week as we worked through the process of finalizing class lists. A great deal of time, care, and thoughtful consideration goes into creating balanced and supportive learning environments for all students, and we appreciate your understanding during this important transition.

To our new families, welcome to our school community! Each Sunday morning, we send out the PC Weekly Update. It's a light and informative newsletter that highlights recent events and provides a look ahead at what's coming up. We hope it becomes a helpful part of your weekend routine.

Each month, we focus on a school-wide virtue that helps guide our conversations and learning. For September, our theme is **Goal Setting**. Goal setting is the process of identifying something you want to achieve and establishing measurable steps to reach that outcome. It encourages students to think about their aspirations, break them down into manageable actions, and reflect on their progress. Throughout the month, students will be learning how to set meaningful goals, both academic and personal, and how to stay motivated and resilient as they work toward them. We believe that developing this skill early helps build confidence, independence, and a strong sense of purpose.

Speaking of Goal Setting, our PAC and school have set an ambitious and exciting goal: to raise \$100,000 for a new playground on our upper field. Fundraising began last spring, and we are committed to making this dream a reality for our students. It's a wonderful opportunity to show our children how goal setting works in action. Please check out the flyer for more information on how you can support this initiative.

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- Click "Donate Today".
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- Select "Prince Charles Elementary" from the "Fund Development" drop-down menu.
- In the message box, type "Playground Fund" - You will receive a tax receipt for your donation.



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We're excited for the year ahead and look forward to partnering with you in supporting your child's growth and success. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Warm regards,

Mr. Paul Allanson  
Principal of Prince Charles Elementary School

Here are some things for you to know as we head into **Week #2 at Prince Charles Elementary**:

1. **Highlighters Wanted:** Can you keep the chaos at bay, while looking fabulous doing it. Do you have a flair for fluorescent fashion? A passion for opening car doors? A deep desire to help Royals to their vehicle. Then congratulations, you're Highlighter material.

**Your Role:**

Arrive 15 minutes before the morning and afternoon bell.

Shine bright like a neon diamond, as you wear our famous safety vests.

Direct traffic with the confidence of a runway model.

Keep kids safe and parents sane.

Volunteers receive priority access to a designated parking space during drop-off and pick-up times, a small token of appreciation for your big impact.

Please reach out to [paul.allanson@abbyschools.ca](mailto:paul.allanson@abbyschools.ca) if you are interested.

2. **School Photos:** We're excited to let you know that school photo day is coming up on **Thursday, September 11th!** This year, we will be partnering with **Lifetouch Photos** to capture these special memories.

Please ensure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for their photo. More details about photo packages and ordering options will be sent home soon.

3. **School Supplies:** As we settle into the new school year, students are welcome to bring their **school supplies** and **indoor runners** to school on **Monday, September 9**. Having these items will help students feel prepared and comfortable as we continue building routines in the classroom and gym.
4. **Welcome Back BBQ:** Our Welcome Back BBQ will be on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to visit your

child's classroom, meet their teacher, and connect with other families. Afterward, please join us outside for a hotdog and some community fun!

5. **Terry Fox Run:** Our annual Terry Fox Run will be held on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 pm on our back field. Families are encouraged to come out and cheer on our Royals! We have set a school goal of raising \$1000 dollars for the Terry Fox Foundation.

6. **Bell Schedule 2025-2026:**

**CLASSES START**

**8:32 am** - Welcome Bell

**8:35 am** - Instruction Begins

**RECESS**

**10:35 am** - Recess Starts

**10:50 am** - Recess Ends (bell)

**LUNCH**

**12:10 pm** - Lunch Eating Begins

**12:25 pm** - Lunch Play Begins (bell)

**12:55 pm** - Lunch Play Ends (bell)

**CLASSES DISMISS**

**2:28 pm** - Dismissal

7. **Dropping Off/Picking Up Children:**

The school side of McKee Road is a combination of bike lanes and two-hour parking. To ensure the safety of your children, please adhere to posted road signs. We encourage families to use our drive-through drop off located at the top of the parking lot. Simply pull up to the top and allow one of our "Highlighters" to escort your child from the car to the school safely. We have found that this reduces congestion and inconvenience for families in the morning and afternoon. ***Please do not drop your child off at any locations in our parking lot.***

Please note where our parent parking lots are located and what areas are designated as No Parking Zones and Staff Parking.

A friendly reminder that schools are idle-free zones. Please turn off your vehicle engine when waiting for student drop-off & pick-up in our parking lots. For the safety of our students, staff, and families, please remember that the speed limit in the school parking lot is 10 km/h. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

## 8. Closed Campus

A reminder that Prince Charles Elementary is a closed campus. No unauthorized individuals should be on school grounds during school hours.

9. **PC Swag:** We're excited to offer Prince Charles Elementary swag for students and families! To order a Prince Charles Elementary hoodie, zip-up, or t-shirt, please click on the link below:

<https://sapphirecreative.com/product-category/apparel-program/prince-charles-elementary/>

Orders typically take about two weeks to arrive. Once your items are ready for pickup, Ms. Smith will contact families directly.

Show your Royal pride, we can't wait to see our community rocking their PC gear!

## 10. Upcoming Dates:

September	
Sept. 9 - Tuesday	PAC Meeting @ 7:00 in the Library
Sept. 11 - Thursday	School Photo Day
Sept 15 - Monday	First Full Day for Kindergarten
Sept 17 – Wednesday	Welcome Back BBQ! (5:00 – 7:00)
Sept 18 – Thursday	Terry Fox Run
Sept 26 – Friday	Orange Shirt Day
Sept 29 – Monday	Non-Instructional Day #1
Sept 30 - Tuesday	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (No School)

## 11. Information from the PAC:

*"We're looking for a Hot Lunch/Popcorn Coordinator! We're seeking a person or a small team of people to take the lead on our Hot Lunch and Popcorn program this school year.*

*This is a great way to get involved, support our school community, and make a big impact without needing to attend every meeting. Training and support will be provided.*

*If you're interested or want to learn more, please send us a message or connect with us at the next PAC meeting!"*

**Newly Elected PAC – 2025-2026:**

**Election of Executive:**

- **Chair: Ashley Camp**
- **Vice-Chair: Brittany Geddert**
- **Secretary: Amy Koop**
- **Treasurer: Rosie Sandhu**

**Election of Non-Executive:**

- **Members At Large: Maray Toews, Amanda Schoen & Michelle Bastien**
- **Fundraising Coordinator: Michelle Bastien**
- **Hot Lunch Coordinator:**
- **Book Fair Coordinator: Maray Toews**
- **Parking Lot Coordinator:**
- **Family Fun Night Coordinator:**
- **Grade Five Committee Coordinator: Ashley Camp**
- **Playground Coordinator: Brittany Geddert**
- **Artisan Coordinator: Amanda Schoen**
- **DPAC Representative: Michelle Bastien**

**Next PAC Meeting is: Tuesday, September 9th @ 7:00 in the library.**

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