



Prince Charles Elementary School



September 13/2026

Ey Swayel Prince Charles Families:

We have successfully completed our first week of school, and I want to thank all of our students, staff, and families for their patience and flexibility as we worked through our start-up routines. I am pleased to share that our class placements are now finalized for the 2026-2027 school year. Your child should have brought home a letter on Friday indicating their classroom teacher for this school year. Beginning this week, students will be dropped off and dismissed from their classroom's exterior door. We appreciate your support as everyone becomes familiar with the new routines and locations.

To the many new families joining our school community this year, welcome to Prince Charles Elementary! We are excited to have you as part of our Royals family. Each Sunday morning, the PC Weekly Update is sent home. It is a light and informative newsletter that celebrates recent events, highlights important reminders, and provides a look ahead at upcoming activities. We hope it becomes a helpful part of your weekend routine and a great way to stay connected to everything happening at our school.

Each month, we focus on a school-wide virtue that helps guide our learning, conversations, and interactions with one another. For September, our virtue is Goal Setting. Goal setting is the process of identifying something you want to achieve and creating a plan to make it happen. Throughout the month, students will be learning how to set meaningful academic and personal goals, break those goals into manageable steps, monitor their progress, and persevere when challenges arise. Goal setting helps students develop confidence, responsibility, resilience, and a growth mindset.

Speaking of goal setting, our PAC and school community have established an ambitious and exciting goal of replacing our Upper Field Playground with a new playground. Fundraising efforts began last year, and thanks to the incredible generosity of our families and community supporters, we have already raised more than \$65,000. While we are proud of this accomplishment, we still have work to do to reach our target. Every contribution brings us one step closer to making this dream a reality for our students.

Thank you for your ongoing support, partnership, and commitment to Prince Charles Elementary. We are looking forward to a fantastic week of learning together.

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. **School Supplies and Inside Runners:** Royals are welcome to bring their school supplies and indoor runners to school this week. School supply lists can be found on the Prince Charles Elementary website.
2. **School Photos:** We're excited to let you know that school photo day is coming up on this **Friday, September 18th!** This year, we will be partnering with **Lifetouch Photos** to capture these special memories.
3. **Welcome Back BBQ:** On Wednesday, September 23 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., we invite all Prince Charles families to join us for our Welcome Back BBQ. This special evening provides an opportunity for families to visit their child's classroom, meet their teacher, and reconnect with our school community as we begin another exciting year of learning.

At 6:00 p.m., our PAC will be serving complimentary hamburgers for all families. We are grateful for the continued support of our PAC and look forward to coming together to celebrate the start of a wonderful school year.

4. **Terry Fox Run** On Thursday, September 24 at 1:15 p.m., Prince Charles Elementary will be taking part in our annual Terry Fox Run. This special event provides an opportunity for our students to come together as a school community to honour Terry Fox's incredible legacy of courage, determination, and hope.

Families are warmly invited to join us and cheer on our Royals as they run around our back field in support of this important cause. Your encouragement helps make the event even more meaningful for our students.

As a school, we have set a fundraising goal of \$1,000 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Every donation, no matter the amount, helps support vital cancer research and carries forward Terry's dream of a world without cancer.

5. **Bell Schedule 2026-2027:**

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

2:29 pm - Dismissal

6. 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. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

7. Closed Campus

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

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.

8. PC Swag: Show your Prince Charles Elementary spirit with our school swag! Families and students can order a variety of items, including hoodies, zip-up hoodies, t-shirts, crewneck sweaters, toques, and hats.

Best of all, 10% of every purchase is returned directly to Prince Charles Elementary to support our school community.

To browse and place an order, please visit:

[Prince Charles Elementary Apparel Store](#)

Orders are typically ready within approximately two weeks. Once your order arrives, Ms. Smith will contact families directly with pickup information.

Thank you for supporting Prince Charles Elementary. We can't wait to see our students and families showing their Royal pride in their PC gear!

9. Upcoming Dates:

September	
Sept. 14 - Monday	PAC Meeting @ 7:00 in the Library
Sept. 18 - Friday	School Photo Day
Sept 21 - Monday	First Full Day for Kindergarten
Sept 23 – Wednesday	Welcome Back BBQ! (5:00 – 7:00)
Sept 24 – Thursday	Terry Fox Run
Sept 25 – Friday	Non-Instructional Day #1
Sept. 29 - Tuesday	Orange Shirt Day
Sept 30 - Wednesday	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (No School)

10. Information from the PAC: We are thrilled to announce and warmly welcome our new Parent Advisory Council (PAC) members!

Newly Elected PAC – 2026-2027:

Election of Executive:

- **Chair: Chelsey Richards**
- **Vice-Chair: Matt Smith**
- **Secretary: Amy Koop**
- **Treasurer: Michelle Bastien**

Election of Non-Executive:

- **Members At Large: Maray Toews, Brittany Geddert, Rosie Sandhu & Revalyn Edwards-Wallace**
- **Fundraising Coordinator: Vacant**
- **Hot Lunch Coordinator: Rosie Sandhu**
- **Book Fair Coordinator: Maray Toews**
- **Parking Lot Coordinator: Vacant**

- Family Fun Night Coordinator: Vacant
- Grade Five Committee Coordinator: Vacant
- Playground Coordinator: Brittany Geddert
- DPAC Representative: Revalyn Edwards-Wallace

Next PAC Meeting is: Monday, September 14th @ 7:00 in the library.

Playground Project Fundraiser!

**Prince Charles
Elementary School**



HELP MAKE OUR DREAM A REALITY!

We are aiming to raise \$100,000 to create this vision.

Our plans include:

- ✓ Installing a rope climbing structure in the upper field playground.
- ✓ Adding two small spinning play structures.
- ✓ Replacing the old wooden monkey bars with metal climbing bars and a small climbing wall.

Do you want to make a tax-deductible donation to support this cause?

1. Visit www.abbyschools.ca/donations-0 or scan the QR code.
2. Click "Donate Today."
3. Enter your donation amount.
4. Select "Prince Charles Elementary" from the "Fund Destination" drop-down menu.
5. In the message box, type "Playground Fund." You will receive a tax receipt for your donation.





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