



School News

Bell and Lunch Schedule

8:15 am - Arrival
8:25 am - First Bell
8:35 am - Learning Begins
12:05 pm -1:00 pm - Lunch
2:30 pm - Dismissal

Calendar Highlights

Sept. 2- Curriculum Night
Sept. 3 - First Day of School
Sept. 7 - Labour Day - **No School**
Sept. 10 - Stand Up to Bullying Day - We will be wearing Pink!
Sept. 25 - Professional Development Day - **No School**
Sept. 30 - National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - **No School**



Reminders

For the safety of all students, please remember to sign in at the office if you are visiting the school during the day. Thank you for helping us keep our school safe.

Welcome to a New School Year!

We're excited to kick off another great year at **Smokey Drive Elementary!** This year, we're welcoming many new students and staff, and we couldn't be happier to see our school community growing.

As we move forward, strong communication between home and school will play a big role in your child's success. To help us stay connected:

- Please let your child's teacher know **right away** if your **email address or phone number changes**.
- We'll be sharing important updates and school news **regularly via email**, so it's important we have your most up-to-date contact information.

We're looking forward to an amazing year of learning, growth, and connection!

Lunchtime Reminders for Families

Our school lunch period is from **12:05 PM to 1:00 PM**. During this time, all children will have **25 minutes to play outside** and **25 minutes to eat**.

Here are a few important things to keep in mind:

- **Leaving School at Lunch:** For safety, students cannot leave the school during lunch unless they usually go home for the whole lunch break and are picked up by a parent or guardian.
- **Sending Lunches:** Please send your child's lunch with them in the morning. Lunchtime is a busy part of the day, and we do not have extra staff to deliver lunches or meet delivery services.
- **Outdoor Play:** All students will play outside from **12:05 PM to 12:30 PM**. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather so they can enjoy their playtime comfortably.

Thank you for helping us make lunchtime smooth, safe, and fun for everyone!

Curriculum and Meet the Teacher Night

We invite you to Curriculum and Meet the Teacher Night on **Wednesday, September 2** from **5:00-6:00 pm**.

This is an opportunity for your student to see their new classroom, find their desk and drop off their school supplies.

School Calendar

Safe Arrival Program

1-833-582-6940

If you have a new phone number or email address please contact the school so that we can ensure that you are getting the latest information from the school and your child's teacher.

It is the parents' responsibility to contact the school to identify if their child/ren will be absent.

You are now able to report future absences using an app, website, or toll-free phone number. If your student is absent and the absence has not been reported in advance, you will receive notifications via email, text, and phone calls from SchoolMessenger.

For more information please follow the link below:

<https://www.hrce.ca/SafeArrival>

Lunch Program



School Lunches begin on September 8, 2026 . Order window opens on August 28, 2026. Please visit www.NSLunch.ca to explore the menu and get answers to frequently asked questions.

Lunch Monitors

Our school is continually looking for lunch monitors.

If you are interested in being a lunch monitor at Smokey Dr. Elementary School please feel free to reach out to Ms Garrett at:

sdes@hrce.ca

September 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 First Day of School	4	5
6	7 Labour Day No school	8	9	10 Stand Up to Bullying Day - Wear Pink!	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Professional Development Day No school	26
27	28	29 Wear Orange 	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation No school			

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The day honours the children who never returned home and the survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led, grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and support the “Every Child Matters” movement.

We welcome staff and students to wear orange on Tuesday, September 29 in recognition of this day.