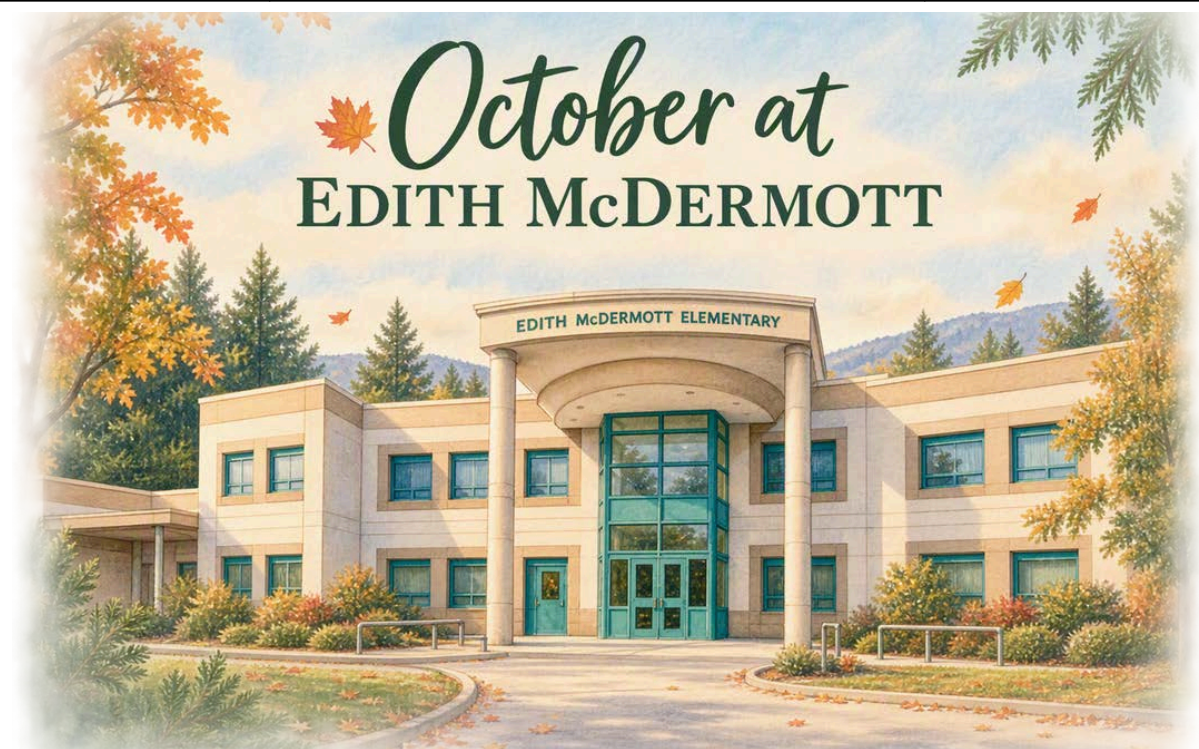


Edith McDermott Elementary

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Principal's Message

We have enjoyed a busy and positive first month of school as students settled into their classes, established routines, built new friendships, and immersed themselves in learning.

This time of year is always filled with excitement and fresh energy, and it has been wonderful to see students embracing their new classrooms and connecting with one another during recess and lunch. Each day, I witness countless examples of kindness, inclusion, and belonging as students help one another, invite others into play, and show care and respect for their peers.

It was wonderful to see so many families at our Welcome Back BBQ in September. Strong school-home-community partnerships are essential to student success, and events like these provide valuable opportunities to strengthen the connections that make our school community so special.

As more school and district events fill our calendar, including cross-country, volleyball, and our Halloween Dance, I look forward to seeing students, families, and staff come together in partnership, celebration, and support of one another.

With October now underway, classrooms are deeply engaged in the learning of Term One. Across the school, students are developing their knowledge, skills, and confidence while being challenged to do their best each day. This commitment to learning is a priority at Edith McDermott, and I am continually impressed by the dedication and expertise of our staff in creating engaging, supportive learning environments where every child can thrive.

I am proud to be part of the Edith McDermott community and look forward to celebrating the growth and achievements of our students throughout the coming months.

Warm regards,

Christina Crump
Principal

Growing Strong Cedars

High Expectations

One of the most powerful gifts we can give children is our belief in their ability to grow.

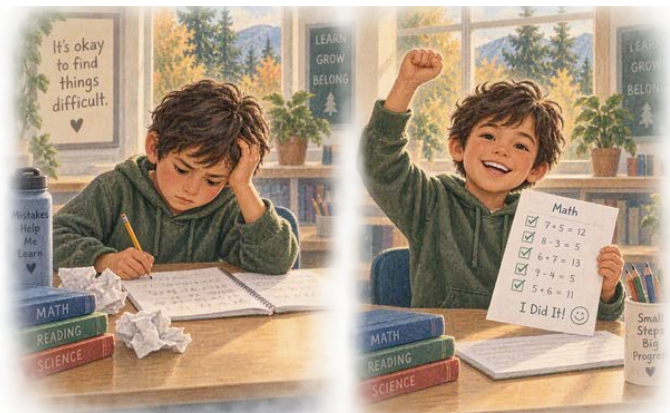
When people hear the words “high expectations” it can occasionally elicit thoughts of struggle or pressure. In reality, however, high expectations are an expression of our belief in someone to achieve. These expectations communicate the message: I believe you can do difficult things.

Every child encounters moments of challenge in learning something new. A student may struggle with reading, a difficult math problem, or feel nervous about trying something new. In these moments, the adults have an opportunity to shape how children see themselves.

We can either rush to remove the challenge, or we can stay beside them and convey our belief that they are capable, and encourage perseverance.

When we combine support with encouragement, and maintain high expectations, we help children see that mistakes are a part of learning, and that effort leads to growth.

At Edith McDermott, we want every child to experience the satisfaction that comes with overcoming challenges and discovering what they are capable of.



Family Challenge

As a family, choose a challenge that requires effort and persistence. It doesn't have to be a big undertaking, the goal is to choose something to experience what it feels like to stick with something that isn't easy.

Ideas:

- Completing a family hike
- Finishing a puzzle together
- Practicing a sport, instrument, or activity that requires improvement over time

After, discuss:

- What felt difficult?
- What helped us succeed?
- How did it feel to finish/complete the task or activity?

Parent/Guardian Information

School Reminders

- School supply fee payments are set up on the Parent Portal.
- If your child's teacher is using a planner this year, you will also be able to pay for the planner through the Parent Portal.
- All student permission forms have been sent out through the Parent Portal.
- Please label your child's clothes as much as possible. The 'Lost and Found' grows throughout the school year as more items are left out and unclaimed. Please check the 'Lost and Found' periodically for missing items.
- Stay up to date with school information by visiting our website at <http://elementary.sd42.ca/edithmcdermott>

Cedars Spirit Wear

Cedars Spirit Wear ordering is now live! Get your EME Cedars gear now!

Order by October 15th to get FREE SHIPPING to the school.

<https://edithmcdermott2026.itemorder.com/show/home/>

The banner features the Edith McDermott Elementary Cedars logo on the left, which includes a tree and the motto 'WORK HARD • BE KIND'. The central text reads 'EME CEDARS SPIRIT WEAR' in large, bold letters, with 'ONLINE ORDERING IS LIVE!' below it. To the right, a yellow circular badge states 'FREE SHIPPING IF ORDERED BY OCTOBER 15TH!'. Below the text, three items of spirit wear are displayed: a white hoodie, a green t-shirt, and green pants, all featuring the school logo. On the bottom left, a green speech bubble says 'SHOW YOUR CEDARS PRIDE!'. On the bottom right, a green speech bubble says 'SAME COMMUNITY. BRIGHTER TOGETHER.' At the bottom, a green bar contains three steps: '1. SHOP ONLINE', '2. PLACE YOUR ORDER', and '3. ENJOY FREE SHIPPING', each with a corresponding icon. The bottom of the banner features the motto 'Work Hard • Be Kind.' and a background of green pine trees.



Westcoast Recess

We have "Westcoast Recess" and outside lunchtime. Students enjoy exercise and time outside with peers, so please always send outside clothing appropriate for the weather conditions. Since weather can be unpredictable and accidents or falls can occur, **please send a spare set of clothes.**

Attendance

Regular school attendance is a major factor contributing to student success in school. We expect that Edith McDermott students will attend school regularly unless ill and will be punctual every day.

If your child will be absent, please advise us via the Parent Portal, emailing eme_reception@sd42.ca, or by calling the school prior to 8:30am. Please advise your child's teacher ahead of time if your child will be absent for an extended period of time. Students who are late need to report to the office upon arrival.

For safety reasons, confirmation of all absences is required unless a phone call, email, or Parent Portal message has been received by the office.

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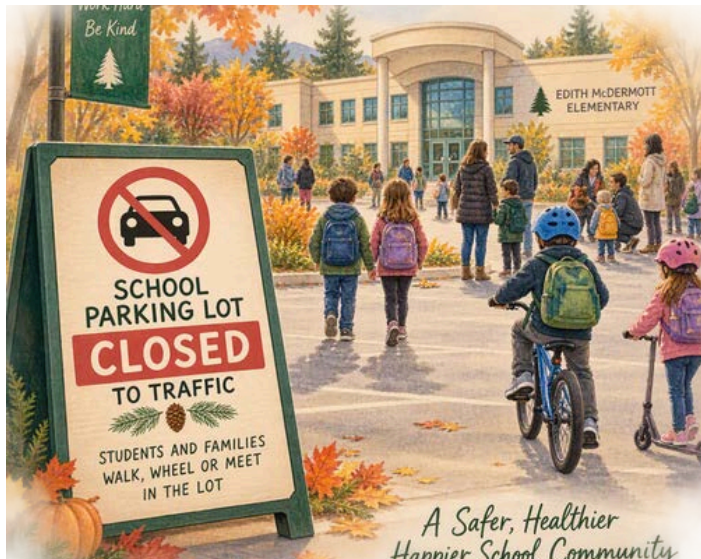
School Parking Lot

In order to ensure the safety of everyone, the school parking lot is closed during drop-off and pick-up times.

Only daycare busses and drivers with valid accessible parking decals will be permitted in the parking lot during those times.

We encourage families to walk or ride bikes/scooters to school. This will help diminish traffic issues and lessen our environmental impact.

Thank you for your continued support.



Upcoming Events

- Oct. 5 - PAC Meeting 6:30pm
- Oct. 12 - Thanksgiving (**NO SCHOOL**)
- Oct. 15 - Photo Retakes
- Oct. 19 - Intermediate X-Country @ Albion Sports Complex
- Oct. 20 - Primary X-Country @ Albion Sports Complex
- Oct. 23 - Non-Instructional Day (**NO SCHOOL**)
- Oct. 29 - Halloween Dance (PAC Event)
- Oct. 30 - Halloween Parade
- Nov. 10 - Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day (**NO SCHOOL**)
- Nov. 27 - Non-Instructional Day (**NO SCHOOL**)
- Nov. 30-Dec. 4 - Scholastic Book Fair

Parent/Guardian Information

PAC News

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Welcome BBQ! It was a great way to kick off the school year and connect with our school community.

Our first PAC meeting of the year is October 5 at 6:30 PM in the school library. We'd love to see you there as we plan for the year ahead.

If you're unable to make the meeting, you can check out the agenda and meeting minutes on the PAC tab of the school website. If you're interested in getting involved with PAC but are unable to attend the meetings, please email us at edemacpac@gmail.com

And mark your calendars for October 29 — our annual Halloween Dance is coming up! Ticket sales will go live October 5 on munch-a-lunch. Join us from 6:00–8:30 PM in the gym for music, dancing and lots of fun. Food and refreshments will be available.

We hope to see you there!



Stay Connected with EME PAC

We have a new WhatsApp Channel that will be live at the start of the school year! Follow the link below to join and receive updates from your PAC about upcoming events, activities, volunteer opportunities, and ways to get involved.

Your personal information is not viewable by other channel members.

EME PAC updates

WhatsApp channel



Munch-a-Lunch Update

We are also still looking for volunteers to help with our Munch-a-Lunch program. Thank you to everyone who has already stepped forward! We are still looking for some administrative help, which can be done on your own schedule. If you're able to help, please reach out for more details.

If you're interested in volunteering or would like to learn more about what's involved, please contact us at edemacpac@gmail.com.
