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Week at a Glance: Sept. 8th - 12th 2025

Monday-

Tuesday-

Wednesday-

Thursday- First full day of Kindergarten PAC Meeting @ 6:30 PM

Friday-



Welcome back! If you are new, we welcome you to this lovely community. We have 16 divisions with 375 students and a wonderful staff to support your children.





Students spent the week re-connecting with classmates and meeting new friends. It was so nice to see everyone again. We are looking forward to the year ahead.

About Class Placements

Classrooms are set for 2025-26. Students moved into their new classrooms today.

Background Information:

The process of creating classes for this school year begins in May of the previous school year. Teachers and Administrators think deeply about how students will work well with others, the strengths and stretches of each child, and how they will best meet their social, emotional, and academic needs within a diverse group of students.

If your child is concerned about their placement:

- 1. Consider doing nothing when a parent/guardian has an open mind, this helps ease the anxiety of the child.
- 2. Give it some time. Almost always, once students have time to bond with their teacher and classmates, concerns are resolved.
- 3. Talk to your child's new teacher. They can give you an accurate picture of how your child is adjusting in the classroom. Working together with your child's teacher will help optimize your child's learning experience, and build connections and trust.

Welcome to New, Returning Staff and Staff who Have Changed Assignments

J. Chang Division 5- Grade 5/6B. Leung Support Teacher

For a full list of Debeck staff, please click here

2024-2025 School Hours

8:40am Welcome bell - Students welcomed into their classrooms

8:45am Learning begins

9:55am - 10:10 am Recess

10:10am Learning resumes

11:50pm - 12:42 Lunch (Eat 11:50-12:10) (Play 12:10-12:42)

12:42pm - 2:45 pm Learning Resumes

2:45pm Dismissal

Seismic Update



- All classrooms are now complete. Classes will be moving next week. Stay tuned for more details.
- Our library, office space and staff washrooms are currently being worked on. We are looking forward to a projected completion date of January 2026.
- Ms. Tam, Ms. Yu, Mrs. Lang and Mrs. Schwartz will be in the office trailer until our office is complete.
- •Late arrivals (8:45-9:00) will check in at a desk at the front of the main entrance. After 9:00 AM, please come into the office.

Student Absences

If your student is absent or late for school please inform the office directly by calling the safe arrival line as soon as possible at 604.668.6272.

West Coast Recess

As the weather begins to change, please be sure to send your child to school with appropriate clothing for all kinds of weather. As Fall approaches, we suggest boots and raincoats. Students are expected to be outside even if it's raining. For younger students, we encourage them to bring an extra set of clothes, pants, a shirt and socks in case they get wet during school hours.

Parking Lot Safety

Thank-you parents/guardians for remembering to stay in your car when pulling up to our drop off lane. Please do not park on the crosswalk where students will be crossing to get to the school. Our new parking lot area has more parking spots and parking is available should you wish to get out of your car. While the weather is nice, consider walking or biking to school.

Electronic Communication-

Please ensure that we have your current email address so that we can keep you updated with our Week at a Glance (WAAG) emails. Mrs. Schwartz sends out a weekly memo each Friday (Thursdays when there is no school on Friday) digitally. Please take the time to read it so you know of upcoming events. You can also check out our school website, https://debeck.sd38.bc.ca for up-to-date calendar information and school news. Should you have any questions, please call the school office at 604-668-6281. Office hours are from 8:00am – 3:45pm.



Terry Fox Run

Our Terry Fox Run will be on Friday, September 19th. You donate online by following <u>this link</u> More information to come.



PAC News: On behalf of the PAC Executive team, WELCOME back! We hope everyone had a great summer. As a part of the DeBeck community, you are a valued member of the Parent Advisory Council. The PAC is a forum for parents and guardians to discuss matters that impact our school. We also plan fundraising activities and community events. You are welcome to attend our monthly meetings to stay informed with school happenings, connect with other families, and have a voice in making the most of your child's school experience. Our first meeting will happen on Thursday, September 11 at 6:30 PM in the

library. Please see the attached agenda and financial statements

SEPTEMBER

- 11 PAC Meeting- 6:30 PM in the Library
- 18 Meet the Staff @ 6:00 PM (more information to come)
- 19 Terry Fox Run
- 22 Professional Learning Day- Students do not attend
- 29 Orange Shirt Day
- 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation- No School