



JUNE NEWSLETTER

June 26, 2025

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Dear Parents / Guardians of École Dorothea Walker Elementary Students,

As we come to the end of our school year, I would like to take a moment to celebrate all of our amazing students. Their growth, their achievements, and the joy they each bring to our community. I appreciate each and every smile and wave each morning, and fun anecdotes throughout each day.

Our school community is kind, engaged and becoming more connected through our school events. For all families coming back to us in the fall, and for our new families joining us, please see below for some dates to pencil into your calendars for this fall.

To our students who are “moving up” to middle school, whether you’re heading to École KLO Middle School or to Canyon Falls Middle School, I wish you every success in this exciting new chapter. Carry with you the curiosity, kindness, and courage that make you who you are. I know you will continue to shine brightly wherever you go. Once a Wildcat, Always a Wildcat!

With pride and gratitude,

Mme Hughes
Principal / Directrice

What to expect - Our First Week of School September 2025

- Our first week of school will be focused on school-wide community building.
- Class placements will be shared by the end of the first week of school to allow for enrollment growth / staffing changes.
- Students will have valuable community building opportunities together.



PAC Dessert Night Event

September 11, 2025 6-7pm

Come meet your school community!

PAC Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, September 17th, 2025, 6:30pm
DWE Library - Join us!

THANK YOU

FOR A WONDERFUL YEAR!

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Consider joining the public library's
Summer Reading Club

<https://orl.bc.ca/summer-reading-club/>



ÉCOLE DOROTHEA WALKER ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2025-26

School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan Public Schools)

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Days in session	190
Number of days of instruction	183
Number of non-instructional days	7
Schools open – Tuesday only, 8:25-10:55	Tuesday, September 2, 2025
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Tuesday, September 30, 2025
Administrative Implementation Day (no regular classes)	Friday, October 10, 2025
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	Monday, October 13, 2025
Early Dismissal at 12:25 for Parent-Teacher Conferences	Thursday, October 16, 2025
Early Dismissal at 12:25 for Parent-Teacher Conferences	Friday, October 17, 2025
Teacher Professional Day	Friday, October 24, 2025
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	Tuesday, November 11, 2025
First Written Learning Update	Friday, November 28, 2025
School closes for Winter vacation at 2:30	Friday, December 19, 2025
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, December 22 – Friday, January 2, 2026
Statutory holiday (schools closed)	Wednesday, January 1, 2026
School reopens after Winter vacation	Monday, January 5, 2026
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	Friday, February 13, 2026
Family Day (schools closed)	Monday, February 16, 2026
Early Dismissal at 12:25 for Parent-Teacher Conferences	Thursday, February 26, 2026
Early Dismissal at 12:25 for Parent-Teacher Conferences	Friday, February 27, 2026
Second Written Learning Update	Thursday, March 12, 2026
School closes for Spring vacation at 2:30	Friday, March 13, 2026
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, March 16 – Friday, March 27, 2026
School reopens after Spring vacation	Monday, March 30, 2026
Good Friday (schools closed)	Friday, April 3, 2026
Easter Monday (schools closed)	Monday, April 6, 2026
Victoria Day (schools closed)	Monday, May 18, 2026
Last Day of School and Third Written Learning Update	Thursday, June 25, 2026
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Friday, June 26, 2026
School closes for summer	Friday June 26, 2026

Bell Schedule for 2025-26

8:20 Welcome Bell
 8:25 Morning Classes Begins
 11:10 Outdoor Play
 11:35 Lunch
 12:02 Lunch Completes
 12:07 Afternoon Classes Begin
 1:10 Little Recess
 1:25 Final Period
 2:25 Dismissal

Early Dismissal Days for 2025-26

Dismissal will happen at 12:25 on the following days:
 October 16 and 17, 2025
 February 26 and 27, 2026

Staff In-Service Days for 2025-26

Friday, October 10, 2025
 Friday, October 24, 2025
 Friday, February 13, 2026

Statutory Holidays are highlighted in the above calendar.