

PHILLIPS WEEKLY



SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

Calendar

SEPTEMBER

16 BUS SAFETY; FIRST PIZZA DAY

18 CURRICULUM NIGHT 6-7PM; FIRST
SUB DAY

26 PICTURE DAY

30 ORANGE SHIRT DAY

OCTOBER

13 PA DAY

Welcome Back!

OUR FIRST WEEK

IT'S BEEN A GREAT WEEK BACK! OUR STUDENTS HAVE BEEN HAPPY TO BE BACK AND CLASSROOMS ALREADY FEEL SETTLED. WE HAD OUR WELCOME ASSEMBLIES AND HAVE GONE OVER ALL THE EXPECTATIONS FOR SCHOOL ROUTINES AND BEHAVIOUR. VOLLEYBALL FOR OUR INTERMEDIATE STUDENTS AND CROSS-COUNTRY FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 3-8 HAVE ALREADY STARTED!

Ms. Mackey (Principal)

For those who are new to our school, WELCOME! My name is Chris Mackey and I am the principal here at Phillips. This will be my second year at this school, my 9th as a school administrator. My passions are music, musical theatre, travel, and most sports. I am so impressed with the Phillips community and feel so blessed to be your principal.

Lunchroom Supervisors



We are still looking for more lunchroom supervisors. Please call the office, or come in for an application package. This is a one-hour position from 11:35 - 12:35.

Mrs. Campbell (VP)

I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. I am Mrs. Campbell the new vice-principal. I have been a teacher within the DDSB for 20 years and I am very excited about my new position as vice-principal. I am a mom to 2 active teenagers and 2 adorable dogs. I enjoy playing hockey and pickleball. I want to thank Dr SJ Phillips for being so welcoming and I look forward to meeting you.

Healthy Hunger

We will be having Pizza Pizza lunches on Tuesdays and Subway lunches on Thursdays starting on September 16. If you don't have an account already, you will need to go to healthyhunger.ca and join our school. Orders must be placed at least 5 days prior to a delivery date.

Curriculum Night

Curriculum Night will take place on September 18. Classrooms will be open 6-7 pm for you to visit and meet the teachers. An ice cream truck will also be on property for your enjoyment!



ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

All students, including Kindergarteners, should be entering the school with their teacher at the bell. Parents are not permitted to walk their child to class inside the building for safety reasons. Students who are late will enter the front doors and line up to be signed in at the office. Parents will be asked to leave to minimize congestion. Staff will walk late kindergarteners to class.

Please read carefully drop-off and pick-up procedures:

Arrival:

- We are a walking school with the exception of only a small number of bused students (1-2 buses max this year). With this in mind, we will be trialing a new “kiss n drop” system.
- We will be using the **west** side of Masson as our drop-off lane, flowing only in the direction of Rossland south to Greta. The buses will drop off close to Greta, so this area will be off limits.
- When you drop off your children, please pull right up to the curb. Your children should be ready and not need to access the trunk. They should exit the car **curb-side only** and walk along the sidewalk and into the school. Parents may not park here and walk their children in. As soon as your kids have exited, please leave to allow the next vehicle to drop off. Please do not sit and wait in the bus lane for the bell to go. Please also move down the lane as far as possible and not just pull up next to a convenient gate opening.
- Do not drop off on the east side of Masson or park there. Please observe the signage on all streets surrounding the school and follow the rules. Please do not do U-turns on Masson or use a driveway to turn around. This is dangerous and inconsiderate to those who live on Masson.
- If you wish to walk your child in and wait for the bell, please park in the community and walk in (or walk/bike to school!).
- Unless dropping off at daycare or with an accessibility sticker, parents may not use the parking lot for drop off or pick up.
- Dogs must remain on the grassy areas and not interact with any children other than your own.

Pick Up:

- Please do not enter the parking lot with your vehicle to wait. This causes a lot of congestion. Use the kiss n drop area (Masson, west side only) for pick-up, or arrange a meeting spot with your kids. Please park on side streets and walk in.
- You may wait in your vehicle in the bus lane (please do not block the bus if it arrives), but please do not exit your vehicle. Your children must come to you. If you need to meet them on school property, you will need to park in a legal spot.

Please remember that safety is much more important than convenience. We want to build a procedure where students and families are safe to walk to school. This will take all of us working together.

Kiss and Ride Important Reminders

To ensure that our Kiss and Ride can continue to operate in a safe manner that is respectful to our local community please follow the guidelines that have been outlined in our Family Handbook (sent via email). We have created the graphic below with some useful tips and reminders.

Please remember that this is a BUS LOADING ZONE which means there is No parking (you can get a ticket). We are using the loading zone as a kiss and ride but this can only continue if we can do it in a safe and respectful manner.

