

September

PDC Press



Exploring, learning, and growing together—one day, one lesson, and one success at a time!



Welcome

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year!

As I begin this year as Interim Principal, I feel both honoured and excited to partner with you in this important journey. I am equally delighted to introduce our new interim Vice Principal, Ms. Lisa Skinner, who joins me in this shared commitment to serving our PDC community.

We both deeply believe that education is most powerful when school and families work hand in hand. We are on the same team, united in our goal of nurturing your child's growth. This partnership will require open communication, trust, and collaboration. Together, we can ensure that every student has the support and encouragement they need to succeed.

On behalf of the entire PDC team, we look forward to building this path with you, side by side, for the benefit of all our children.

Lisa Triestino & Lisa Anne Skinner
Interim Principal & Interim Vice Principal

Student Agenda &

Code of Conduct

Grade 1 to 6 students will bring home their agendas on the first day of school. Please ensure that, together with your child, you read the Code of Conduct in order to understand and discuss the underlying reasons and importance of following school and classroom rules.. The form on [page 19](#) must be signed and returned to the homeroom teacher by September 4th. This will indicate that you and your child understand what is expected of him/her during school hours.

We count on your support to take the time to read the inserts in the agenda with your child(ren) to ensure all policies and rules are followed.

K4/K5/Closed classes: You will receive the Code of Conduct to sign during your Progressive Entry appointment.

New School Hours

Entry & Dismissal:

8:45am - 3:48pm : K5 to Grade 6

8:50am - 3:48pm: K4

Recess & Lunch Breaks:

K4: 10:35-10:55am/ 11:52-1:10/ 2:40-3:00pm

K5: 10:05-10:35/ 11:52-1:10/ 2:10-2:30pm

Gr 1 to 3: 10:05-10:35/ 12:10-1:10/ 2:10-2:30pm

Gr 4 to 6: 10:35-10:55/ 12:10-1:10/ 2:40-3:00pm

Important Dates

September 2: First Day of School for grade 1 to 6

September 2-3: Progressive entry K4, K5 & ASD

September 4: Full day K4/K5.
Wear your K4/K5 t-shirt!

September 12: Welcome Activity

September 18:
Information Night (grades 1 to 6)
AGA (all parents invited)





New School Programming

As of this school year, PDC will continue to follow a Bilingual Program but on a Monday through Friday Schedule.

This means that your child will have a full day of English and French twice a week, followed by a half day on Fridays for both languages.

All students will continue to receive the allocated minutes in all subject areas.

First Day Procedure

We know the first day of school can bring big emotions for both children and parents. To help ease the transition, please note that parents are not permitted into the school yard. Students should carry their own supplies on the first day, and our staff will be there to assist our youngest learners.

When students arrive, they should look for the balloon that marks their grade level and head to that table—this is where they will meet their homeroom teacher for the year.

Hot Lunch Provider



Interested in ordering hot meals for your child's lunch? Click [here](#) to learn how to set up your account and place orders.

Lunch Requirements

All students have lunch in their classroom. Please supply a cloth place mat for lunch. The mat will be returned home daily.

Please note that all utensils must also be brought from home.

Lastly, a reusable water bottle is highly encouraged. We have a water station for them to fill their bottles throughout the day.

If a parent is picking up their child for lunch, it is imperative you write a note in the agenda stating so.

School Fees

Certain school items must be purchased from the school. In June, an email was sent with the Charges to Parents.

To review, click [here](#).

Please make cheques payable to Pierre de Coubertin School or payment by debit or credit card available at the main office.

Payment must be made by September 16, 2025, so that your child will be properly properly equipped for all his/her classes as soon as possible.

Allergies

We are a peanut free school. Some of our students are extremely allergic to peanuts, nuts and other foods.

Parents are asked to omit foods containing nuts and /or peanuts from your child's snacks and meals.

These measures are intended above all to provide a safe environment for these children. If there are students who have allergies other than nuts in your child's class, the teachers will send home a notice of the foods that should be omitted from your child's lunchbox.

Read the EMSB Dietitian's newsletter [here](#)

We thank you for your cooperation.



Bussing

If your child is entitled to bussing, please note that an email was sent directly to you via the Transportation department at the EMSB.

Bus passes will be delivered to school, the first week of school.



Parking

The school parking lot is reserved for staff only!

Parents are not to use the parking lot to drop off or pick up their children or for any other reason.

Bus Zone & Pedestrian Walk

Please do not park in the Bus Zone on Valery Street. The area is restricted for busses only. You can get a ticket! Please use the pedestrian walkway during drop-off/pickup.
Tips from SPVM

Construction

We have been advised that street work will take place from September 5 to mid-October going south on Viau between Des Grandes Prairies & Robert. Please plan for extra travel time to ensure a punctual arrival.

Entry & Dismissal Procedures

Please follow the procedures below:

Daycare students will be brought to their class at 8:35am.

Bus students will arrive at 8:40am. They will disembark and go to their class at 8:43am.

Walkers will arrive at 8:45am and enter the school on a free entry basis. They will be allowed to enter the school yard as of 8:45am.

ENTRY:

Grades 1-2-3 are to use the Park Gates then the JR door.

Grade 4-5 & 6 students must use the Main Gates and proceed to the SR entrance - daycare entrance.

K5A/B classes will use the kindergarten yard at 8:45 a.m.

K5 C/D classes will use the Park Gates

K4 classes will enter the main gate at 8:50am and line up under the shelter.

Please note that staff members are on duty until 8:50am to monitor the students' arrival. Please arrive on time. We ask all parents to respect these times. If your child arrives after 8:50am, please use the front entrance.

Dismissal:

All students will be dismissed at 3:48pm.

Grades 1-2-3 walkers, will exit from the park gate

Grades 4-5-6 walkers will exit from the main gate.

K4 will exit from Room 31 (K yard)

K5 A/B dismissed through classroom door (door 1 & 2)

K5C dismissed through door 1 and K5D door 2

K4/K5/Closed Classes: Further explanation will be given to parents during your progressive entry times on September 2 & 3.

The Importance of Being on Time

Arriving to school on time helps children start their day confidently. When students are late, they can miss important instructions, morning routines, or valuable learning opportunities. We appreciate your cooperation in fostering punctuality.





Dismissal Information Week 1

In order to facilitate the dismissals during the first week of school, we kindly ask that you complete the form linked below by August 29.

Please complete one form per child.

If any changes need to be made after you complete this form, please place a note in your child's agenda.

click on the red link below:

[Dismissal Form Link](#)



Mozaik & Absences

If you are a new parent, please be advised that you must register and create an account on the Mozaik Portal.

This portal allows you to receive your child's report card digitally, insert your child's absences and much more. Please see link below.

[Mozaik Parent Portal Help Sheet](#)

All absences must be declared using Mozaik by 8:00am. If you can not access Mozaik, please leave a message indicating your child's name, class number, and the reason for the absence by 8am.

Uniform

Students must wear blue pants / skirts and a white top with no logo.

If your child requires to wear an indoor sweater, kindly have them wear the school cardigan which can be purchased through LeMira.

The phys ed uniform must be worn to school on phys ed days by all students in grades 1-6.

REMINDER: Leggings are not school pants and are not permitted.

Kindly consult the agenda on **pages 8 -9** for more information. To order from Lemira, view documents [here](#)

Class Placement

We kindly remind families that changes of class or teacher will not be permitted. Please trust that every decision has been made thoughtfully, with your child's best interests at heart. If your child has been placed in a combined class, it is because we believe in their ability to thrive in that environment. Our team of educators are professionals who have carefully considered each placement to create balanced, nurturing, and successful classrooms. We ask that you support us by reinforcing this trust with your child as we begin an exciting new school year together.





Information Night

On Thursday, September 18, we will have our annual Information Night.

Parents from grade 1 to 6 will meet with their child's teachers to receive important information regarding the competencies that will be targeted for the year, homework assignments, classroom rules and practices.

Please make a special effort to attend this evening because you play an important role in cooperating with the school in your child's success.

Note: This information session is not meant to be used for personal interviews and students are asked to remain at home.

All Standards & Procedures will be posted on our website on September 18.

AGA

All parents are cordially invited to the Annual General Assembly in order to elect parent members of the Pierre de Coubertin Governing Board on Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 8:00PM in the gym.

The Governing Board's mandate is to ensure that parents and staff work in partnership to ensure that all students receive the best possible learning opportunities. Nevertheless, it does not involve itself with the daily running of the school.

Pierre De Coubertin School's Governing Board consists of eight parents, five teachers, one daycare representative, two support staff representatives, the Principal, the Vice Principal and two community representatives.

This year, the Governing Board needs 4 parent members, for a 2-year term to complete the 2025-2026 committee. If you are interested in presenting yourself as a GB candidate, please be present at the general assembly. Candidates should be ready to make a brief presentation, introducing themselves and describing their reasons for their candidacy. They must be nominated by a parent in attendance that evening.

In addition, the election of a Parent Delegate and an Alternate to the EMSB's Parent's Committee must be voted in during our General Assembly. This person must be a member of the Governing Board.

We look forward to seeing you on this important evening and hope you make every effort to attend.

Dismissal Procedures

If there is a change in your child's dismissal schedule (ex; no longer taking bus, going to daycare, etc), a note must be placed in the child's agenda.

If there is a change to their dismissal while they are here at school, you must call the office before 3:00pm to advise us.

For organization purposes and ultimately, the safety of all children, we will not make changes after that time.

We need your cooperation in this matter for everyone's safety.

Please be respectful and abide by these directives.





Electronic Communications

Our monthly PDC Press, monthly calendars and other important information arrive to you by email through School Messenger. The sender will say "Pierre de Coubertin. Please make sure not to unsubscribe or block emails from School Messenger. By doing so, you will miss out on all important information.

Please make sure that the email you gave us at registration is the one you check regularly. It is also important that both parents are on our mailing list.

If you need to change your email, please make sure to send an email to our school secretary, Ms. Vincenza Nappi @ vnappi@emsb.qc.ca

Lastly, all memos that require a response and/or permission will be sent as a hard copy via your child. Please check their agenda or Memo folder daily.

On behalf of the entire PDC Staff, we want to wish all our students a wonderful 2025-2026 school year.

Lisa Triestino
Interim Principal

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Interim Vice Principal