

# TWAIN SULLIVAN ELEMENTARY

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## NEWSLETTER September 2025

#### Principal's Message

Welcome to Twain Sullivan Elementary School!

I look forward to this year, students growing in their knowledge, as well as learning and working with the amazing educational team at Twain Sullivan School.

We began our school year with fantastic weather, and our students are enjoying outside play and building school connections with friends. As autumn draws near, with spectacular forest colours and cooler temperatures, students are reminded to dress for the weather.

At Twain Sullivan, our staff pride themselves on creating a happy and healthy school where students feel a sense of belonging and connection to each other and to the adults in the building. Our team leads by example by taking care of our school, others and ourselves.

Please reach out to me or your child's teacher anytime!

We look forward to supporting students into a settled school routine that nurtures their social skills and provides rich, quality learning experiences.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Neto

#### Reminders:

Outside supervision of students begins at 8:20 am.

Moved? New mailing address? New phone number? Emergency Contact changes?

Please advise us of any updates to your child's contact information as soon as

TSE Staff 2025-2026				
Neto, Mary	Principal			
Teaching Staff	Grade	Division		
Endacott, Clint	7	1		
Mark, Rob	7	2		
TBD	6	3		
Elliott, Sam	5/6	4		
Curley, Lloyd	5/6, PREP	5		
Haftner, Jennifer	5/6	5		
Mehr, Ashlyn	4/5, LIB	6		
Vaughan, Jordyn	4/5, LST	6		
Timms, Raquel	4	7		
Grace Waddell	PREP			
Pottinger, Cindy	LST			
Support Staff				
Breuer, Deanna				
Chorney, Penny				
Clarke, Krystal				
Cloarec, Elisabeth				
Delvenne, Tyrelle				
Giesbrecht, Dana				
Harmati, Sherri				
Huson, Brittany				
Maser, Valerie				
Perreault, Brett				
Smith, Christine				
Winsor, Melissa				
Yeomans, Jamie				
Secretary				
Deacon-Rogers, Cheri				
Custodians				
Ophus, Roxanne				
Ophus, Sherry				

September Calendar			
3	9 to 11:30 am, Students attend		
4	9 am to 2 pm, Students attend		
5	9 am to 3:05, Students attend		
10	First Pizza Day		
12	Terry Fox Run (2:00 pm to 3:05 pm)		
15	PICTURE DAY		
25	Elementary Fun Soccer Tournament		
26	COFI's Adventures in Forestry		
29	Orange Shirt Day		
30	Nat'l Day for Truth & Reconciliation – STAT		
October			
3	TEK Day – Owen Lake		
13	Thanksgiving STAT		
22	Parent/Teacher Conference – Early Dismissal 2 pm		
23	Parent/Teacher Conference – Early		
23	Dismissal 12 pm Picture Retakes (10 am)		
24	NID – No school for students		
	November		
7	No Stone Left Alone – Remembrance Day		
10	NID – No school for students		
11	Remembrance Day – STAT		
	December		
16	Winter Concert		
19	Winter Movie Day		
Non-Instructional Days (No School for Students)			
24	October		
10	November		
13	February		
24	April		
15	May		
26	June		

### **School Lunch Program:**

Beginning Monday, Sep. 10, 2025

There is an important change regarding our school lunch program for the 2025–2026 school year.

Due to the continued rise in food prices, we will **no longer** be able to provide free lunches to all students this school year. This decision was not made lightly. Over the past few years, we have worked hard to keep meal costs low, and we have absorbed many of the rising expenses. However, the increasing cost of ingredients, has made it necessary for us to adjust our approach in order to maintain the quality and availability of our meal program.

Beginning September 2025, student lunch passes will be available for purchase at the school office. Each \$40 pass will be for 10 lunches (\$4.00 per lunch).

Breakfast will continue to be provided free of charge thanks to support from the Breakfast Club of Canada.

Our schools recognize that some families are struggling in today's economy. *Please do not hesitate to contact the school for support.*We remain dedicated to providing healthy, nutritious meals to all our students and appreciate your partnership.

# **Field Trips**

Many classes will be going on field trips in the next few weeks. Please ensure all permission forms have been submitted before the event. Parent volunteers providing supervision and support on our field trips are always appreciated.

## SAFETY

### Visitor Sign In/Out

Dropping in? Please remember to sign in and out at the office.

# Pizza Day 🔌

First Pizza Day: Sep. 10, 2025

Wednesdays: Students can prepay for pizza in the

office.

Orders will be taken with attendance on

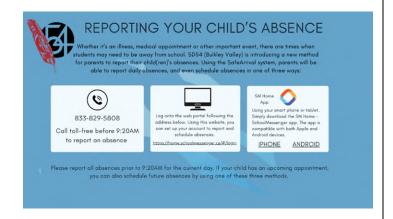
Wednesdays.

\$3/slice. Pepperoni, Cheese, Hawaiian, Cheesy Garlic Fingers, cheese pizza without sauce, and Gluten-free Cheese

#### **Parking**

Please respect the no-parking signs and barricades in the parking lot. Keeping these areas clear ensures that children are visible when they walk to their parents' vehicles.

#### ATTENDANCE - SAFEARRIVAL





2025-26 School Day Schedule				
Morning	8:55 AM	9:00 AM		
	First Bell	Class Starts		
Recess	10:30 AM	10:45 AM		
Lunch Break	12:15 PM - 12:30	12:30 PM - 1:05		
	PM Eating	PM Outside		
	period	Activity		
3:05 pm - dismissal for all students				

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