

PORT GUICHON Elementary School

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NEWSLETTER

No. 8 – April 2016

Dear Parents

April is Autism Awareness Month. We are happy to have started off the month with a kickoff assembly. Our hope for the month is to provide our students, staff and parents with just a little more information about Autism and come to a better understanding of what kids with Autism go through on a daily basis. We are planning on including several activities throughout the month, including a presentation from the Friend 2 Friend Society.

We would also like to thank our wonderful PAC for all their hard work. Most recently we had Denise Hardy and Barb Auwens take on our hot lunch program. Please don't forget that we are encouraging our students to sell those Spring Fair Raffle Tickets. More Raffle Ticket Books are available at the office from Mrs. Ward.

As many of you know, Mrs. Dussault has moved to Alberta to be closer to her family. We are currently looking to find a new teacher as soon as possible. In the meantime, we would like to thank Ms. D'Souza, who has been doing some wonderful work with our Resource Room.

Please also help us welcome Mr. Fielding to our school. Mr. Fielding has joined our team of Educational Assistants.

Lastly, our teachers, EAs and Student Teachers are working hard to prepare our intermediate students for Track and Field season. Please see the schedules below in order to help your child prepare for their practices. Track and Field is a very short season, attending practices is extremely important. Please also double check for school jerseys that may be still lying around at home.

Sincerely,

Mark Douangchanh
Principal

TRACK AND FIELD



Track and Field season has started and we are excited to take advantage of the good weather as teachers hold their practices. Students in grades 4 through 7 are encouraged to come out to the practices for sprints, distance running, relays, long jump, softball throw and shot put. Thank you to our teachers for taking on coaching duties. If parents are interested in helping with Track and Field, please contact Mr. Douangchanh.

Practise Schedule:

Monday	Morning – 8:10 am	Sprints/Short Relays
Tuesday	Lunch – 12:25	Long Jump and Sprints
Wednesday	Lunch – 12:25	Softball Throw and Shot Put
Thursday	Lunch – 12:25	Long Distance
Friday	Morning – 8:10	Sprints/Short Relays

READY SET LEARN



Ready Set Learn is for preschool children ages 3 to 4 years old and their parents. It is an event aimed at familiarizing future students with the school and with our Kindergarten teachers and community partners. It will be held at Port Guichon on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 1:15 to 2:00 pm. Please let us know if you and your preschoolers are able to attend by calling 604-946-0321.



WE TEAM BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

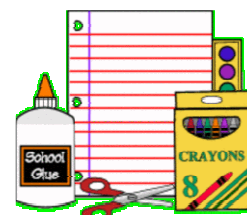
The WE team would like to express their appreciation to the Port Guichon community for their support towards our recent Bake Sale. Thanks to the donations and sales, the WE team raised \$177. This amount, along with the \$91 from the Christmas movie allows us to donate \$268 to the Malala Fund, a global fund in support of equality through girls education. We were especially grateful to the students who generously donated their change towards such a great cause. We have such thoughtful students at PG! Thank you for your continued support!

TRADES AND TECHNICAL CAREER FAIR

Our Grade 7 students will be participating in the 4th Annual Delta Trades and Technical Career Fair on April 28th at Sungod Recreation Centre. The Corporation of Delta has been working with the Delta School District, VCC, BCIT, KPU, local employers and others to organize the event again this year. The event will feature 'Try a Trade' activities and presentations on stage.

EDU-PAC ORDERS

Edu-Pac order forms for school supplies for next year will be sent home this month. Please remember that you do not have to purchase these packages. You may purchase school supplies on your own. Supply lists will be sent home with the final report card in June.



SCHOOL CLOTHING GUIDELINE

With the warmer weather coming up we ask that parents help us remind students that clothing should be appropriate for the school learning environment. Specifically shoulders and midribs should be covered, shorts should be at an appropriate length and proper footwear should be worn. Students should avoid wearing flip flops to school.

REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR

We continue to accept new registrations for the school year starting September 2016. If your child is already attending Port Guichon, you do not need to reapply. However, if you have an incoming Kindergarten child, you must complete a Kindergarten application by either going on-line to the Delta School District Website or register directly at the school office. If you know of anyone who has a Kindergarten aged child in our neighbourhood, please ask them to complete a Kindergarten application. If you know of anyone who is considering transferring to Port Guichon, please ask them to complete a non-catchment registration form as soon as possible.

**PORT GUICHON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
UPCOMING EVENTS**

Bunny Hop Run Wednesday, April 6 th	11:40 am will be the start of our Bunny Hop Run
PAC Hot Lunch Friday, April 8 th	Thank you PAC and volunteer parents for organizing this special Quiznos lunch
Ready, Set, Learn Wednesday, April 13 th	1:15 to 2:00 pm. Preschoolers and their parents are invited to our school to familiarize themselves with our school and introduce them to our Kindergarten teachers.
Div 5 Delta Gymnastics Thursday, April 14 th	9:30 am - Division 5 on a field trip to the Delta Gymnastics Club
Professional Day Friday, April 15 th	Students do not attend school.
Professional Day Monday, April 22 nd	Students do not attend school.
Div. 7 – Earthwise Garden Thursday, April 21 st	9:00 am – Division 7 on a field trip to the Earthwise Garden
Math Celebration Thursday, April 21 st	1:00 to 3:00 pm – Selected students to participate in the Delta School District Math Celebration held at Port Guichon.
Green Day Friday, April 22 nd	In recognition of Earth Day, PG will make efforts to reduce their carbon footprint.
PAC Meeting Monday, April 25 th	7:00 pm – All parents/guardians are invited to join the meeting at the school for this meeting
Class Photos Thursday, April 26 th	Class photos will be taken in the morning.
Delta Trades & Technical Career Fair Thursday, April 28 th	Grade 7's to attend
PAC Hot Lunch Friday, April 29	Thank you PAC and volunteer parents for organizing this special pasta lunch
SPRING FAIR Friday, April 29 th	Port Guichon PAC is hosting its annual Spring Fair! Bring the family out for a fun evening.
Orca Pride Day Wednesday, May 4 th	Show your school pride by wearing school colours or if you have it, wear your Spirit Wear.
Kite Day Wednesday, May 4 th	Bring your kite for PG's annual kite day event.

OTHER EVENTS



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**SPRING FAIR
2016**

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

When we come back from Spring Break, it will only be 4 weeks until Spring Fair !

RAFFLE! RAFFLE! RAFFLE!

Raffle tickets went home last week. Do your best to sell at least one book.

If you need more tickets over Spring Break—GREAT!
Call Keziah McCrystal-Rothlin at 778.868.6632

DONATION COLLECTION

Doing some spring cleaning? Have some gifts that can use some re-gifting? Well you're in luck!

A donation collection box is at the front of the school for donations towards the Mystery Square Game or for the Silent Auction.

If you are a crafter or have a home business and would like to donate to the Fair, that would be hugely appreciated too.

BOTTLE DRAW! BOTTLE DRAW!

Bottle draw collection starts right away after spring break. "Bottles" are for the Bottle Draw Game at the Fair.

"Bottles" can be full family size bottles of (2L drinks, shampoo, ketchup ...), family favourites (ie. chips, cookies, candy), or be inventive, fill jars with something special!

Volunteers will collect bottles from the classes and keep count at the front of the school so everyone can see their classes' progress. The primary and intermediate divisions to collect the most will win an ice cream party!

If you have any questions or would like to help out please contact Rosemary Marra Tattrie, 604.946.5142 or Keziah McCrystal Rothlin, 778.868.6632.

MEET ASHLEY SPIRES

**BOOK
SIGNING!**

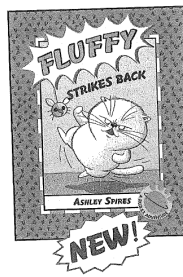
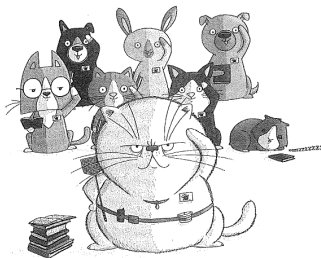


Saturday, April 9
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Black Bond Books
Trenant Park Square Shopping Centre
5251 Ladner Trunk Road
Ladner

Come and get your copy
of Ashley's new book,
Fluffy Strikes Back!

Ashley will read from *Fluffy Strikes Back* and sign books



International Student Program is looking for host families for students in your area.

Each student must have a private bedroom. Homestays receive \$900 per month per student. Double placements are accepted.

Host application forms and information can be found at
<http://www.godelta.ca/en/homestay> or contact Teri Gallant at
tgallant@GoDelta.ca