

PORT GUICHON Elementary School

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NEWSLETTER

No. 4 – December 2012

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for your continued support of the program and educational opportunities at Port Guichon. Our students benefit greatly from all your efforts at home to reinforce the work we do together at school. Our teachers and staff realize the importance of working in partnership with our parents in order to help your child be as successful as possible. We are truly thankful for your help and for your trust when your child is in our care.

We would also like to thank the parents and family members who attended our Remembrance Day Assembly. Our teachers and students worked diligently on their presentations and were pleased to be able to share their hard work during such an important occasion. The Port Guichon school community offers a special thank you to Liam, Gionvanni and Jaidyn for representing our school at the official Remembrance Day Ceremony in Memorial Park on the following day.

We were fortunate to have another PAC funded performance at our school recently and experienced the talents of the Dancers of Damelahamid as they shared the story, song and dance of the Gitksan and Cree First Nations. We'd like to remind the community that parents are welcome at any of our assemblies and performances.

We are always amazed at the efforts and dedication of our teachers here at Port Guichon. We would like to acknowledge the efforts of Mr. Sowden and Mr. Jang with our volleyball team. The students recently participated in the Ladner schools' Grade 7 volleyball tournament which was held at Delta Secondary School. Our Grade 6/7 team represented Port Guichon extremely well and placed third overall. Congratulations to our volleyball players and coaches.

We would also like to thank Mrs. Tan for hosting a Math Night for the parents of the students in her division. Math can be an intimidating subject for both students and parents and we know that many parents found the night to be very informative.

Thank you for supporting the PAC PJ Drive. The PJs will be going to a very good cause and helping children who need them the most. We will be celebrating everyone's efforts and encouraging students to come to school in their PJs on November 30th. Please remember that we are continuing the spirit of giving with our WE Team Stocking Stuffer Collection and our annual Food Drive to support Deltassist during the weeks of December 4-13.

Students and teachers are hard at work preparing for our Christmas Concert on December 18th. Please note that there will be two opportunities to see the show. We will have a dress rehearsal at 1:30 pm and an evening performance at 7:00 pm.

Lastly, report cards will be going home on December 17th. Please take the time to discuss your child's report card with them at home and celebrate their accomplishments together. Please also remember to sign and return your child's report card envelope by Wednesday, December 19th.

Bob Thompson, Principal – Port Guichon

Mark Douangchanh, Vice Principal – Port Guichon

CANNED FOOD DRIVE TO SUPPORT DELTASSIST CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

The Holiday Season is a time where many diverse cultures celebrate in many ways, and it is also a time for understanding and giving. Once again, we will be holding a canned/non-perishable food drive to support families in our community through Deltassist. The most useful contributions are:



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| ◇ canned fruits | ◇ canned or dried soups | ◇ canned fish and meat |
| ◇ canned vegetables | ◇ pasta (regular & whole wheat) | ◇ fruit juices |
| ◇ rice | ◇ cereal / oatmeal | ◇ baby food / formula |
| ◇ peanut butter | ◇ beans | ◇ pasta sauce |



Due to health regulations, home canned goods cannot be accepted.

Donations will be accepted until Friday, December 14th.

TERM 1 REPORTING

Report cards for Term 1 will be sent home on Monday, December 17th. There are 5 reporting times in the year; 3 formal reports through report cards, and 2 informal reports (parent-teacher and student-led conferences). We recognize the importance of parent support at home for your child's education and we encourage you to contact your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns after receiving the first term report card.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

With expertise and leadership from Mr. Douangchanh, and all our classroom teachers, Port Guichon students are already practicing and rehearsing for our annual Christmas Concert. All of the classes will be participating. There will be two performances on Tuesday, December 18th, so that everyone will be able to celebrate with our students. We welcome families to attend on the afternoon of Tuesday, December 18th at 1:30 pm, with the evening performance following at 7:00 pm on the same day. If you are able, we encourage you and your family to attend the afternoon performance. Changes are greater that you will get a good seat and it will help reduce over-crowding at the evening performance. Please watch for further details coming home from your child's classroom teacher regarding appropriate clothing, etc.



CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

Once again, our grade 7 students, together with our parents, will host a Christmas breakfast for all the students and staff in the gym on Friday, December 21st.

PUNCTUALITY

It is important for students to arrive at school on time. Late students miss work and interrupt classroom learning. Children entering the building late should report to the office. If you know your child will be absent, please phone the school at 946-0321. If a child is absent and we have not been notified, we will phone home to check. Our answering machine is on 24/7 so you can leave us a message anytime.

LOST AND FOUND

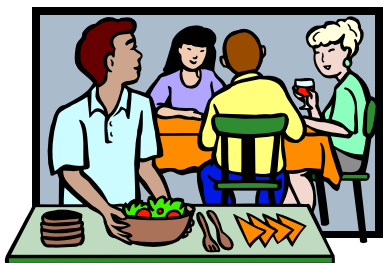
Our **LOST AND FOUND** collection is growing! Please stop by the school and look through the many coats, shirts, hats, shoes, etc. that are on display in the back hallway. We'd like to reunite lost items with their owners. You'll be amazed at the number and variety of lost items. **Unclaimed items will be donated to a worthy cause.**



MESSAGES FROM YOUR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Meal Time Is Family Time

Kids from families who eat together three or more times a week are more likely to do better at school, and less likely to be involved in high risk activities such as smoking, fighting and drugs. Kids are also more likely to eat healthy foods. Suggestions are to:



- Expect the whole family eat dinner together
- Serve dinner at a time when everyone is home
- Turn off the television and don't answer the telephone during dinner
- Encourage conversation. Have family members share one positive thing that happened to them that day.

Winter Sports Safety

How can we be safe when enjoying winter sports?

- Take lessons
- Wear an approved helmet
- Use sunscreen even on a cloudy day
- Always use the buddy system
- Look for hazards, stay in bounds & know your limits

For more information go to www.injuryfreezone.com or call your local health unit



Dear Parents and Guardians,

The WE Team at Port Guichon has planned a Christmas project to provide small stockings for children who may not be as fortunate as we are. We are hoping to collect items to make **“Goodie Bags”** filled with small toys, stationary, small cars, hair accessories, and craft supplies.

We are asking the students of Port Guichon and their families to support our project by bringing small, new kids’ items to school over the next two weeks. The WE Team will begin packaging the items on December 13th, so we would ask you to have your donations delivered to the school by that date.



Some suggestions for items are as follows:

For Girls:

- Polly pocket
- Barbies
- Books
- Headbands
- Lip balm
- Pencils, markers
- Key chains
- Little notebooks
- Nail polish
- Silly Bandz

For Boys

- Hot wheels
- Lego
- Books
- Bouncy balls
- Pencils, markers
- Key chains
- Little notebooks
- Silly Bandz

Other suggestions

- Stickers
- Clips
- Crafts
- Cards
- Marbles
- Hair accessories






If you have any questions about this project, please do not hesitate to call Mrs. Tan at the school.

Sincerely,

Irene Tan
WE Team Sponsor Teacher

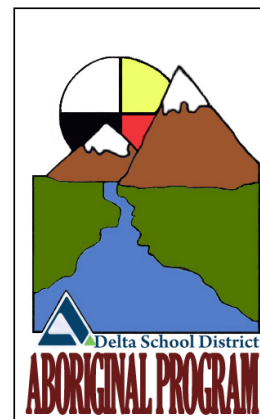
UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>Pyjama Day Friday, November 30</p>	<p>Students are invited to wear their pyjamas to school today.</p>
<p>DISTRICT CLOSURE Monday, December 3</p> 	<p>All schools in the District are closed today. Students do not attend.</p>
<p>WE Team Stocking Stuffer Collection December 4 – 13</p> 	<p>The WE Team at Port Guichon has planned a Christmas project to provide small stockings for children who may not be as fortunate as we are. We are hoping to collect items to make “Goodie Bags” filled with small toys, stationary, small cars, hair accessories, and craft supplies.</p>
<p>Canned Food Drive For Deltassist December 4 – 14</p>  <p><i>share, share, share</i></p>	<p>Once again this year, we will celebrate the spirit of the holiday season by sharing with those in need. Canned goods will be collected in classrooms and donated to Deltassist for their holiday food hamper distribution. Thank you for your support.</p>
<p>PAC Fundraising Order Pick-up – Thursday, December 6</p>	<p>Orders from the PAC One-Stop-Holiday Shop fundraising orders can be picked up at the school.</p>
<p>Report Cards Sent Home Monday, December 17</p>	<p>Please sign and return the report card envelope by Wed., December 19th.</p>
<p>Christmas Concert Tuesday, December 18</p>	<p>1:30 PM – Dress Rehearsal/Performance – Parents/families are welcome 7:00 pm. – Evening Performance Please join us in the gym for this holiday celebration. We will be accepting donations toward our Pancake Breakfast to be held on December 21th.</p>
<p>Jingle Bell Run Wednesday, December 19</p>	<p>11:30 AM Please join us for our run (weather permitting). If it’s raining (or snowing!) we’ll be doing our Jingle Bell Run activity in the gym.</p>
<p>Pancake Breakfast Friday, December 21</p>	<p>Our grade 7 students, with guidance and assistance from our parent volunteers, will serve breakfast to all our students from 8:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. As seating will take place in shifts, please make sure that children have their usual breakfast at home.</p>
<p>Last Day of School Friday, December 21</p>	<p>Last day of school before Winter Break. Students dismissed at 3:00 PM</p>
<p>SCHOOL RE-OPENS Monday, January 7, 2013</p>	<p>8:45 AM WELCOME TO 2013!</p>
<p>Polar Bear Jog Wednesday, January 16</p>	<p>11:30 AM Please join us for our run (weather permitting). If it’s raining (or snowing!) we’ll be doing our Polar Bear Run activity in the gym.</p>
<p>PAC Meeting Tuesday, January 22</p>	<p>7:00 pm Please join us at the school for our monthly PAC meeting. All Port Guichon parents are welcome.</p>

DELTA SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICES

Aboriginal Advisory Committee Seeks New Members

The Aboriginal Advisory Committee is a vital group of parents who meet about 4 times per year to give guidance to district staff around cultural and educational issues related to our Aboriginal Program. We would like to increase the voice of our parents and community, so are actively seeking new members. Your thoughts and input are important to us. Please think about joining us!



The meetings provide an opportunity to:

- Enjoy a couple of hours networking with other Aboriginal parents in a friendly, informal gathering. Diner included.
- Have input in shaping the District Aboriginal Program
- Provide guidance in developing priorities for future plans, budget expenditures, school and community events, etc.

If you have any questions, or would like to join us, please contact the Aboriginal Worker at your child's school or Gladys Rosencrans
phone: 604-952-5323 email: grosencrans@deltasd.bc.ca



Elementary Camp

Girls grade 5-7 are welcome to this excellent opportunity to have some fun while learning volleyball skills and game tactics. No experience needed as players will be grouped by ability to insure everyone is being challenged and getting the most out of the camp experience. The camp is run by Seaquam's reigning AAA Provincial and Fraser Valley championing coaching

staff along with some current and ex-players. (Some of which were campers themselves!) In addition 12 players will be given the opportunity take part in Big Kahuna's U13 team this year.

Dates are: Jan 13, 20, 27, Feb 3, 10, 17 @ Seaquam 6:00-7:30

Price \$60

For registration go to www.bigkahunavolleyballclub.com

Promoting French Immersion

Charlotte Diamond Concerts

www.charlottediamond.com

Sunday, January 20, 2013 2:00p.m.

Genesis Theatre @ Delta Secondary School, 4615 – 51 Street, Ladner

Saturday, January 26, 2013 2:00p.m.

North Delta Secondary School, 11447 – 82 Ave., N. Delta

Tickets will be available for purchase on December 10th, 2012, at all French Immersion schools: Devon Gardens, Richardson, Sunshine Hills, Ladner, South Park, Cliff Drive, and Chalmers.

Feb. 1, 2013 – Application deadline for the EARLY French Immersion program – 2013/14

Feb. 8, 2013 - Application deadline for the LATE French Immersion program – 2013/14