



PORT
GUICHON

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As our first term comes to an end, we would like to thank you for all your support. We are happy to announce a few new staff members to the Port Guichon Team. Please help us welcome Ms. Green, who will be working in the Resource Room as an EA with Ms. Dussault and Ms. Blachford who is taking over for Mr. Sowden while he is off on leave.

As the weather gets colder please help your child come dressed for the weather. Toques, mitts and other winter essentials are highly encouraged at this time of year.

Please help us thank Mr. Jang and Mr. Sowden for all their hard work with volleyball this year. With out their expertise, our students would not have had such a great experience. After the Winter Break we will most likely be in need of parent help with our basketball season. Please contact the school if you know of anyone who may be able to help.

Below you will find some information about the Christmas Concert. Please know that as per Port Guichon Tradition, there will be reserved seating for our Kindergarten Parents. We will also be taking donations for admission. Donations will go towards efforts to recuperate production costs. We will also be accepting donations of non-perishable food items for Deltassist.

Sincerely,

Mark Douangchanh
Principal

CANNED FOOD DRIVE



Once again we will be holding a canned/non-perishable food drive to support families in our community through Deltassist. **The Food Drive will start the week of December 7th up until the morning of the Thursday, December 17.** Thank you Port Guichon families for always being so generous in this way.



IT'S CHRISTMAS, CAROL!

Port Guichon Students are already practicing and rehearsing for our Holiday Musical, "It's Christmas, Carol!". There will be two performances. One will be held in the afternoon on **Tuesday, December 15 at 1:30 pm** and the second in the evening on **Wednesday, December 16 at 7:00**. If you are able, we encourage families to attend the afternoon performance since the chances are greater you will find a good seat and it will help reduce over-crowding at the evening performance. Doors will open 30 minutes before the performance. Students are asked to wear a white top and black (or dark) bottoms.

We will be accepting donations of nonperishable foods to support Deltassist and cash donations to help the school recuperate some costs from the production.

PANCAKE 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 18**. As seating will take place in shifts, please ensure you child has their regular breakfast at home.

MOVIE TIME WITH THE WE TEAM

On Tuesday, December 8th at lunchtime, the WE Team will be hosting two Christmas movies. The primaries are invited to attend "A Garfield Christmas Special" in Ms. Tan's class while the intermediates will be watching "Christmas with the Kranks" in the Library. Donations of \$1.00 would be greatly appreciated, as it will go towards a global cause that will be announced in the future! Thank you for your continued support!

GRADE 6 & 7 WINTER PROGRAM

The Grade 6 and 7's will be partaking in the outdoor winter program on Cypress Mountain. They will be cross-country skiing on Thursday, January 28, 2016 and then snowshoeing and snow-tubing on Monday, February 15, 2016. More information for those classes will be coming in January.

UPCOMING EVENTS	
Grade 6/7 Band Performance Friday, December 4	9:40 – 10:10 the Grade 6 and 7 Band will be performing a concert in the gym. Parents are welcome to attend.
Canned Food Drive December 7 – 16	We celebrate the spirit of the holiday season by collecting nonperishable food items to support Deltassist.
Drama Club Monday, December 7	Grades 4-7 students who have signed up, meet in the Gym to participate in our Drama Club run by Ms. Brittany Ohs
Movie Time with the We Team Tuesday, December 8	During lunch the We Team will be hosting movies for the students and will be collecting donations of \$1.00. Thank you for supporting the We Team initiatives!
Jingle Bell Run Wednesday, December 9	11:40 am our school to participate in the Jingle Bell Run – parents are welcome to join us!
Hot Lunch Friday, December 11	Thank you PAC and volunteer parents for organizing this special lunch.
Report Cards go Home Monday, December 14	Report Cards for Term 1 will be sent home on Monday, December 15 th .
Drama Club Monday, December 14	Grades 4-7 students who have signed up, meet in the Gym to participate in our Drama Club run by Ms. Brittany Ohs
Christmas Concert – Afternoon Tuesday, December 15	1:30 pm – Afternoon performance of the Holiday Musical, "It's Christmas, Carol!" Parents/families are welcome! We will be accepting donations of nonperishable foods to support Deltassist.
Christmas Concert – Evening Wednesday, December 16	7:00 pm - Evening performance of the Holiday Musical, "It's Christmas, Carol!" Parents/families are welcome! We will be accepting donations of nonperishable foods to support Deltassist
Div. 5 – Field Trip to Delta Museum Thursday, December 17	12:40 pm – Students from Division 5 are taking a field trip to the Delta Museum.
Pancake Breakfast Friday, December 18	Our Grade 7 students, with guidance and assistance from our parent volunteers, will serve breakfast to all our students from 8:45 am to 10:30 am. As seating will take place in shifts, please make sure that children have their usual breakfast at home.
Winter Vacation Monday December 21 to January 1	Have a wonderful holiday season.
School Re-Opens Monday, January 4, 2016	Happy New Year! Welcome Back Students and welcome to 2016!
Kids can Move Tuesday, January 5, 2016	Delta Gymnastics "in-school" gymnastic program for all classes.
Hot Lunch Friday, January 8, 2015	Thank you PAC and volunteer parents for organizing this special lunch.
Polar Bear Job Wednesday, January 13	11:40 am. Please join us for our monthly school run (weather permitting).
Grade 6&7 Winter Program Thurs. Jan 28 th & Mon. Feb. 15 th	Thursday, January 28, 2016 – Cross Country Skiing Monday, February 15, 2016 – Snowshoeing and Snow-Tubing

LATE FRENCH IMMERSION PROCESS

Students entering Grade 6 in September 2016 are eligible to enter into the French Immersion Program. This program is designed to develop functionally bilingual students, which provide opportunities for them to continue their post-secondary studies, to pursue careers, and travel in French-speaking environments in Canada and around the world.

The application forms for Late French Immersion will be available to on January 4, 2016. Note that there is a difference between the application process and the registration process. Submitting an application form does not guarantee that a child will be accepted in a French Immersion program. It shows a commitment to register. If there are more applicants than there are spaces available, a draw will then be done.

Charlotte Diamond & the Hug Bug (Canadian Singer of English and French Music) will be performing in the North Delta Secondary Theatre on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at 2:00 pm.

Important Dates: Charlotte Diamond & Hug Bug Concert: Saturday, January 23, 2016
Parent Information Meeting at Cliff Drive School: Thursday, February 11, 2016
Application Deadline for Late French Immersion: Friday, March 4, 2016

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

The Continuing Education Course Catalogue Winter 2016 is out and you can go online to web.deltasd.bc.ca.

PREPARING FOR KINDERGARTEN

Free Workshop for family members of children who will be attending Kindergarten in September 2016.

Workshop is presented by Delta School District Learning Services Branch in collaboration with REACH Child and Youth Development Society. Explore the skills and abilities that will help your child have a successful start to school and learn strategies to make the transition as smooth as possible.

- 6:30-7:00 pm: Community and School Resource expo.
- 7:00 – 9:00 pm: Parent Workshop
- 9:00 – 9:30: Opportunity for Individual Q&A with presenters.

Pre-registration: Although there is no cost for the workshop, pre-registration is requested at 604-940-5550 or at <http://onlineca.activecommunities.com/connectandlearn>.

Dates: Delta Manor Education Centre
ID: 14728
Thursday, March 3, 6:30-9:30

Delta Community College
ID 14730
Wednesday, March 9, 6:30–9:30

Seaquam Secondary School
ID 14729
Thursday, March 10, 6:30–9:30 pm.