

PORT GUICHON Elementary School

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NEWSLETTER

No. 6 – February 2014

Dear Parents

There are a couple of changes at Port Guichon that we want to inform the school community about. Ms. Wolanski and Ms. Ehrenholz have both been granted medical leave for the remainder of the school year. We will miss both teachers and wish them well. Letters were sent home to the parents of students in both Divisions 3 and 4 about the changes taking place in those classrooms. We are pleased to announce that Ms. M. Mitchell will now be teaching Division 4 full time and we are in the process of finding a replacement for Ms. Ehrenholz. The teachers and staff will, of course, help students adjust to these changes. We encourage all parents and teachers to communicate with one another to help students succeed. Please do not hesitate to make an appointment with your child's teacher if you have any questions about their schoolwork.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Katie Norcross, Mr. Sergio Ferreira, Mrs. Jill Hawksworth, and former PG students, Abby Parson and Jared Ferreira, will be coaching the boys' basketball team this year. Mr. Jang will be coaching the girls' team. We are extremely lucky to have such a dream team of coaches that our students can learn from. Without volunteers who coach on their own time, sporting events like basketball could never take place.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support.

Mark Douangchanh, Vice Principal – Port Guichon
Bob Thompson, Principal – Neilson Grove & Port Guichon

The Scholastic Book Fair Is Coming

GROW WITH GREAT BOOKS

Dear Parents, guardians, students and friends,

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Port Guichon February 17th - 20th.

There will be student-led Parent-Teacher conferences on **TUESDAY** and **THURSDAY**, which provides a great opportunity to for your family to visit the Book Fair.

Book Fair Dates:

Monday -	February 17 th - lunchtime 12:15 to 12:45 and after school 3:00 to 3:30
Tuesday -	February 18 th - lunchtime 12:15 to 12:45 and 2:00 to 6:00
Wednesday -	February 19 th - lunchtime 12:15 to 12:45 and after school 1:45 to 2:15
Thursday -	February 20 th - lunchtime 12:15 to 12:45 and 2:00 to 6:00

Special book draws at 4:00 pm on Thursday

This event is a great opportunity for our students and their families to purchase many wonderful books and support our school library at the same time. Did you know that for every \$10.00 dollars you spend at the Book Fair, up to \$6.00 in books goes directly back to our school? *Our Book Fair accepts cheques, cash, Visa and MasterCard.*



To be sure that every student gets to enter the **Family Event Door Prize Draw**, Mrs. Grannary will have each student fill out a ballot while in the library with her. *We request that you do not bring in the draw slip included with your flyer as your child will have already submitted one.*

And don't forget...

Volunteers are needed to help ensure the success of this event. Any time that you can share to help out would be greatly appreciated. Even as little as a half an hour would benefit everyone. There will be a sign up sheet on the PAC board at the school, or of course, you are welcome to contact Alax Painter at the number below. **Or contact any Pac Member about the Sign Up Genius sign up list.** Volunteer jobs are not only very easy, but fun too!! Volunteers will simply be packing orders, restocking sold items and assisting student helpers where needed.

We look forward to seeing you during our Scholastic Book Fair.

Alax Painter (604) 946-4279

Thank you for your support!

BASKETBALL



Our Grade 6 and 7 Basketball program is up and running. Thank you to Mr. Jang, Mrs. Katie Norcross, Mr. Sergio Ferreira, Mrs. Jill Hawksworth, and former PG students, Abby Parson and Jared Ferreira, for coaching and supervising our teams. Games begin the week of January 27th and students have been given a schedule of games and a permission form. We will require parent drivers to and from the away games. If you can help, we would all appreciate it.

FLOOR HOCKEY & PINGUARD

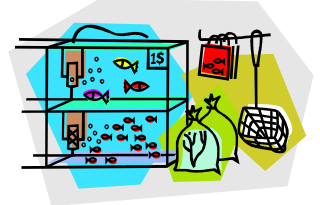
The Grade 7 boys participated in the floor hockey tournament held at Delta Christian School in January. Congratulations to the team for coming in third place and demonstrating good sportsmanship and teamwork. Thank you to Ms. M. Mitchell for coaching and supervising this extra curricular activity. The students in Grade 6 participated in the Pinguard tournaments held at Sacred Heart School in January. Thank you to Mrs. Bennett and Mr. Douangchanh for coaching, supervising and cheering on our teams. All of our students showed great enthusiasm, skill and sportsmanship in these tournaments. We placed well amongst the other schools, showing our Port Guichon athletic skill and pride.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

As one of the five required reports from schools to parents, we will be holding Student-Led Parent-Teacher conferences at Port Guichon on Tuesday, February 18th and Thursday, February 20th. We have an Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm on both days for conferences. Information will be coming home to you in regards to your conference time.

SALMONID ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

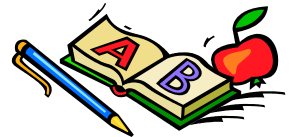
Once again, we're participating in the Salmonid Enhancement Program. Our tiny eyed-eggs arrived in January and are incubating in our fish tank with a special cooling unit that keeps the water between 6° – 12° C. We will be watching for the eggs to hatch and the alevins to appear. When the alevins turn into fry, the small Coho will be released at the Little Campbell Hatchery. This program is sponsored by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Our tank is housed in Mrs. Mitchell's Div. 5 classroom. Visitors are welcome!



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Port Guichon's Kindergarten registration for children who will turn five by December 2014, will be held on **Tuesday, February 18, 2014**, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon. Parents are asked to bring:

- the child's original birth certificate
- immunization records and BC Care Card
- proof of residence (Rental Agreement, Tax Bill, Hydro Bill, etc.)
- Parents' proof of Canadian Citizenship, landed immigrant status, refugee status or work permit



NEW NON-CATCHMENT REGISTRATION DEADLINES FOR NEXT YEAR

March 7th, 2014 is the deadline for New Non-Catchment Applications to be submitted for priority consideration. All applications will be date and time stamped. If you know anyone who is considering transferring to Port Guichon, please ask them to come into the school to pick up a non-catchment application as soon as possible. If your child is already attending Port Guichon, you do not need to reapply. However, if you have an incoming Kindergarten child, even if you have an older child already attending Port Guichon, you must complete a Kindergarten Non-Catchment Application.

HEAD LICE

Unfortunately, we have once again had a problem with head lice at Port Guichon. Please check your child's head regularly for signs of head lice. Anyone can get head lice. Having head lice does not mean a person is unclean. Head lice are commonly spread among children and adults who may stay close together in one place, such as in child care setting and schools. Head lice cannot jump or fly from one person to another. They can be spread through direct contact and the sharing of hats, combs, hairbrushes or headphones. Children should be encouraged not to share these personal items.

The most common symptom is constant scalp itching. Check your child's scalp frequently. Good lighting is important. Part the hair into small sections going from side to side with your fingers or a special head lice comb. Some people report that first applying hair conditioner is helpful in finding live nits or eggs. Be sure to check the entire head carefully, looking close to scalp, especially behind the ears and at the bottom of the hairline, just above the neck.

Non-prescription shampoos, creams and rinses that contain an ingredient that kills lice are available at most pharmacies without a prescription. **Regular shampoo WILL NOT DO THE JOB. You must also use a nit comb to remove all the tiny nits that stick to the hair shafts.** Check your child's head again, over the next couple of days. There could be resistance or a heavy infestation if live, active lice are seen 24 to 48 hours after the first treatment. Immediate treatment is recommended using a different product, followed by another treatment seven days later.

On the day you start the treatment, wash all dirty clothes, bedding, towels, brushes and combs in hot water. Items that cannot be washed, for example pillows or stuffed animals, can be placed in a plastic bag for 10 days or in the freezer for 48 hours. A child's car seat should be vacuumed as a precaution.

**PORT GUICHON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
UPCOMING EVENTS**

Grade 6/7 to Cypress Mtn. Monday, February 3	7:45 AM Our Grade 6 and 7 students will be participating in a day of outdoor physical education on Cypress Mountain. Students will be cross-country skiing.
PAC Spring Fair Planning Mtg. Tuesday, February 4	7:00 PM in the school library. Please join us as we plan for a special FUN NIGHT Spring Fair.
Family Day Monday, February 10	SCHOOL CLOSED - STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND
Kindness Week February 11 - 14	Join us as we highlight friendship, generosity and kindness.
PAC Meeting. Tuesday, February 11	7:00 PM Please join us for our monthly meeting
Jersey Day Wednesday, February 12	Show your team spirit and wear your favourite team jersey.
"Friendship Frolic" Wednesday, February 12	11:30 AM Please join us for our run (weather permitting). If it's raining, we'll be doing our run activity in the gym.
Grade 6/7 to Cypress Mtn. Friday, February 14	7:45 AM Our Grade 6 and 7 students will be participating in a day of outdoor physical education on Cypress Mountain. Activities include snow-tubing and snowshoeing.
Scholastic Book Fair Monday - Thursday February 17 - 20	Please plan to stop by the library and visit the Book Fair. We will be open each day at lunch and after school. (see the schedule in this newsletter)
Kindergarten Registration Tuesday, February 18	9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon - Port Guichon's Kindergarten registration for children who will turn five by December 2014
Early Dismissal for Parent-Teacher Conferences Tuesday, February 18	2:00 PM Dismissal for all students. Student-Led Parent-Teacher Conferences
Hot Dog Lunch Thursday, February 20	The pre-ordered Hot Dog Lunch will be served today. Thank you PAC and volunteers.
Early Dismissal for Parent-Teacher Conferences Thursday, February 20	2:00 PM Dismissal for all students. Student-Led Parent-Teacher Conferences
Gr.7 Parent Information Mtg. Thursday, February 20	7:00 PM at Delta Secondary School – Genesis Theatre. Transition to Secondary School Parent Information Meeting.
Professional Day Friday, February 21	SCHOOL CLOSED - STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND
WE Day Fair Tuesday, February 25	All of our students will be participating in Port Guichon's WE Day Fair.
Grades 1-3 to Vancouver Symphony Friday, February 28	All students in Grades 1 through 3 will be participating in a special field trip to the Vancouver Symphony. Watch for the field trip notice coming home in February.

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An Invitation To

Pre-Schoolers and their Parents In Our Community

To welcome the community to our school, Mrs. Grannary, our Teacher Librarian, and Mr. Douangchanh, our Vice Principal, are inviting you and your children (ages 3-5) to join us in the Port Guichon Elementary School Library on **Monday evening, March 3rd, 2014, for stories and a treat from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

We are planning a great evening including . . .

- treats for all
- story reading
- craft time bookmarks
- "goodie bags"
- an opportunity for parents to learn about the school

Please join us! Monday, March 3rd, from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to the school at 604-946-0321 to let us know you're coming so we'll know how many treats and juice boxes to supply! You can leave a message anytime on our answering machine.

DELTA SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICES

FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAMS

Delta offers **two French Immersion Programs - Early and Late**. For Early Immersion, children start in Kindergarten; for Late Immersion, the starting point is Grade 6. These programs are open to all children in Delta in these age categories, space permitting. Application forms will be available at all elementary schools in January. The application deadline for Early French Immersion is the 1st Friday in February. The application deadline for Late French Immersion is the 2nd Friday in February.

Parent information meetings take place during the 3rd and 4th week of January each year. Please visit the Delta School District's website for the exact dates and locations. web.deltasd.bc.ca

For more information about these programs, please contact the principal of the participating schools or the Modern Languages Coordinator at 604-952-5066.

Early French Immersion Schools:

- Ladner Elementary- 5016 44th Avenue, Ladner, 604-946-4158
- South Park Elementary – 735 Gilchrist Drive, Tsawwassen, 604-943-1105
- Devon Gardens Elementary – 8884 Russell Drive, North Delta, 604-581-6185
- Richardson Elementary – 11339 83rd Avenue, North Delta, 604-596-7481
- Sunshine Hills Elementary – 11285 Bond Boulevard, North Delta, 604-594-8491

Late French Immersion Schools:

- Cliff Drive Elementary – 5025 12th Avenue, Tsawwassen, 604-943-2244
- Chalmers Elementary – 11315 75th Avenue, North Delta, 604-594-5437

Parent Evening Workshop
Tuesday, February 25, 2014

Resilience / Anxiety **Current Research and Strategies**

Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014

Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Location: Delta Manor Education Centre
Multipurpose Room (1st floor)
4570 57th Street, Ladner

Registration Fee: \$15.00 *(to be collected at the door)*

Fees collected are in support of Social Emotional Learning programs currently taught in schools.



This workshop will provide parents with the latest information on Social Emotional Learning, the interrelationship between anxiety and learning and its impact on overall child wellness. Participants will learn about strategies including evidence based cognitive behavioural approaches and come away with tools to help their children develop strategies to cope with stress and other emotions.

Registration by email, fax or telephone:

Email: dparsons@deltasd.bc.ca

Fax: 604-946-0823

Telephone: 604-952-5056

Register before: Tuesday, February 18, 2014

When registering please provide the following information:

Contact Name: _____

Name: _____

Please provide names of all registrants.

Contact Telephone: _____

Contact Email: _____

2014 SPRING CAMPS WITH DELTA SCHOOL DISTRICT!

'*Strive ~ Express ~ Achieve*' with Delta Continuing Education's "**YOUTH ACTIVITY PROGRAMS**" again offering a wide variety of Spring 2014 programs for the children and youth of our communities. Activities, directed by teachers and other professional people, will focus in the areas of Fine and Performing Arts, Sports and Active Living, Academic Enrichment, and Personal Development.

There will be many **new programs** available for students aged 5 – 13 in each of the communities of Ladner, Tsawwassen and North Delta. Brochures will be delivered in your local newspapers in February as well as available at the front office of each school. Early registration is strongly recommended as courses do fill up quickly.

Be sure to bookmark:

<http://onlineca.activecommunities.com/connectandlearn>

for on-line information and registration options or phone 604-940-5550.