

# PORT GUICHON Elementary School

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## NEWSLETTER

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No. 6 – February 2013

Dear Parents

This month, we welcome a group of six international students from Korea who will spend three weeks at Port Guichon. They are grade 6 and 7 students and will be in Mr. Sowden's, Division 1 and Mr. Jang's Division 2 classes. We hope that their Delta school experience will be one that they fondly remember for the rest of their lives.

The second term is proving to have many athletic opportunities. Our grade 5, 6 and 7 students have had a chance to experience pinguard and hockey and we are looking forward to basketball. We are also in the process of scheduling a softball workshop for our younger students. Our Grade 6 and 7 students will also be heading to Cypress Mountain for a day of cross-country skiing and a day of snowshoeing and snow-tubing. Thank you to all the parents for allowing your students to participate and by supporting them in their athletic activities.

In keeping with the Ministry mandate to report to parents five times a year, our student-led conferences are coming up on Wednesday and Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Our teachers welcome the opportunity for you to visit the classroom and for your child to explain the work they have been doing and the many things they have been learning. Please watch for the notices coming home and contact the office if you need to change your appointment time.

Port Guichon Spirit Wear is now available and a notice is going home today. Orders are due into the office by **February 13<sup>th</sup>**. Both child and adult sample sizes are available in the library for people to try on if you are unsure of what size to order. Please see the form that was sent home with your child or go to <http://pg.deltasd.bc.ca/> to download extra copies of the order form. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to show your Port Guichon spirit. They would make great gifts for the whole family!

Thank you for your continued support and we encourage you to check the school website regularly for updated information about Port Guichon.

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

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Port Guichon's Kindergarten registration for children who will turn five by December 2013, will be held on **Tuesday, February 12, 2013**, 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

### HEAD LICE

Unfortunately, we have been having a recurring problem with head lice at Port Guichon this year. 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 next.

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.** 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.**

## BASKETBALL



Our Grade 6 and 7 Basketball program is up and running. Thank you to Mr. Jang, Mr. Douangchanh, Mrs. Mitchell and Mr. Tarumoto for coaching and supervising our teams. Games begin the week of

January 28<sup>th</sup> 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

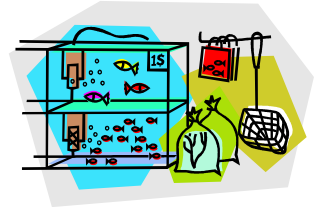
The Grade 7 boys participated in the floor hockey tournament held at Delta Christian School in January. Congratulations to the team for coming in second place! Thank you to Mr. Sowden for coaching and supervising this extra curricular activity. The students in Grades 5 and 6 participated in the Pinguard tournaments held at Sacred Heart School in January. Thank you to Mrs. Vinson 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 February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. On Thursday, February 7<sup>st</sup>, we have an Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm 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 classroom. Visitors are welcome!



# 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 the first week of February.

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

**Book Fair Dates:** Monday - February 4<sup>th</sup> - lunchtime 12:15 to 12:45 and after school 3:00 to 3:30  
Tuesday - February 5<sup>th</sup> - lunchtime 12:15 to 12:45 and after school 3:00 to 3:30  
Wednesday - February 6<sup>th</sup> - lunchtime 12:15 to 12:45 and **1:45 to 6:00**  
Thursday - February 7<sup>th</sup> - lunchtime 12:15 to 12:45 and **2:00 to 6:00**  
Friday - February 8<sup>th</sup> - lunchtime 12:15 to 12:45 and after school 3:00 to 3:30

**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.*

**A special bonus:**

The organizing committee of PAC Port Guichon Elementary for Scholastic Book Fairs would like to offer **TWO BONUS BOOK DRAWS**.

Every student will fill in one ballot with their name and a book title (Value \$15.00 or under)

Both draws will take place on - Thursday, February 7 AT 4:00 PM

Good Luck to everyone and ...

Thank you for your support!

**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 Nona 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.**

Nona Ewert - (604) 946-1154

**PORT GUICHON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>Scholastic Book Fair</b> Monday - Friday February 4 - 8	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)
<b>Parent-Teacher Conferences</b> Wednesday, February 6	Following our usual dismissal at 1:45 PM, we will begin our student-led, parent-teacher conferences. Please refer to the notice coming home with your child.
<b>Early Dismissal for Parent-Teacher Conferences</b> Thursday, February 7	<b>2:00 PM Dismissal for all students.</b> Student-Led Parent-Teacher Conferences
<b>Grade 6/7 to Cypress Mtn.</b> Friday, February 8	8:00 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.
<b>Family Day</b> Monday, February 11	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED - STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND</b>
<b>Kindergarten Registration</b> Tuesday, February 12	9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon - Port Guichon's Kindergarten registration for children who will turn five by December 2013
<b>"Friendship Frolic"</b> Wednesday, February 13	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.
<b>Port Guichon Spirit Wear Orders Due</b> Wednesday, February 13	Please have your orders for our new Port Guichon Spirit Wear into the office by today.
<b>Professional Day</b> Friday, February 15	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED - STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND</b>
<b>Grade 6/7 to Cypress Mtn.</b> Friday, February 22	8:00 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.
<b>Ready-Set-Learn</b> Tuesday, February 26	5:00 – 6:00 PM Mrs. Grannary and Mr. Douangchanh, welcome all 3-5 year old pre-schoolers and their parents to this early literacy "Welcome to the Port Guichon" session. Please RSVP to the school office so we're sure to have enough refreshments for everyone!
<b>PAC Meeting</b> Tuesday, February 26	7:00 PM Please join us at the school for our February meeting. All parents are welcome.

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**REGISTRATION DEADLINES FOR NEXT YEAR**

**March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 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.**



## 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 **Tuesday evening, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 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 and speak with the school nurse



Please join us! Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> 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. For more information about these programs, please contact the principal of the participating schools or the Modern Languages Coordinator at 604-952-5066.

Parents and students interested in learning about the District's **Early French Immersion Program** are invited to attend the following information meeting:

Location: Ladner Elementary School  
5016 - 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Phone: 604-946-4158  
Date: Wednesday, January 23, 2013  
Time: 6:30 PM

Application forms will be available at the information meeting or at the school office. The deadline for submitting all application forms for Early French Immersion is 4:00 PM, Friday, February 1, 2013. Applications received after the deadline will be considered, space permitting.

Parents and students interested in learning about the District's **Late French Immersion Program** are invited to attend the following information meeting:

Location: Cliff Drive Elementary School  
5025 - 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Tsawwassen  
Phone: 604-943-2244  
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2013  
Time: 6:30 PM

Application forms will be available at the information meeting or at the school office. The deadline for submitting all application forms for Late French Immersion is 4:00 PM, Friday, Feb. 8, 2013. Applications received after the deadline will be considered, space permitting.

### Parent Information Night about Child Abuse Prevention Programs

Delta Manor Education Centre  
Second Floor Action Room  
4750 57 Street, Ladner

**Wednesday, February 6, 2013  
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm**

Your children will be learning about personal safety this year. The information they receive from their teachers is a mandatory part of the BC Health and Career Curriculum for grades kindergarten through to grade 7.

This information night will present programs available to teachers that are or can be used in the District and a brief rationale for their use in the area of child abuse prevention. It will describe the HACE curriculum connections for each program and provide resources and information regarding the programs.

The programs used are developmentally appropriate and designed to help children learn to keep themselves safe from abuse. They include:

Let's Talk About Touching for Kindergarten  
CARE for Grade 1  
Kids in the Know for Grades 2-7

To register, parents are asked to contact Diane Parsons, email [dparsons@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:dparsons@deltasd.bc.ca) or phone at 604-952-5056.

### Parent Workshop on Resilience & Anxiety

#### Resilience / Anxiety Current Research and Strategies

Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2013  
Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Location: Delta Manor Education Centre  
Multipurpose Room  
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.

Register before Tuesday, February 12, 2013  
Registration by email, fax or telephone:

Email: [dparsons@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:dparsons@deltasd.bc.ca)

Fax: 604-946-0823

Telephone: 604-952-5056

When registering please provide:

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2013 SPRING CAMPS WITH DELTA SCHOOL DISTRICT!

'Strive ~ Express ~ Achieve' with Delta Continuing Education's "YOUTH ACTIVITY PROGRAMS" again offering a wide variety of Spring 2013 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 6 - 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. As well, each elementary school's youngest in family member will be given a brochure to take home during the weeks of

Feb. 18-22. Early registration is strongly recommended as courses do fill up quickly. Be sure to bookmark: [ConnectandLearn.deltasd.bc.ca](https://connectandlearn.deltasd.bc.ca) for on-line information and registration options or phone 604-940-5550.