

PORT
GUICHON

Elementary School

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for supporting our efforts to make traffic at our school as safe as we can make it. We realize that parking is difficult to find at our school but with everyone's help I am confident that we can continue to make improvements.

There are many events in February that are coming up. We hope that are able to come out to our math parent night on Feb 3rd at 6pm at Ladner Elementary. This parent night was organized with a joint effort through the PAC at Port Guichon and the Ladner Elementary PAC. Please see further down for more information.

We also hope to see you at our student led conferences. Appointments can be made through "Parent Connect". If you have any questions or need help with "Parent Connect", please contact the office.

Lastly, just a reminder that the school is always open to feedback. Please do not hesitate to call the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Mark Douangchanh
Principal



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Port Guichon's Kindergarten registration for children who were born in the year 2011 will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Parents are asked to bring:

- The child's original birth certificate
 - Parents' proof of Canadian Citizenship, landed immigrant status, refugee status or work permit
 - Proof of Residence in the form of a Property Tax Bill or Rental Agreement
 - Immunization records and BC Care Card Number
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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR is Running February 15 to February 18

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 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.

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. Please watch for information about signing up to help or contact Alax Painter.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Student Led Conferences are being held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 and Thursday, February 18, 2016. The 15 minute conference times start at 2:00 and the last conference is scheduled at 6:30. Booking your conference is done on-line through Parent Connect and will be open to start booking on Monday, February 8th. On-line booking will close at 8:00 am on the Tuesday, February 16th. If you are having troubles signing on to Parent Connect, please contact Linda Ward in the school office at 604-946-0321. **Please remember students are dismissed early at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, February 16 and Thursday, February 18th to allow for the conferences.**

BASKETBALL



Our Grade 6 and 7 Basketball program is up and running. Thank you to Ms. Blachford, Mr. Douangchanh, Mr. Cheralley, and former student (Reece Ferreira) for coaching and supervising our teams. Games began the week of January 25, 2016 and our players have represented the school very well. We have an upcoming tournament at Sacred Heart on Tuesday March 1st for the boys and Thursday, March 3rd for the girls. Thank you to parent drivers who have been transporting players to and from the games.

SPIRIT WEAR

We are pleased to offer the Port Guichon community the opportunity to purchase Port Guichon Spirit Wear. Hoodies and T-Shirts are available to order. Sample sizes to try on are available in the office. Deadline to submit your order along with payment is Wednesday, February 3rd.

KID KIDS CAN MOVE

The Delta Gymnastics Society will continue to deliver the Kids Can Move program throughout the Delta School District. The Kids Can Move program will focus on the fundamentals of Physical Literacy for the 2015-2016 school year for students in grade 2. Wherever possible, we will also include grade 1 and grade 3 students.

On Tuesdays, February 2, 9 and 23rd, primary students will be provided with four 30-minute sessions of gymnastics instruction. During these sessions the basics of gymnastics and movement will be introduced in a *fun* way utilizing *games* and *individual challenges*.

NON-CATCHMENT REGISTRATION DEADLINES FOR NEXT YEAR

March 4, 2016 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 apply on-line by going to the Delta School District Website, or come into the school to pick up a non-catchment application. If your child is already attending Port Guichon, you do not need to reapply. However, if you have an incoming Kindergarten child and you are living out of catchment, even if you have an older child already attending Port Guichon, you must complete a Kindergarten Non-Catchment Application.

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: Parent Information Meeting at Cliff Drive School: **Thursday, February 11, 2016**
Application Deadline for Late French Immersion: **Friday, March 4, 2016**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Div. 3 – Science World Tuesday, February 2, 2016	8:45 am – Students from Division 3 will be going on a field trip to Science World.
Gr. 6&7 Boys Basketball Away Game Tuesday, February 2	3:15 pm – Gr. 6&7 Boys Basketball Team to play at Delta Christian School
Kids can Move Tuesday, Feb 2	1:00 pm The Delta Gymnastics will be coming to the school and providing 30 minute of gymnastic instruction to Primary classes
Evening with Carole Fullerton Wednesday, February 3rd	6:00 pm – Parents are invited to an evening with Carole Fullerton held at Ladner Elementary at to learn how math is taught today. Port Guichon and Ladner El's PAC is sponsoring. Info. Below.
Gr. 6&7 Girls Basketball Away Game Thursday, February 4	3:15 pm – Gr. 6&7 Girls Basketball Team to play at Ladner Elementary
Professional Day – District Closure Friday, Feb 5	Students do no attend school
Family Day Monday, Feb 8	Enjoy the Day with your Family!
Kids can Move Tuesday, February 9	1:00 pm - the Delta Gymnastics will be coming to the school and providing 30 minute of gymnastic instruction to Primary classes
Gr. 6&7 Boys Basketball Home Game Tuesday, February 9	3:15 pm – Gr. 6&7 Boys Basketball Team to play against Delta Christian
Friendship Frolic Wednesday, February 10	11:40 am our school to participate in the Friendship Frolic Run – parents are welcome to join us!
Gr. 6&7 Girls Basketball Home Game Thursday, February 11	3:15 – Gr. 6&7 Girls Basketball Team to play against Ladner Elementary
Div. 1 – Supreme Law Court Friday, February 12	8:30 am – Students from Division 1 will be going on a field trip to the Supreme Law Courts in Vancouver.
Valentine's Day Sunday, February 14	 Happy Valentine's Day!
Grade 6 & 7's Snowshoe & Tubing Monday, Feb. 15	8:00 am – The Grade 6 & 7's head up to Cypress Mountain to participate in Snowshoe and Tubing.
Scholastic Book Fair Mon-Thurs., Feb 15-18	The Scholastic Book Fair runs this week in the Library. There will be a great selection of books available for purchase.
Student Led Conferences Tuesday, February 16	2:00 pm Early Dismissal for Students
Kindergarten Registration Wednesday, February 17	9:00 – Registration for Students birth dates ending in the year 2011 for Kindergarten for September 2016.
Student Led Conferences Thursday, February 18	2:00 pm Early Dismissal for Students
Professional Day Friday, Feb 19	Students do no attend school
Professional Day Monday, Feb 22	Students do no attend school
PAC Meeting Monday, February 22	7:00 pm – All parents/guardians are invited to join us at the school for this meeting
Kids can Move Tuesday, February 23	1:00 pm - the Delta Gymnastics will be coming to the school and providing 30 minute of gymnastic instruction to Primary classes
Gr. 6&7 Boys Basketball Away Game Tuesday, February 23	3:15 pm – Gr. 6&7 Boys Basketball Team to play at Hawthorne Elementary
Pink Shirt Day Wednesday, February 24	Students and Staff are invited to wear a pink shirt to school.
Gr. 6&7 Girls Basketball Away Game Thursday, February 25	3:15 pm – Gr. 6&7 Girls Basketball Team to play at Sacred Heart
PACHot Lunch Friday, February 26	Thank you PAC and volunteer parents for organizing this special lunch.
Div. 2&5 Skating Tuesday, March 1	1:00 – Divisions 2 and 5 are going on a skating field trip.
Gr. 6&7 Boys Basketball Tournament Tuesday, March 1	3:15 – Gr. 6&7 Boys Basketball Tournament held at Sacred Heart. Times TBA
Gr. 6&7 Girls Basketball Tournament Thursday, March 3	3:15 – Gr. 6&7 Girls Basketball Tournament held at Sacred Heart. Times TBA

More Events:

Come join us for a presentation by
Carole Fullerton
to find out how math is being taught today.

Mathematics is taught differently today than the way most adults learned it in school. It can be challenging to help our children with their homework without an understanding of how it was taught.

To help with this we have organized a Math Workshop for parents lead by Carole Fullerton. She is an expert math teacher who has worked with our school staff and the district on many math initiatives.

Her dynamic and entertaining presentation is geared for parents of kids in Kindergarten to Grade 7.

The PACs at Ladner Elementary and Port Guichon have sponsored this event.

Carole Fullerton
Math Parent Night
Wednesday, Feb 3rd, 6:00 pm
held at Ladner Elementary
Free Event

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.