



**PORT  
GUICHON**

**Elementary School**

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## **NEWSLETTER**

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope that you have had a wonderful winter break and that Christmas and New Year's treated you well.

We would like to thank all of you for supporting our production of "It's Christmas, Carol". We would also like to thank the teachers, staff and students for putting in the hours and hours of work required to put on show. Once again a special thank you goes to Ms. Grannary, Ms. Ward, Ms. D'Aoust, Mr. D'Aoust and Ms. Zantolas for their extra efforts with our Christmas Concert.

We are in search of someone with basketball expertise to help with the basketball season this year. Over the last four years I have coached, but I feel my lack of experience and expertise in basketball are of not much help. If you know of anyone who may be able to help out the team, please let me know. I am of course able to help out in other areas such as supervision and organizational logistics but I am really hoping that someone out there might be able to pass on some "basketball-know how". If you are willing to help coach, please let me know. We can try to be as flexible with schedules possible.

Sincerely,  
Mark Douangchanh  
Principal

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### **CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU**

- The Port Guichon School Community is to be congratulated for their contributions to our annual Christmas Canned Food Drive. We collected a large number of food items that were taken to Deltaassist for Christmas Food Hampers. Thank you all for your generosity.
  - The Staff would like to thank all those who brought the daily baking for our enjoyment throughout the month of December and for our delicious Christmas luncheon. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.
  - The WE Team thanks everyone who contributed to their Bedtime Bundles and the Pyjama Drive for Christmas Collection. Many children in our community will benefit from your generous support. Also, the We Team would like to thank everyone who contributed to the afternoon movie fundraiser. The afternoon movie raised \$90 that will go towards an International cause.
  - Thank you to our Grade 7 Families and to all who supported the Grade 7 Bottle Drive on Jan. 3. As a result of great efforts, the bottle drive raised \$1,300! Well done.
  - Thank you to the PAC, Ms. Blachford and the Grade 7 students for preparing and serving a pancake breakfast to our students on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. A wonderful Christmas Treat!
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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.

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## BASKETBALL



We will be starting our basketball season this term for Grade 6/7 boys and girls. If you are able to help out with coaching duties, please give Mr. Douangchanh a call. Everyone is looking forward to a successful season. As usual, we will require your help to get students to and from games. If you can help, we would really appreciate it. A schedule will be given to each school team player prior to the games starting.

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## 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.

The emphasis will be on the development of fundamental movement skills and motor skills that are critical to establishing the foundation for life-long participation in many sports and physical activities. To become completely physically literate, children need to master the fundamental movement skills which include:

- dodge
- stork stand
- overarm throw
- hop
- jump
- catch
- skip
- kick
- run
- log roll
- dribble
- sidearm strike.

On Tuesdays, January 12, February 2, 9 and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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*.

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## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Port Guichon's Kindergarten registration for children who will turn five by December 2016, will be held on **Wednesday, February 17, 2016**, starting at 9:00 am.

Parents are asked to bring:

- Child's birth certificate or passport
  - Proof of Residence (Rental Agreement or Tax Bill)
  - Parent's proof of Canadian Citizenship, landed immigrant status, refugee status or work permit
  - Immunization records and BC Care Card number
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## 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

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UPCOMING EVENTS	
<b>School Re-Opens</b> Monday, January 4, 2016	Happy New Year! Welcome Back Students.
<b>Quizno's Hot Lunch</b> Friday, January 8, 2015	Thank you PAC and volunteer parents for organizing this special lunch.
<b>Gr. 7 Parent Meeting</b> Monday, January 11	6:00 pm – Grade 7 Year End Event Parent Planning Meeting
<b>Div. 6 – Gymnastics Field Trip</b> Tuesday, January 12	9:00 am - Students of Division 6 will be going to Delta Gymnastics for a Field Trip.
<b>Kids can Move</b> Tuesday, January 12	1:00 pm - the Delta Gymnastics will be coming to the school and providing 30 minute of gymnastic instruction to Grades 1-3 classes
<b>Hat Day</b> Wednesday, January 13	Students and Staff are encouraged to find their craziest hat and participate in Hat Day.
<b>Polar Bear Run</b> Wednesday, January 13	11:40 am our school to participate in the Polar Bear Run – parents are welcome to join us!
<b>PAC Meeting</b> Monday, January 25	7:00 pm – All parents/guardians are invited to join us at the school for this meeting
<b>Grade 5 LFI Presentation</b> Tuesday, January 26	9:40 am – Grade 5 students will attend a Late French Immersion Presentation
<b>Vancouver Theatre Sports</b> Tuesday, January 26	11:00 – Vancouver Theatre Sports is a Vancouver Institution and worldwide phenomenon, producing some of the most daring and innovate improve in the world.
<b>Grade 6&amp;7 Cross Country Skiing</b> Thursday, January 28	8:00 am the Grade 6 & 7's leave for Cypress to spend the day cross country skiing.
<b>Div. 5 – Field Trip to UBC</b> Thursday, January 28	8:45 am – Division 5 to go on a field trip to the Beatty Biodiversity Museum located at UBC.
<b>Pizza Hot Lunch</b> Friday, January 29	Thank you PAC and volunteer parents for organizing this special lunch.
<b>Kids can Move</b> Tuesday, February 2, 2016	The Delta Gymnastics will be coming to the school and providing 30 minute of gymnastic instruction.
<b>Professional Day</b> Friday, February 5, 2016	Non-Instruction day for students.

## Community Items:



**DO YOU WANT TO PLAY BASKETBALL?**

**FREE BASKETBALL CLINIC**  
**GRADE 4-7**  
**January Sat. 16 & 23**  
**9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**  
**Delta Secondary School (East Gym)**  
**contact: [deltapacers@gmail.com](mailto:deltapacers@gmail.com)**

### 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.