



# PORT GUICHON Elementary School

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## NEWSLETTER

No. 11 – June 11, 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As we approach the end of June, we would like to thank the Port Guichon School Community for another successful and productive year. By working together, we have accomplished so much more than any one individual could, and we had a lot of fun along the way. It continues to be a great privilege to serve as the administrative team of our school.

We want to thank our PAC for their unwavering support - many of the things which happen at our school, would not happen without that support. In particular, we would like to thank our committee and executive members. These individuals have put in countless volunteer hours on behalf of the school and deserve our sincerest appreciation.

Finally, we would like to thank our teaching and support staff. Your dedication, professionalism, creativity, and sense of humour make this a wonderful place to work, learn and grow - thank you all.

For those families who are leaving us at the end of June, we wish you well in your new communities and schools. To all the rest, enjoy your summers and we will see you in the Fall!

As for the remainder of this school year.....

As you all know, there is much uncertainty around the remainder of the year due to the ongoing dispute between the BCTF and BCPSEA.

As a school, we are trying our best to deal with these uncertainties in a positive and proactive way. We have had to make some difficult decisions regarding the cancellation of planned activities such as fieldtrips. Having said that, we are determined not to make those decisions prematurely, or based upon partial information. We are also working hard to modify plans that we have for the remainder of the year in ways which honour both our teachers' job action and the employer's partial lock out, with the goal of retaining as many of them as possible. This work is ongoing as the landscape continues to shift.

All of us continue to hold out hope that a timely resolution to the current dispute will be found and that we can finish up the school year with our yearend activities and celebrations intact.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding as we work through these difficult times.

Having said all of this, please note that the year-end assembly is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, not the last day of school. We are still looking for photos of year-end events. Please send any photos to Fleur Smith and Katie Norcross at [portguichonphotos@gmail.com](mailto:portguichonphotos@gmail.com).

We are also looking forward to Sports Day on which is scheduled to take place Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. The grade 7 students are working hard organizing the stations and we are excited to see all the decorated bikes, scooters and skateboards during the "Wheels Parade". This year's theme is Superheroes! Please remind your children that they **must wear a helmet in order to participate in the wheels parade**. Please also consider volunteering at the Sports Day concession. We could really use your help.

Thank you for all your support this year. We really appreciate your efforts in making our school a better place.

Mark Douangchanh, Vice Principal – Port Guichon  
Bob Thompson, Principal – Port Guichon

### YEAR END ASSEMBLY

Please join us for our Final Year-End Assembly on Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, at 8:50 a.m. We will be celebrating our students' accomplishments this year and congratulating our Grade 7 students on their graduation from Port Guichon Elementary School.

### MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

If your child has medication currently held in the school office, please stop to pick it up on the last day of school, Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. Please also pick up a Medical Alert card and/or a Request for Administration of Medication card for next year if required. Please remember that the Request for Administration of Medication card must be signed by your child's doctor, so please make an appointment in early September if this applies to your child.

### FINAL DAY – THURSDAY, JUNE 26<sup>th</sup>

The final day of school is Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. All Port Guichon students will be dismissed for the year at 10:30 AM on Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. Final report cards will be sent home at this time.

## FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES

- ◆ To Ms. Rowa, Division 3 – Grade 4/5 Teacher, who will be moving to a new position in the District next year
- ◆ To Ms. M. Mitchell, Division 4 – Grade 3/4 Teacher, who will be moving to a new position in the District next year
- ◆ To Ms. MacDonald, Mrs. Van Tunen, Mrs. Varley, Ms. Jones, Mrs. Kurenov, Mrs. Rosychuk and Mrs. Beeksma - Education Assistants at Port Guichon who have been working throughout the school with many of our students

*We wish you much success in your next assignments and hope to see you back at Port Guichon sometime in the future.*

- ◆ To the students who will be moving away from Port Guichon. We wish you all the best at your new schools.
- ◆ To our Grade Seven Students who will be moving on to the challenge and opportunities of high school. We appreciate all that you have contributed to our school community and know that you will continue to excel in the future. Port Guichon is very proud of you and will continue to track your future progress. Please make a point of visiting us next year! Congratulations to:

Jarrold Chamberland  
Connor Chisholm  
Emily Cox  
Michael Czuczor  
Mason Edgar-Yoshihara  
Elmer Easton  
Jordan Hawksworth  
Dylan Jenkins  
Julianne Jones  
Matthew Lang  
Michael McCrystal-Rothlin



Marissa Neufeld  
Julia Pupols  
Connor Sabourin  
Shane Schiebel  
Angelina Snider  
Kaileb Tattrie  
Daniel Thornton  
Sam Tilsley  
Alice Wang  
Rynn Zhang

### PORT GUICHON JERSEYS, TEXTBOOKS AND LIBRARY BOOKS

Please return any Port Guichon team jerseys to the office. They are quite expensive and we are still missing a few jerseys.

**Please make sure all Port Guichon textbooks and library books are returned to the school by June 26<sup>th</sup>.**



### LOST AND FOUND

We invite you to drop by, check the lost and found and claim items belonging to your family. Please take the time to check for jackets, sweatshirts, shoes, pants, shorts, etc. **Articles that have not been claimed when the students are dismissed on Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, will be donated to charity.**



### BAND RENTAL INSTRUMENT RETURN

Grade 7 students who rented a band instrument from Tapestry Music can return the instrument to Port Guichon by Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The instruments will be picked up by Tapestry Music on Tuesday morning, June 24<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 AM.

### PLANNING TO MOVE?

To help us plan as accurately as possible for the 2014-2015 school year, please notify the school as early as possible if you plan to leave Port Guichon and not return in September. Notification in writing would be appreciated. Also, please keep us updated on any changes to phone numbers or emergency contact information. Thank you for your cooperation.



### REPORTING OF VANDALISM

During the summer months, we rely on our neighbours to keep a watchful eye on our school and grounds. If you observe any damage being done to our school, please report the incident to the Delta Police. Together we can protect our school from vandalism.

### STUDENT PLANNERS

Just a reminder, that all students in Grades 1 - 7 will receive a student planner next year. The planners assist students with organizing homework and remembering important school-related information. They also facilitate communication between home and school. Port Guichon planners will be handed out in classrooms in September at a cost of \$5.00 each.

***Please be sure to help your child clean out their desk and coat closet areas. Anything left behind will be discarded or given to charity.***

Best Wishes for a Safe and Healthy



## SCHOOL OPENING IN SEPTEMBER



**School reopens on Tuesday, September 2, 2014.** Children in Grades 1 - 7 will attend **from 8:45 AM to Noon** on that day. Students will report to the classroom that they were in the previous year, except for Grade 1 students who will report to the Library as the incoming kindergarten students will be using the Kindergarten classroom. We will be having an assembly at 11:30 AM and parents are welcome to attend as we introduce the staff to the community. Regular school hours commence on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Incoming kindergarten students will receive individual notices regarding their school times for the first weeks of the school year. **Supplies lists for each grade will be included with the final report cards and also posted on the Port Guichon website.**

**Registration for students new to Port Guichon will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am until Noon.**

The school office will be open August 25<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup>. Please contact us with any changes to your address, phone numbers (home/work/cell), email addresses or daycare arrangements for your children.

### PORT GUICHON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Grade 7 Grad Lunch</b> Friday, June 13	Congratulations to our Grade 7 students and thank you to the Grade 7 parents for organizing this celebration.
<b>Sports Day</b> Wednesday, June 18 NOTE: Dismissal at 1:45 PM	Please join us, starting with the Wheels parade at 9:00 a.m. This year's theme is "Superheroes". <b>All students must wear a helmet to participate in the wheels parade.</b> Students will receive their ordered hot lunches today and a concession will also be available. Recyclable materials should be used for decorating bikes and wheels. (Alternate day, if raining, is Friday, June 20)
<b>Final Assembly</b> Wednesday, June 25	Assembly – 8:50 AM – Parents are welcome to join us in the Gym for our year-end assembly and Grade 7 Graduation ceremony.
<b>Last Day of School</b> Thursday, June 26	<b>Last Day of School for Students</b> <b>Students Dismissed/Report Cards Home - 10:30 AM</b>

## NOTICES FROM THE DELTA SCHOOL DISTRICT



The Delta School District is excited and proud to be opening a brand new adult learning centre in North Delta! Delta Community College will open in September 2014.

The state-of-the-art facility is located at the corner of 83 Avenue and 116 Street (northeast of North Delta Secondary School).

The college will provide a variety of educational programs for adults, including high school completion courses, computer courses and English language courses.

For more information, please call: 604-594-6100

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### Organics recycling is coming to Delta schools!

Starting September 2014, all schools in the Delta School District will be recycling organics – this means food waste and food-soiled paper products. In addition to the recycling bins already in place in all schools for mixed recyclables and refundable recyclables, there will now also be bins for organics.

#### Why do we need to recycle organics?

Because more than one-third of all non-recycled waste disposed in the Metro Vancouver region is actually compostable organics! That's right – 35% of the garbage in our landfills could be composted instead of taking up space in our limited waste disposal system.

By undertaking organics recycling in our schools we can help to divert 35% of waste away from landfills to instead be composted into rich soil that can be used for valuable purposes such as local farming. Overall, Metro Vancouver's Zero Waste Challenge is a mandated goal of diverting 80% of waste from landfills by 2020 via recycling, including organics recycling. In the Delta School District we have embraced this challenge because it not only upholds our District Vision that includes a commitment to environmental sustainability, but we also believe in proper stewardship of all of our resources.

#### As parents and students we need your help!

Starting on January 1, 2015, Metro Vancouver will be imposing a 50% surcharge on contaminated loads going to the landfill – this includes organics waste. We need everyone's help to ensure all waste in our schools is put into the proper bin for disposal. No longer will it be acceptable to just throw everything into the waste bin. Anything that can be recycled needs to be sorted and put into the correct bins.

The Delta School District strongly encourages litterless lunches. By packing lunches in re-usable containers and not including items that have disposal packaging we can have a very positive impact on the environment. If an item is not re-usable then it should at least be recyclable. Let's make the lunchbox popular again! We want to see this happening in our all schools throughout our District.

Litterless lunches, along with the new organics recycling, means we can reach our Zero Waste Challenge goal!!! We can only reach this goal with your help and we thank you in advance for your support.

