

# PORT GUICHON Elementary School

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## NEWSLETTER

No. 10 – June 12, 2013

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As the end of the school year nears, we look forward to celebrations. We also brave a few farewells and goodbyes. We look forward to congratulating Mrs. Vinson on her retirement as she embraces this next stage of her life.

We would also like to congratulate Miss Bird and Ms. Dhillon on their new positions at Jarvis next year. They will both be missed, and we wish them the best of luck with their new teaching assignments.

Please note that the year-end assembly is on Wednesday June 26<sup>th</sup> and not the last day of school as it was in previous years. 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 Wednesday, June 19<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". 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. You can sign up at

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49AEAB2BA46-sports2>

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

### FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES

- ◆ To Mrs. Vinson – Grade 1- 2 Teacher, who is retiring and moving on to new adventures. Best of luck in your retirement! We will miss your kindness and enthusiasm and hope you come and visit us. Mrs. Vinson has been teaching for over 35 years, the past 12 years at Port Guichon. It won't be the same without her.
- ◆ To Ms. Dhillon, Division 3 – Grade 4 Teacher, who will be teaching at Jarvis Elementary next year
- ◆ To Miss Bird, Division 7 – K/1 Teacher, who will be teaching at Jarvis Elementary next year
- ◆ To Ms. Nelson, Division 1 – Grade 6/7 Teacher, who will be moving to a new position in the District next year
- ◆ To Mrs. Laidlaw, Mr. Buonanno, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Sisniegas, Ms. Selman, Ms. MacDonald, Mrs. Tilsley, Mrs. Beeksma and Mrs. Kurenov - 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 face a variety of challenges in the future. We all wish you continued luck and success in Grade 8. 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:

Jared Baltzer  
Devin Baril  
Oksana Barrett  
Jacob Ewert  
Dylan Halpenny  
Hailey Anne Hayles  
Jessica Lauckner



Jeremy Loewen  
Shayla Matthewson  
Suzie Pearson  
Sarah Powell  
Nicole Salas  
Mike Sampson  
Zachary Warkentin

### YEAR END ASSEMBLY

Please join us for our Final Year-End Assembly on Wednesday, June 26<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.

### FINAL DAY – THURSDAY, JUNE 27<sup>th</sup>

The final day of school is Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. All Port Guichon students will be dismissed for the year at 10:30 AM on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Final report cards will be sent home at this time.

## MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS



Port Guichon is still looking to expand our collection of musical instruments. If you have any musical instruments that you are no longer using, please consider donating them to the school. We are especially looking for band instruments that are in fair working order that could use a new home.

## 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.**



## 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 27<sup>th</sup>, will be donated to charity.**



## PLANNING TO MOVE?

To help us plan as accurately as possible for the 2013-2014 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.



## 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 \$8.00 each.

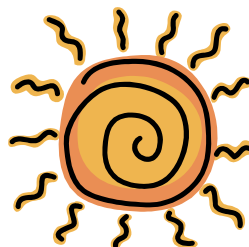
## SCHOOL OPENING IN SEPTEMBER



**School reopens on Tuesday, September 3, 2013.** Children in Grades 1 - 7 will attend **from 8:45 AM to Noon** on that day. 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 4<sup>th</sup>. Incoming kindergarten students have received 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 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am until Noon.**

The school office will be open August 26<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>. Please contact us with any changes to your address, phone numbers (home/work/cell) or daycare arrangements for your children.



Many divisions are going on fieldtrips during this busy month. Please be sure to check your child's planner and backpack for fieldtrip notices.

**PORT GUICHON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>Grade 7 Grad Lunch</b> Thursday, June 13	Congratulations to our Grade 7 students and thank you to the Grade 7 parents for organizing this celebration.
<b>Book Collection for Book Swap</b> Thursday & Friday, June 13 & 14	Bring those books that you've already read and are just collecting dust to the Library today for our Summer Reading Book Swap that will take place on Monday, June 17 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Grades 5 &amp; 6 to Victoria</b> Friday, June 14	Our Grade 5 and 6 students are off to Victoria to visit the Legislature and the Royal BC Museum.
<b>Summer Reading Book Swap</b> Monday, June 17	Thank you to the PAC for once again coordinating a Summer Reading Book Swap so that our students will have new and interesting things to read over the summer.
<b>Sports Day</b> Wednesday, June 19 NOTE: Dismissal at 1:45 PM	Please join us, starting with the Wheels parade at 9:00 a.m. <b>All students must wear a helmet to participate in the wheels parade.</b> Our theme this year is "Beach / Hawaii!" Students will receive their ordered Hot Dog lunches today and a concession will also be available. Recyclable materials should be used for decorating bikes and wheels. (Alternate day, if raining, is Thursday, June 20)
<b>Final Assembly</b> <b>Wednesday, June 26</b>	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 27	<b>Last Day of School for Students</b> <b>Students Dismissed/Report Cards Home - 10:30 AM</b>

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 27<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.

*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



**Message from the School Nurse**

**Enjoy the Summer!**



With summer vacation around the corner, we have a welcome break in school and work routines. Be careful not to fall into a summer slump.

Kick-off the summer right by eating healthy, staying active and living smoke-free.

- Be a role model. Enjoy a variety of healthy foods at regular meal and snack times.
- Eat together more often. It's true - families that eat together, eat better!
- Get out and enjoy the sunshine!
  - Play a friendly game of 2 on 2 basketball
  - Take a walk in the park
  - Get everyone involved in the gardening work
  - "Activate" a trip to the park by scheduling in some Frisbee action
  - Go for a family hike or bike
  - Spend less time in front of the screens (TV and computer)
- If you smoke, consider quitting - visit [www.quitnow.ca](http://www.quitnow.ca)

[www.fraserhealth.ca](http://www.fraserhealth.ca) click on "Health Topics" to find School Health Resources

## Summer Activities

We have received notices and flyers from community groups and organizations offering programs for kids during the summer. Please be sure to check the bulletin board and table in the front hallway of the school for these and other items.

### 2013 SUMMER CAMPS WITH DELTA SCHOOL DISTRICT!

'*Strive ~ Express ~ Achieve*' with Delta Continuing Education's "**YOUTH ACTIVITY PROGRAMS**" again offering a wide variety of Summer 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 5 – 13 in each of the communities of Ladner, Tsawwassen and North Delta. Brochures will be delivered in your local newspapers 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.

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### Soccer Camps

#### Ladner Youth Soccer Clubs

Not sure your child is ready for the commitment of a full soccer season? Wondering whether or not they would enjoy the game?

Why not consider one or both of the club affiliated soccer camps in Ladner as an introduction to soccer:

- **Russ Heggie Summer Camp.** July 1-5, 9:00am – 11:30am at Holly Turf.  
Open to boys and girls ages 4-11
- **Whitecaps Camp:** August 12-16, 1:00pm - 3:00pm at Holly Turf.  
Open to girls & boys ages 5 to 12.



#### Brad Higgs Soccer School

Offering a variety of programs for all levels of play including individual skill enhancement designed for boys and girls from beginner to experienced, goal keeping clinics, a high achievers program and team development. Please check their website – [www.bradhiggs.com](http://www.bradhiggs.com) – for details and registration information or call 604-939-1114.

#### Royal Soccer Club

Offering morning, afternoon or all day sessions. Camps are 1 week long. Please check their website at – [www.royalsoccer.com](http://www.royalsoccer.com) – for details and registration information or call 1-800-427-0536.

#### Roman Tulis European Soccer School

Offering morning sessions for all levels of play, for boys and girls, ages 6-13. Please check their website at - [www.romantulis.com](http://www.romantulis.com) – for details and registration information or call 604-937-0500.

### Art Camps

#### Imagine That – Summer Arts Camp

A quality Arts program for kids ages 3-13 with an opportunity to be mentored by artists active in their fields. Offering Animation, Creative Writing, Culinary Arts, Dance, Drama, Music, Painting, Story Illustration. For more information, check their website at [imaginethatartscentre.com](http://imaginethatartscentre.com)



### Music Camps

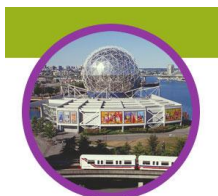
#### Tonality: Create! – Summer Camp for Kids

This 4 day camp is an experience in discovering and using your creativity! Through the use of pitched and unpitched instruments, kids will explore the qualities of sound, the patterns used in music and the way to share and develop ideas. Be prepared for some unusual ways of making music. For more information, check out the website at [www.tonalitystudio.com](http://www.tonalitystudio.com) or call Paula at 604-943-1080



### Science World

This summer, Science World in Vancouver has 2 promotions for to help you keep your children involved and expand their awareness of science and the world around them. One is a free child's admission with and adult admission and the other is a 2 for 1 youth admission. Check out the details at <http://www.scienceworld.ca/promotions>



## Jog for the Bog

Sunday, July 28, 2013 - 5 km walk/run & 10 km run

Through trails in the Delta Nature Reserve

10388 Nordel Court, Delta, BC

8:00 am Registration, 9:00 am race starts

Contact: 604-572-0370 or [info@burnsbog.org](mailto:info@burnsbog.org) check out [www.jobforthebog.org](http://www.jobforthebog.org)

Check out the many varied programs offered by Delta Parks, Recreation and Culture  
[www.deltarec.ca](http://www.deltarec.ca)

### LADNER PIONEER LIBRARY

## KIDS SUMMER READING CLUB 2013

*Up, Up and Away!* - Preschool to Grade 6



Prepare for take-off! Future astronauts, superheroes in training, and kids of all ages are invited to join the Summer Reading Club and read their way to new heights at Fraser Valley Regional Library. When you join the annual Summer Reading Club (SRC) sponsored by the British Columbia Library Association and Libraries and Literacy – Ministry of Education you can take to the skies, voyage through space, and follow authors to other worlds.

Get ready for some up lifting reading and more! Kids will receive a fabulous free Reading Record and bookmark, as well as collect weekly stickers to keep track of all the strange reading they do. Explore this year's SRC theme through fun free programs, contests and displays all summer. Kids who complete their Reading Record will be eligible to receive a special Summer Reading Club medal!

Registration for Summer Reading Club begins mid-June. Kids who joins SRC will be given a colourful reading record and bookmark. Visit the library regularly and collect stickers for your reading record. At the end of the summer you may receive a medal for your efforts. Enjoy cool programs and contests throughout July and August. There are lots of great prizes to be won!

Regular reading during the summer helps kids to maintain or even improve their reading and literacy skills. Studies show that voluntary reading is the number one factor in establishing good reading habits. Summer Reading Club makes reading fun and our expert staff can help kids find just the right book or magazine from among a wide variety of library materials.

Check out the Kids' Summer Reading Club website at [www.kidssrc.ca](http://www.kidssrc.ca) for reading activities, games and tips.

## TEEN SUMMER READING CLUB 2013

*Up, Up and Away!* - Grades 7 to 12

This summer, teens in grades 7 to 12 are invited to be taken *Up, Up, and Away!* when they join the Teen Summer Reading Club. Drop by any Fraser Valley Regional Library location beginning in mid-June to register and pick up your free Teen Reading Record and bookmark.

For every seven days that you read this summer, you become eligible to win one of several amazing FVRL prizes, including, \$100 Chapters Gift Cards and Samsung Galaxy Tablets.

Check out the Teen space on FVRL's Facebook page. You'll find book reviews and trailers, quizzes and more. Got a book suggestion or something to say? Leave a comment – we'd love to hear from you!

