

PORT GUICHON Elementary School

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NEWSLETTER

No. 7 – March 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Thank you for a wonderful February. We would like to take a moment to thank all the teachers and staff for their hard work during the events for kindness week and our WE Day Fair. We know that many teachers have also taken an opportunity to teach their students about the Olympic Spirit during the last few weeks.

Some more events to look forward to are Hoop Shoot, an assembly with some of our very own BC Lions, Yoga and of course Spring Break. Thank you for your continued support and for attending student led conferences.

As always, we encourage you to contact your child's teacher or the school if you have any questions that we may be able to help you with.

Sincerely,

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

REGISTRATION DEADLINES FOR NEXT YEAR

March 7th, 2014 is the deadline for New Non-Catchment Applications to be submitted for priority consideration. All applications will be date and time stamped, however a variety of factors are considered when processing these applications. If you know of anyone new in the neighbourhood, or anyone with children who are eligible for kindergarten next September, please encourage them to come into the school to register for next year as soon as possible.

Kindergarten Registration was held in February. If you have not yet registered, please come into the office as soon as possible.



BASKETBALL



Congratulations to our Grades 6 and 7 students who have been playing basketball. The final games and tournament will be taking place during the next two weeks. Thank you to our coaches, Mr. Jang, Mrs. Katie Norcross, Mr. Sergio Ferreira, Mrs. Jill Hawksworth, and former PG students, Abby Parson and Jared Ferreira, for coaching and supervising our teams.. A big **"thank you"** as well, to all the parents who helped with driving to and from our away games.

In addition, Port Guichon will be entering teams in the Delta Parks and Recreation basketball Hoop Shoot taking place at South Delta Secondary on March 11th.

THANK YOU TO ONE AND ALL FOR ANOTHER FANTASTIC SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all of our volunteers, students and family book purchasers.
Every Reader is a Star!

Our school library will benefit with approximately \$1,450.00 in new books, thru the Scholastic Book Fair sales. The Port Guichon sales total reached a fabulous \$2,578.00 – WOW!

Many students from Divisions 1 and 2 volunteered their time at the Book Fair and they **all** are stars and are thanked for their time and efforts. This is a great contribution to their school community and library.

Thank you all the adult volunteers. Together we can reach for the stars and create great readers along the journey.
Once again, thank you.

Alax Painter, Book Fair Coordinator, and Mrs. A. Grannary, Teacher-Librarian



YOGA AT SCHOOL

Once again, our students will have the opportunity to learn and practice Yoga here at Port Guichon. Mrs. Tanya Armstrong will be teaching Yoga to our students during scheduled classes on Tuesday, March 11th and Friday, March 14th. These lessons are being donated by the Tarumoto family, who bid on, won, and paid for the lessons at last year's Spring Fair silent auction.

Please be sure that your children have gym strip at school, or are wearing clothing appropriate for Yoga on these two dates.



STAYING HEALTHY AT SCHOOL

Missing school due to illness is one of many hurdles students face in being successful. To reduce illness and the spread of illness to others, we have the following suggestions:

- **Get a good night's sleep.** You need to be rested and alert to learn!
- **Eat healthy foods and drink plenty of water.** Food is your fuel!
- **Dress warmly.** It's still cold outside and the temperature inside the school is also cool, so students should have a sweater, sweatshirt or long sleeves to wear in class, as well as a warm jacket for walking to and from school and wearing outside at recess and lunch.
- **Wash your hands.** Please encourage your children to wash their hands thoroughly with warm water and soap after using the bathroom and before eating.
- **If your child has "stomach flu-like" symptoms, including upset stomach, vomiting and/or diarrhea, it is important that your child does not return to school until at least 2 full days (48 hours) AFTER the symptoms have ended and your child feels better.**

PORT GUICHON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

Ready-Set-Learn Monday, March 3	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!
Lunch Lady Hot Lunch Orders Due Thursday, March 6	Note the THURSDAY DUE DATE NO LATE ORDERS – these orders must be into the school by 9:00 AM
Report Cards Go Home Monday, March 10	Term 2 Report Cards are coming home today. Please keep your child's report, sign and return the report card envelope by Friday, March 14 th .
Spring Fair Raffle Tickets Go Home Monday, March 10	Each student will be bringing home a book of raffle tickets for the Spring Fair. Please see the notice coming home with each student.
Leprechaun Leap! Wednesday, March 12	11:30 AM This run is similar to those held earlier this year. If you can help out as a marshal along the route, please contact the office.
Hot Lunch Friday, March 14	Our first "Lunch Lady" Lunch
Last Day of School Before Spring Break Friday, March 14	Normal Dismissal today at 3:00 PM Enjoy your Spring Break.
School Closed March 17 – 28	Spring Break and District Closure School Re-Opens on Monday, March 31
SCHOOL RE-OPENS Monday, March 31	8:45 AM – Welcome Back!
Lunch Lady Hot Lunch Friday, April 4	Our first new Hot Lunch provided by the Lunch Lady
Non-Instructional Day Friday, April 11	SCHOOL CLOSED - STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND
Good Friday, April 18	SCHOOL CLOSED
Easter Monday, April 21	SCHOOL CLOSED
Spring Fair – Fun Night Friday, April 25th 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Plan to be here for the Fair! Lots of games to be played and prizes to be won!

Have a Safe and Healthy Spring Break

READY, SET, LEARN

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 **Monday evening, March 3rd, 2014, 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

Please join us! Monday, March 3rd, 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

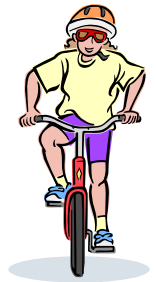
Wear a Helmet Each Time You Ride

Bicycle helmets are mandatory in BC. It is the parent's responsibility, by law, to ensure their child is wearing one.

A helmet can decrease the chance of injury by more than 70%.

Choosing a helmet:

- A bicycle helmet is fine for bike riders and scooters, but not for in-line skaters
- In-line skaters have helmets that provide more protection for the back of the head
- Make sure the helmet has an ASTM, SNELL, CSA, or CPSC safety label on it.
- Helmets should be replaced every 5 years, or if it is damaged or in a crash.



Proper Fitting for Bicycle Helmets:

- The helmet should be just above the eyebrows
- Side straps should fit around the ear in a “V”
- Tighten the chin strap so that you can fit one finger between the strap and your child's chin.



Websites: www.safekidscanada.ca www.injuryresearch.bc.ca www.injuryfreezone.com
www.fraserhealth.ca click on **School Health Resources**

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Community Information

Many organizations are offering **programs during Spring Break**. More information on the following programs is available on the front table at the school, or by checking the websites and contacting the phone numbers listed below:

Delta Parks, Recreation and Culture

For more information contact: on the web at www.deltarec.ca
By phone: 604-952-3000

Brad Higgs Soccer Schools

For more information contact: on the web at www.bradhiggs.com
(Being held at Holly Park) By phone: 604-939-1114

Delta School District – Continuing Education – Delta Youth Activities for Spring Break 2014 **Spring Break Youth Activity Camps**

Delta Continuing Education – Youth Activities is offering a program of week long camps for Delta children. As usual there is a wide variety of camps available. Check the Delta Continuing Education catalogue or the Youth Activities flyer for a detailed description of individual camps.

To register, call 604 940 5550 or register on-line at connectandlearn.deltasd.bc.ca.

For more information contact: on the web at <http://ConnectandLearn.deltasd.bc.ca> or call 604-940-5550