



# PORT GUICHON Elementary School

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## NEWSLETTER

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No. 9 – May 2016

Dear Parents

Thank you for your support at our PAC Spring Fair. It is always an amazing event that the students look forward to. I would like to thank our PAC and the Spring Fair Committee for all the hours they put in planning and organizing. Without such dedicated parents, events like the Spring Fair would not be possible. The PAC plays such a huge part in making school a memorable place for our students and the school is truly thankful. Please consider coming out to the next PAC meeting on May 30<sup>th</sup> to find out more about what the PAC does for our school.

Please help us welcome, Ms. Scales to our school. Ms. Scales is our new resource room teacher and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in Special Education. We look forward to getting to know her and we that our school is lucky to have her join our staff.

As the weather gets warmer, please help us remind our students about appropriate clothing at school for the school learning environment. This includes avoiding flip flops and sandals for safety reasons.

Sincerely,

Mark Douangchanh  
Principal

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### ORCA RESPECT

This month we are encouraging our students to show acts of respect. Students have worked hard to earn Orcas by demonstrating acts of respect. The students have achieved their goal of 100 Orcas, which earned them an extra recess for the whole school. We are continuing to hand out Orcas in recognition of the acts of respect and the students have another opportunity to earn another extra recess!

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### TRACK AND FIELD



We are looking forward to the upcoming Regional Track Meet at DSS held on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Our students have been practicing hard and a special thank you to all our track coaches: Mr. Sowden, Mr. Jang, Mr. Wong, Ms. Fuller, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Hoskins, Mrs. Grannary, Mrs. Tilsley, Ms. Pan, Ms. Bhalru, Ms. Johal. Come and cheer on our PG athletes. The staff that will be in charge at the Track Meet are: Mr. Douangchanh, Mr. Sowden, Mrs. Hoskins, Mrs. Abercrombie, Mrs. Tilsley and Mrs. Summers.

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### Math Celebration

Thank you to Ms. Tan for her efforts on behalf of Port Guichon and all elementary students in South Delta for helping to coordinate and run the Math Celebration held at Port Guichon on April 21<sup>st</sup>!

Ten of our Grades 4-7 students attended Delta's Math Celebration hosted at Port Guichon. Each team was challenged with four math questions that were then judged and ranked based on: 1-accuracy, 2 – strategy and 3 – teamwork. Each of our teams did extremely well and were observed persevering, working together and thinking mathematically. Port Guichon teams came away with 3 gold, 8 silver and 1 bronze. Congratulations teams, we are so proud of your commitment and persistence!

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We are happy to announce that once again the Port Guichon PAC has sponsored Hip Hop instruction to our classes from Monday May 30<sup>th</sup> to Friday, June 3rd. We thank PAC once again for providing funding for this event. Without such support we would not be able to provide our students with such great experiences.

We hope to show our appreciation by performing for you on June the 8<sup>th</sup> at our Parent Appreciation Assembly.

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### YEAR END SLIDE SHOW

Fleur Smith has graciously agreed to do the slide show again this year and she needs help. Please start gathering your photos for her and either save them to a labeled flash drive and drop them off at the school office or send them electronically to [portguichonphotos.com](http://portguichonphotos.com).

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### PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR

At this time of year, we spend a lot of energy preparing for the next school year. You can help us in the following ways:

#### 1. Your Child's Class

We want you to know that when students are assigned to new classes by their teachers, many factors are considered. We always try to place students in the class where we believe they will experience the most success.

If you have information about your child that you would like us to consider, please:

- Complete a "**Parent Information Form**" and return it to the office by **Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**. Please keep in mind that this information will be shared with all staff members and considered when putting together next year's classes. These forms are available in the school office and on the Port Guichon website.
- Be reminded, while friendships are important, not all friends can be placed together and, in many cases, doing so is not conducive to the learning situation. However, good friendships can and do continue outside on the playground.
- Also take into consideration that since many of our classes are combined (split), most students will be placed in a combined class several times during their elementary years.
- Note it is not possible for parents to choose their child's teacher.

Please remember that we have many considerations in placing students.

#### 2. Will you be moving?

We really **must** know if you do not intend to enroll your child at Port Guichon next year. Also, if you have moved but wish to keep your child(ren) at Port Guichon, you will need to fill out a non-catchment form. Please send a note to the office if either of the above applies to you.

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## MAGICAL NOOK

Magical Nook is now accepting registration for September 2015, for their Before and After school program. They are also accepting registration for their Multi-Age program for children ages 18 months to 5 years old.

For more information, please call Linda Musch at 604-306-2296 or email her at linda@magicalnook.com

<b>PORT GUICHON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS</b>	
<b>Div. 2 to attend Shrek</b> Thursday, May 5 <sup>th</sup>	12:15 – Division 2 will attend the performance of Shrek held at the Equinox Theatre.
<b>Div. 6&amp;7 to attend Shrek</b> Friday, May 6 <sup>th</sup>	12:15 – Divisions 6 & 7 will attend the performance of Shrek held at the Equinox Theatre.
<b>Regional Track Meet</b> Tuesday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Track Students Grades 4-7 to attend Regional Track Meet at Delta Secondary
<b>Div. 6 – Boundary Bay Regional Park</b> Tuesday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 – Students from Division 6 will be going on a field trip to Boundary Bay Regional Park to learn about our local environment including the plants and animals
<b>Spring Sprint</b> Wednesday, May 11 <sup>th</sup>	11:40 am our school to participate in the Polar Bear Run – parents are welcome to join us!
<b>Div. 2 – Port Metro Vancouver</b> Monday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>	8:45 – Students from Division 2 will be going on a field trip to the Vancouver Port Metro.
<b>Cultural Event – Blues Berries</b> Wednesday, May 18 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 – Blues Berries will perform for the school tracing the history of blues music and how it has influenced popular music today – parents welcome.
<b>District Track Meet</b> Wednesday, May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Qualifying Track Students to attend the District Track Meet at South Delta Secondary
<b>Professional Day</b> Friday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Students do not attend school.
<b>Kindergarten Open House</b> Tuesday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	1:30 pm - Students starting Kindergarten in September 2016 to attend Open House
<b>Div. 6 – VanDusen Botanical</b> Thursday, May 26 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 – Students from Division 6 to attend a pond peering program at VanDusen Botanical Gardens
<b>PAC Hot Lunch</b> Friday, May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Thank you PAC and volunteer parents for organizing this special hot lunch
<b>Hip Hop</b> May 30 <sup>th</sup> – Apr. 3	Students will be participating in Hip Hop Classes to work towards a performance.
<b>PAC Meeting</b> Monday, May 30 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm – All parents/guardians are invited to join the meeting at the school for this meeting
<b>Jitterbug Run</b> Wednesday, June 1 <sup>st</sup>	11:40 am our school to participate in the Polar Bear Run – parents are welcome to join us!
<b>Parent Appreciation Assembly</b> Wednesday, June 8 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 – Parent Appreciation Assembly

## OTHER EVENTS



**POPCORN'S ON US!  
YOU MAKE THE FILM.**

**DELTA INTERSCHOOL FILM FESTIVAL**

CATEGORIES: ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY  
SHORT PRODUCTION (30-60 SECONDS) • SHORT ANIMATION (30-60 SECONDS)  
LONG PRODUCTION (1-5 MINUTES) • LONG ANIMATION (1-5 MINUTES) • DOCUMENTARY  
SUBMISSION DEADLINE - MAY 13, 2016 • EVENT GALA - JUNE 2, 2016 • PRIZES!

FOR ENTRY FORMS AND DETAILS:  
[WWW.DELTALEARNS.CA/DIFF](http://WWW.DELTALEARNS.CA/DIFF)



Delta School District  
Inspired Learning



**ANXIETY in CHILDREN and YOUTH**

We're Working Together for Mental Wellness

Monday, May 9, 2016

6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

South Delta Secondary School Theatre  
750 53rd Street, Tsawwassen, BC

**ALL WELCOME!**

Parents, Teachers, Educators, Youth, Care Providers

Please join us for our first Community Event...

6:00 pm – Doors Open / Resource Tables

6:30 pm – Presentation, Parent and Youth

7:30 pm – Panel

8:00 pm – Reception / Prize Draw

Speakers:

Dr. Sara Junaid, Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist

o Lynne Godfrey, The FORCE

o Youth and parent sharing their personal stories

**International Student Program** is looking for host families for students in your area.

Each student must have a private bedroom. Homestays receive \$900 per month per student. Double placements are accepted.

Host application forms and information can be found at  
<http://www.godelta.ca/en/homestay> or contact Teri Gallant at  
[tgallant@GoDelta.ca](mailto:tgallant@GoDelta.ca)"