

# PORT GUICHON Elementary School

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## NEWSLETTER

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No. 2 – November 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Thank you for all your support during our Halloween parade. It was great to see all the amazing costumes and the energy in the air was truly fantastic. Once again, thank you for helping us encourage our students to walk their wheels on the school grounds. If your child is roller-blading to school, please discuss strategies that your child can use. For example, having shoes easily accessible in their backpack so that they can change into them once they arrive on school grounds. Also, putting on roller-blades once students are off the grounds.

Parents can also help us by remembering to keep the round-a-bout that's nearest to the school clear of cars. Please use the gravel round-a-bout for pick up and drop off. If you have family and friends that help you with pick up and drop off, please pass on this information for us. We know that it may not be the most convenient, but it helps us make the traffic around the school as safe as possible for our students and especially for those students who need to be picked up by busses and daycare vehicles.

We are looking forward to our Remembrance Day assembly on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:45. Parents and family are welcome to attend. Any students who are in scouts, cubs, guides etc...are encouraged to wear their uniform.

Thank you so much for your continued support. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions that we can help answer for you.

Sincerely,

Bob Thompson, Principal – Port Guichon

Mark Douangchanh, Vice Principal – Port Guichon

### THANK YOU

**Thank you** to everyone who contributed to the Port Guichon Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive for the Ladner Food Bank. We collected several cartons of non-perishable food items. A wonderful way to share the bounty!

Thank you to the volunteers who helped with our Terry Fox Run and the Great Pumpkin Run. The marshals along the route and the parents who ran with us helped to keep us safe and in good spirits.

### SCHOOL PORTRAITS – RETAKES – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

The photographer will return on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, for photo retakes. **Retake envelopes are available for pick-up in the office. Please note – retakes must be pre-paid.**

In order to ensure delivery of all portraits before Christmas, Portrait packages will only be made for students who submit a Photo Order Envelope with Payment to the photographer on photo day.

**There is no risk, as all photos are fully guaranteed.**

If your child was absent for the original photos or if you have chosen not to order from the first previews, please have your child pick up a Photo Order Form from the school office. Complete the form, including payment, and have your child give it to the photographer on Photo Day.

Please note: Orders handed in after the second photo day require special processing and are therefore subject to a \$10 handling fee. These orders will be processed separately from the school orders and mailed directly to the customer's home address in 6 to 8 weeks.

### PAC MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

The PAC monthly Meeting Minutes are posted on the website and posted on the PAC Board in the front hallway of the school. If you need a hard copy, please request one from the school office.

## Entertainment Books

Our Entertainment Book fundraiser is coming to a close. The Entertainment Book makes a great gift for that "hard to buy for" friend or family member.

The Book is only \$30 this year and has hundreds of dollars of savings in groceries, fast food, restaurant, clothing, entertainment and other services. Funds raised are used to support the wide variety activities enhancing the experience for all students at Port Guichon.

We have additional books available in the school office if you need them.

**Please return your payment for the book and/or any unsold books to the office by November 14<sup>th</sup>.**

### VOLLEYBALL SEASON

Our Grade 6 and 7 students have started the volleyball season playing on a joint Grade 6/7 team and participating with the other schools in Ladner. Spectators are welcome to attend and cheer on our teams.



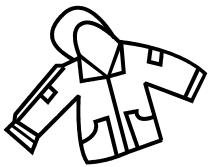
Thanks to those parents who are able to drive for away games and to our coaches Mr. Sowden and Mr. Jang.

### WET WEATHER MORNING PROCEDURES

As we move into the wetter, colder months, we want to remind you of the procedure for morning arrival. **Students should not come into the school before 8:30 AM. All students should report to the undercover area. Students should not come in through the front door.** Our teachers are busy preparing for the day and need uninterrupted time to get ready for their classes. Students wait in the undercover area and at 8:30 AM we will ring a double bell. Mr. Douangchanh will then bring all the students into the Library to wait until the bell rings at 8:40 AM and students can go to their classrooms.



### CLOTHING AT SCHOOL



As we proceed into the cold and wet months, it is important that children dress appropriately for the weather, even if they are being driven to and from school. Please remind your child about the importance of bundling up during recess and lunch, as they are sometimes too eager to rush out and play. Also, if possible, please label clothing items for your child so that we can more easily get lost clothing back to its proper owner.

For some children, it would be helpful if they had a change of clothes at school (particularly pants, socks and shoes). These items could be used during P.E. classes, as well as when children accidentally get wet during recess or lunch. This prevents the office from having to call parents, asking them to bring a change of clothing.



### MESSAGES FROM YOUR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

#### FLU SEASON


#### What can parents do?

1. Prevent illness by maintaining good health habits...frequent hand washing, eat a variety of foods, exercise and get enough sleep.
2. Recognize flu symptoms--stuffy nose, cough, sore chest, fever, chills, muscle and joint pains. Vomiting and diarrhea are not usual symptoms of Influenza but may be seen in young children.
3. Keep your child at home away from others and treat the symptoms with bed rest, plenty of fluids and acetaminophen (i.e. Tylenol) for fever and aches.
4. Call your doctor if your child has a rash, high fever, ear ache, trouble breathing, severe vomiting and/or diarrhea.



***If the school finds it necessary to send your child home because of illness, please make sure you have made alternate arrangements when you are not available. Inform the school of these arrangements.***

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Daylight Savings Ends</b> Sunday, November 2	Remember to "FALL BACK" and change your clocks back an hour!
<b>Earthquake Drill – with student release</b> Wednesday, November 5	1:05 PM We will practice our earthquake procedures including evacuating the building and a controlled student release. Parents/Guardians are asked to report to the front basketball court at 1:20 PM to request release of their children.
<b>Metaphor – "Elements"</b> Thursday November 6	9:15 am All parents and guardians are invited to join us for this musical performance.
<b>Student Picture Orders Due</b> Friday, November 7	Please have your photo orders into the school by today. Retake envelopes are available on the front counter of the school office you if you want to have retakes done on November 18 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Remembrance Day Assembly</b> Monday, November 10	10:40 am Parents are invited to join us in the gym for this assembly. 
<b>Closed for Remembrance Day</b> Tuesday, November 11	<b>The school is closed today for Remembrance Day.</b>
<b>Peace March</b> Wednesday, November 12	11:40 am This month's run is entitled the Peace March as we remember those who have gone to war for our country and hope for peace in the world.
<b>PAC Fundraising Evening Market Event</b> Wednesday, November 12	Please check out the vendors in the Port Guichon gym this evening.
<b>Entertainment Books / Money Due</b> Friday, November 14	<b>All <i>Entertainment 2015</i> books and money are now due. Please return any unsold books to the school office ASAP.</b>
<b>Pre-ordered Pizza Lunch</b> Monday, November 17	Thank you, PAC and volunteers, for this special lunch.
<b>Pyjama Drive</b> November 17 – December 2	The WE Team will be collecting new pyjamas, size 0-16, and accessories for "bedtime bundles" to be donated to DeltAssist.
<b>PAC Meeting</b> Monday, November 17	<b>7:00 PM</b> All parents/guardians are invited to join us at the school for this meeting.
<b>Photo Retakes</b> Tuesday, November 18	<b>9:00 AM</b> You must pick up a re-take envelope from the office and submit it pre-paid to the photographer on this date. <b>DO NOT WEAR GREEN or solid white!</b>
<b>Crazy Hair Day</b> Thursday, November 20	Join in our first spirit day of the school year.
<b>Pro-D Day</b> Friday, November 21	<b>STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL.</b>
<b>Grade 6/7 Volleyball Tournament</b> Thursday, November 27	3:15 at Delta Secondary – Come out and support our Grade 6/7 Volleyball team during the season's final tournament.
<b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> <b>Last Day of School</b> <b>Friday, December 19</b>	Last day of school before Winter Break. Students dismissed at 3:00 PM

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### WE Team Pyjama Drive

The WE Team will be collecting Pyjamas, sizes 0 – 16, and accessories like socks, slippers, toothbrushes, dental floss, face cloths, and books, that will be made into "Bedtime Bundles" and donated to DeltAssist. **All items must be new.**

**The collection will be taking place between November 17<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

More information can be found online at  
<https://www.facebook.com/The.Christmas.Pyjama.Drive>