



**PORT
GUICHON**

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for all your support during the month of October. Thanks to you, we had successful events such as our Food Drive, Walk to School Week, WE DAY and our Entertainment Book Fundraiser. We also had the privilege of having "Speed Control" come and perform for us at an assembly. We are thankful that our wonderful PAC sponsors cultural performance assemblies such as this one.

It was also wonderful to see so many of you at our Halloween Parade. I know our students loved seeing everyone in costume and they also loved seeing the parents and family members who dressed up as well.

In the month of November, we have the honour of having some student teachers and student EAs working with us. Please help me welcome Ms. Balru, Ms. Johal and Ms. Pan from UBC and Ms. Wu from our DTAC program.

We also hope that you will join us for our Remembrance Day Assembly and that you are able to perhaps come see a volleyball game or two.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the school if we can help you in any way.

Sincerely,

Mark Douangchanh
Principal



REMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

Our Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on Tuesday, November 10th at 10:45. Please remember to send a donation with your child to school to go towards a poppy. All proceeds go towards the Ladner Legion.

WASTE REDUCTION CHALLENGE

Our Waste Reduction Challenge has been extended to November 6. We will be collecting old electrical items that need to be recycled such as, vacuums, irons, electric shavers, toothbrushes, blenders and coffee makers. A guide of accepted items was sent out a short time ago but feel free to contact the school if you have any questions. The school that collects the most items will win a school pizza party and \$1000 to go towards green initiatives.

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 our 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 come dressed appropriately for weather. Inside days will only occur during heavy rain and weather. Students may be asked to go outside during recess and lunch during light rain and should have the appropriate clothing for that day.

On rainy days all students should report to the undercover area. Students should report to the undercover area from the outside and avoid coming in through the front door. Our teachers are busy preparing for the day and need uninterrupted time to get ready for their classes. If there is significant rain, the double bell will ring at 8:30. 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.

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.

CHIP FUNDRAISER

PAC will be selling Chips during lunch time on Friday, November 20th as one of their fundraisers. Chips will be sold for \$1.00 a bag.

MUNCHA LUNCH

A big thank you to Kari Zantolas for coordinating the PAC's Muncha Hot Lunch Program. Just like last year, parents may use the online order system provided through Munch-a-Lunch. You can access Munch-a-Lunch by going to the website: www.munchalunch.com/schools/portguichon. If you missed the deadline for this November's hot lunch, no worries, you can still place your orders for rest of the year. You can order month to month or for the full year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Waste Reduction Challenge November 2 – 6	Please consider recycling old unwanted electrical items to our school. We have a chance to win a school pizza party and \$1000 to go towards green initiatives.
Drama Club Monday, November 2	Grades 4-7 students who have signed up, meet in the Gym to participate in our Drama Club run by Ms. Brittny Ohs.
Div. 1 – Curling Tuesday, November 3	1:00 – Students from Division 1 will be going curling at Tunnel Town.
Volleyball Game Tuesday, November 3	3:15 pm - Grade 6/7 Volleyball Home Game against Sacred Heart
Earthquake Full Release Drill Wednesday, November 4	Drill will start at 1:05 and if parents are participating, students need to be picked up at 1:20 pm. All other students will be released at the normal time on Wednesday at 1:45 pm.
Volleyball Game Thursday, November 5	3:15 pm - Grade 6/7 Volleyball Away Game against Holly
Photo Retake Order Forms Due Friday, November 6 th	Photo retake order forms are due on November 6 th .
Remembrance Day Assembly Tuesday, November 10	10:45 is the time of our Remembrance Day Assembly. Parents are welcome to attend.
Div. 1 – Curling Tuesday, November 10	1:00 – Students from Division 1 will be going curling at Tunnel Town.
Volleyball Game Tuesday, November 10	3:15 pm - Grade 6/7 Volleyball Home Game against Sacred Heart
Div. 7 Gymnastics Thursday, November 12	9:00 am – Students of Division 7 will be going on a field trip to Delta Gymnastics.
Volleyball Game Thursday, November 12	3:15 pm - Grade 6/7 Volleyball Away Game against Holly
Hot Lunch Monday, November 16	Thank you PAC and volunteer parents for organizing this special lunch.
Drama Club Monday, November 16	Grades 4-7 students who have signed up, meet in the Gym to participate in our Drama Club run by Ms. Brittny Ohs
Div. 1 – Curling Tuesday, November 17	1:00 – Students from Division 1 will be going curling at Tunnel Town.
Peace March Wednesday, November 18	11:40 am our school to participate in the Peace March (run) – parents are welcome to join us!
FALL MARKET Wednesday, November 18	5:00 pm to 9:00 pm – Come support Port Guichon by attending the PAC Run Fall Market. Many tables of crafts and products for sale.
Drama Club Monday, November 23	Grades 4-7 students who have signed up, meet in the Gym to participate in our Drama Club run by Ms. Brittny Ohs
PAC Meeting Monday, November 23	7:00 pm – All parents/guardians are invited to join us at the school for this meeting.
Div. 1 – Curling Tuesday, November 24	1:00 – Students from Division 1 will be going curling at Tunnel Town.
Volleyball Tournament Tuesday, November 24	3:15 pm – 5:30 pm - Grade 6/7 Volleyball Tournament at Delta Secondary
Div. 7 Gymnastics Thursday, November 26	9:00 am – Students of Division 7 will be going on a field trip to Delta Gymnastics.
Professional Day Friday, November 27	Non-instruction day for students.
Drama Club Monday, November 30	Grades 4-7 students who have signed up, meet in the Gym to participate in our Drama Club run by Ms. Brittny Ohs