



# PORT GUICHON Elementary School

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## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

### A New Model, A New Beginning

The 2011-2012 school year will reflect a number of new changes to the administrative team and structure at Port Guichon. As of September 6, 2011, our school will be welcoming Mr. Mark Duoangchanh to the administrative team as Vice-Principal. Mr. Duoangchanh has a number of years of experience as a Vice-Principal and is currently at South Park. I will continue in my role as Principal until December 31, 2011 at which time I will be retiring. At that time, Mr. Bob Thompson (the current Principal at Neilson Grove) will become the Principal of Port Guichon while also remaining Principal at Neilson Grove. Mr. Duoangchanh will continue in his role as Vice Principal and work with Mr. Thompson. The phased introduction of these changes will ensure a smooth transition of both new administrators and provide time for Mr. Duoangchanh to get to know our students and our school community. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to them in the Fall and Winter of the upcoming school year.

### A year in Review

Another rewarding school year is soon coming to a close. Many wonderful events have enhanced our students learning experience at Port Guichon this year. Our staff, students and parents have worked extremely hard in providing a positive, well-rounded learning environment. Working together makes for a powerful learning community for everyone. In addition to covering the Ministry curriculum, below is a list of learning opportunities we have provided for our students this academic year:

Well-rounded Learning Experience	Evidence
<b>Reading</b>	
Reading assessment – pre/post assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All of our students have made gains in their reading levels</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Razkids.com license to encourage independent reading</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Home/Class/School wide reading programs</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading buddies</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading strategies- connection, visualization, questioning and making inferences</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ready, Set, Learn and Starting with Stories to promote early literacy</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School-based survey data indicates that more than 90% of our students enjoy reading</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FSA results: 91% in Gr. 4 and 85% in Gr. 7 meeting expectations in reading</li> <li>52% in Gr. 4 and 11% in Gr. 7 exceeding expectations in Foundations Skills Assessment</li> </ul>
<b>Writing</b>	
School Wide Write	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School wide Write in first and third terms. Performance Standards to measure growth and change.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FSA results: 88% in Gr. 4 and 89% Gr. 7 meeting expectations</li> <li>12% In Gr. 4 exceeding expectations</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Author visits: Michael Wade for Intermediates, Kari-Lynn Winters for Primaries</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Words Their Way” data on all students</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>participation in the District Write Stretch</li> </ul>
<b>Math</b>	
Math Stretch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>participation in the District Math Stretch, Junior Math Stretch, and Math Celebrations</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100% in Gr. 4 and 97% in Gr. 7 meeting expectations</li> <li>36% in Gr. 4 and 11% in Gr. 7 exceeding expectations</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>92% meeting expectations in math among the Gr. 4 students who wrote the FSA</li> </ul>
<b>Science</b>	
Science Stretch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participation in the District Science Stretch</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purchase of resources such as Discovery website</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Salmonoid Program and Fieldtrip to Campbell River hatchery</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Tadeuszow, a scientist (organized by Science World) gave a talk to all the Intermediate students on computers and electronics</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field trips to Science World, Reifel Bird Sanctuary, Burns Bog, GVRD Landfill, Urban Impact Recycling, Mount St. Helen, van Dusen Gardens, Stav Falls Power House</li> </ul>
<b>Social Studies</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field trip to Delta Museum</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heritage Day celebrating Scottish, Irish, Indian, Chinese, Korean, Canadian and First Nations culture</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field trip to Parliament Building and museum in Victoria</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remembrance Day Assembly</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Observed Federal Election process</li> </ul>
<b>Technology</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purchased another projector for the Smartboard (with financial support from our PAC)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winner at the Delta InterSchool Film Festival</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Technology is utilized at the Halloween Safety presentation</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our grade 7 students are technology coaches to our primary classes</li> <li>• Primary students have been exposed to podcasting, Inspiration, Comic Life, Photo Booth and many more</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field trip to CBC</li> </ul>
<b>Fine Arts</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Band concerts and information meetings</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultural Performance groups - Cinderella, Axe Capoeira Performance, Groupa America</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choir performance at Remembrance Day, Scottsdale Mall, School Board Office,</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Concert</li> </ul>
<b>Physical Education/Sports</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After school sports – volleyball, basketball, hockey, pinguard (Champion) hoop shoot</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Track Meet, Regional Track Meet, Sports Day</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly run, Grouse Grind, canoeing, curling, Kite Day</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gymnastic, swimming, skating programs, Fast pitch, Soccer Clinic sponsored by WhiteCaps</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organized soccer/hockey games, rainy day games at lunch time</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Walk to School Week, Bike to School Week</li> </ul>
<b>Citizenship and Social Responsibility</b>	
School Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adopt a Mountain initiative in support of Mr. Zerbe's climb to the base camp of Mt. Everest</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green Initiatives monitored by the Green Team members – litter free lunches, recycling program, waste reduction and energy saving programs</li> <li>• \$1000.00 grant from District for being a Green School</li> <li>• Composting project - Red Wigglers have been transferred to a new home in the courtyard. Thank you to Mrs. Ewert</li> <li>• Butterfly Garden in progress at the front of the school. Thank you to Mrs. Ewert and our PAC</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winner as one of the top 10 Green Schools in the Province</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy conservation presentation by B.C. Hydro, Zero Heroes and Keep Cool presentations</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roots of Empathy</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• monthly virtue presentation</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canned food drives for Delta Food Bank and DeltAssist– Thanksgiving and Christmas times</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School wide survey data indicates that 100% of our students have taken a leadership role in making our school and community a better place</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cookie Sales to raise money for the Multi-sensory room at Port Guichon</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In support of cancer research - Terry Fox Run, Cops for Cancer, and Bold and Brave</li> </ul>
Community Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation in the WE project</li> <li>• We Team sponsored Skip-a-Thon, for Mr. Zerbe, Talent Show to raise money for Haiti</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation in the Provincial and International anti-bullying Days</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shoreline Clean –Up at Centennial Beach</li> </ul>
<b>Health/Safety/Career Education</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constable Doolan's presentations on Cyber bullying, Road/Bike/Halloween safety, Peer pressure, bullying, and drugs</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Let's Talk about Touching, Friends, Kids in the Know</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly grade group meetings on bullying issues (once every month) using restorative justice in solving problems. School-wide survey data Indicates over 90% of our students feel safe at school.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 drills in total (Fire, Earthquake, Emergency Preparedness, and Lockdown drills) conducted throughout the year</li> </ul>
<b>School-wide Celebration Activities</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly spirit days, monthly birthday celebration, monthly assembly</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open House and PAC sponsored Spring Fair</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 7 Pancake breakfast</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student-Led conferences</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poetry Recitation and Parent Appreciation Tea</li> </ul>

From the evidence listed above, our staff, together with the generous support from our parents, has brought another academic year to a successful closure. Port Guichon is a great place to learn!! Port Guichon students are second to none!

**On behalf of our staff, have an enjoyable and safe summer. See you all in September!**

Mrs. G. Sproul  
Principal

## FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES

- ◆ To Mr. Hope, Division 1 – Grade 7 Teacher, who will be moving to Ladner Elementary as Vice Principal.
- ◆ To Mr. Brown, Division 3 – Grade 4/5 Teacher, who has been teaching during Mr. Sowden's leave and will be moving to a new position in the District next year.
- ◆ To Mr. Retallick, Division 4 – Grade 3/4 Teacher, who will be teaching at Sunshine Hills Elementary next year.
- ◆ To Miss Bird, Division 8 – Kindergarten Teacher, who will be moving to a new position next year.
- ◆ To Mrs. Sadd, our Tuesday Music Teacher, who will be moving to a new position next year.

We hope to see you all in the future, maybe teaching back here at Port Guichon.

- ◆ To Mrs. Montpeillier, Mr. Bounanno and Mrs. Dykstra - 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:

Natalie Baltzer  
Brendan Barth  
Wyatt Bates  
Tyler Blaney  
Wesley Brush  
Jeni Chapple  
Riley Duimel  
Brooklyn Hawksworth  
Riley Hayles  
Sarah Heaman  
Krispal Hothi

Tatum McGarvie  
Mikayla Neufeld  
Jerrod Paterson  
Cassidy Peckham  
Caelin Preston  
Kyle Reichel



Marshall Reid  
Taylor Reid  
Madilyn Ritchie-Anthony  
Kevin Rowe  
Lucas Sampson  
Cameron Summerfield  
Jessica Taramoto  
Cavin Tilsley  
Nick Tribble  
Maxwell Walker  
Nicholas Walker

## ONCE AGAIN PORT GUICHON HAD A GREAT SPORTS DAY!



### A special thank you to:

- Mr. Hope for providing organizational leadership for the day
- Mrs. Koleyak, Mrs. Antic and Mrs. Mitchell for making sure everyone got their buttons and ribbons
- Mrs. Ewert and Mrs. Clemente and the team of volunteers for an outstanding concession and for providing the Hot Dog lunch to our students
- The staff for running Sports Day 2011
- The Grade 7 students for organizing and running fun stations for the rest of the students
- The Grade 6 student leaders for assisting younger students at the stations

Sports Day was a great demonstration of the community spirit that characterizes Port Guichon. By working together, we all had a great day.

## POETRY ASSEMBLY/PARENT APPRECIATION

**Wednesday, June 22 - 12:52 PM**

We invite you to join us in the Gym for our annual Arts presentation by Port Guichon students. We will be serving refreshments for parents in appreciation of all you do in support of programs here at Port Guichon.

## FINAL DAY IN JUNE

**Please join us for our Final Year-End Assembly on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m.** We will be celebrating our students' accomplishments this year, watching our annual slide show, and congratulating our Grade 7 students on their graduation from Port Guichon Elementary School. All Port Guichon students will be **dismissed for the year at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**. Final report cards will be sent home at this time.

### REPORTING OF VANDALISM

During the summer months, we rely on our neighbours to keep a watchful eye on our school and grounds. If you observe any damage being done to our school, please report the incident to the Delta Police. Together we can protect our school from vandalism.



### 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

Our Lost & Found collection is now on display in the hallway outside Pod B. We invite you to drop by and claim items belonging to your family. Please take the time to check for jackets, sweatshirts, shoes, pants, shorts, etc. **Clothing and other items that have not been claimed by the time students are dismissed on June 29<sup>th</sup> will be sent to charity.**



### SCHOOL OPENING IN SEPTEMBER

**School reopens on Tuesday, September 6, 2011.** 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 7<sup>th</sup>.



Signs will be posted on the outside of the school on opening day indicating where students should report. Incoming kindergarten students have received individual notices regarding their school times for the first weeks of the school year.

**Registration for students new to Port Guichon will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, from 9:00 am until Noon.**

The school office will be open August 29<sup>th</sup> through September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact us with any changes to your address, phone numbers (home/work/cell) or daycare arrangements for your children.

### WELCOME BACK COFFEE

On Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, our PAC will host a **“Welcome Back to School Coffee”** for all parents. You are invited to drop by the Gym at 8:45 AM to say “Hello” to friends and greet newcomers to our school.



### 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.

### SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN

We have received a number of brochures outlining summer activities for children. Opportunities include sports camps, acting classes, reading clubs, music camps tutoring and enriched learning experiences. If you'd like to see what's available, drop by the school and peruse the information on the bulletin board and front table. One valuable local opportunity is the Summer Reading Club offered at the Ladner Library.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Field Trips Galore!</b>	Parents, please be sure to return any field trip notices to your child's teacher.
<b>Poetry Assembly/Parent Appreciation</b> Wednesday, June 22	12:52 PM. We invite you to join us in the Gym for our annual Arts presentation by Port Guichon students. We will be serving refreshments for parents in appreciation of all you do in support of programs here at Port Guichon.
<b>Grade 7 Grad Lunch</b> Thursday, June 23	Congratulations to our Grade 7 students and thank you to the Grade 7 parents for organizing this celebration.
<b>Last Day of School</b> Wednesday, June 29	Last Day of School for Students Assembly – 9:00 AM – Parents are welcome to join us in the Gym for our year-end assembly, slide show and Grade 7 Graduation ceremony. Students Dismissed/Report Cards Home - 10:30 AM

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

# LADNER PIONEER LIBRARY

## KIDS SUMMER READING CLUBS 2011

### ***Savour Each Word - Preschool to Grade 6***

Encourage kids to gobble up some great reading this summer at Fraser Valley Regional Library! Find out how much fun reading can be by joining the annual Summer Reading Club sponsored by the British Columbia Library Association and public libraries around the province.

Kids will *Savour Each Word* when they join the free 2011 Summer Reading Club at FVRL. Sign up starts at all FVRL locations on mid-June. Kids will receive a fabulous free Reading Record and bookmark, as well as collect weekly stickers to keep track of all the delicious reading they do. Check us out for 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!

Regular reading during the summer helps kids to maintain or even improve their reading and literacy skills and 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 <http://www.kidssrc.ca> for reading activities, games and tips



### **TEEN SUMMER READING CLUB**

#### ***Savour Each Word - Grades 7 to 12***



Discover just how tasty a good book can be this summer at Fraser Valley Regional Library. Drop by any FVRL location beginning mid-June to register and pick up your 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 laptop computers, digital camcorders and eBook readers.

Win more prizes and share your thoughts and experiences with teens from across Canada by participating in the online Teen Reading Club.

Log-on and register with the online Teen RC website at [www.teenrc.ca](http://www.teenrc.ca) to:

- Post reviews of your favourite summer reads
- Join discussion forums and get connected with other teen readers
- Submit book reviews to win prizes

#### **HOMESTAY OPPORTUNITY**

##### **Delta Families Needed to Host**

##### **International Students for Summer and Regular Programs**

International students in grades 5 to 10 will be studying in Delta this summer and for the regular year. Families with children/teenagers preferred.

Homestay fees are \$800 per student for each month.

Full year and short term students are also arriving at various times during the year.

This is a great opportunity for your family to meet a variety of students from 24 countries all over the world.

For more information contact:

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