



PORT GUICHON Elementary School

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

Celebrating Writing – Our School Goal

Writing is a powerful tool for communication; it conveys information over time and space. At School, our students do a lot of writing. They also do many different kinds of writing. All writing is not the same. Writing a poem is not like writing a story. Writing a reflection is not like writing math word problems. Below are the reflections of 3 of our grade 7 students on the goals they set for Term 1.

We need goals because I think they help us achieve things we are not good at. My goal for the first term is being organized because at my last school, I was not organized. To make my goal possible, I organized my desk (at home) so that everything is in its place. I also put things away after I used them.

On a scale from 1-10, I think I would be an 8 or may be a 7 because I achieved it but I did not make it to what I thought I would. I would not change what I did because I am happy with it. I would have achieved my goal if none of my nieces and nephews were around because it was difficult when they were here. They are between the ages of 1-9.

~ T. McGarvie ~

My goal was to work out, run or practice shots everyday for 2 months. I picked this goal because I really wanted to go to SDSS for the hockey academy. My parents said that it costs a lot of money. If I want to go, I have to show them how badly I want it.

I think I achieved this goal because I would do anything to get there. Also, whenever I thought I could not do it, I thought to myself how much fun the academy will be and how this will help me on my road to the NHL.

On a scale from 1-10, I would give myself a 10 because I have completed this goal without missing any days. I think I had so much fun doing this that I might even do it again just for fun!

~ C. Tillsley ~

"What is not started today is never finished tomorrow"

This means if you don't plan out a goal you will never reach it. My goal is to stop doodling in class especially when the teacher is talking. I reached it by not having anything on my desk like pencils, pens or paper or anything I can doodle on. Instead of doodling, I take an eraser or a small ball and play with it but I can still pay attention in class.

I think out of a scale of 1-10, I got 8 because I did pretty well. I only doodled a couple of times!

~ B. Hawsworth ~

Mrs. Tan and Division 6 did a different kind of writing. The whole class was involved in writing math word problems.

"Math and language is all around us. The children of division 6 have been discovering this through using problem solving as an integrated approach to not only understanding of numbers and operations, but through writing. Using their ideas and their wording has allowed the students to take ownership of their own learning and has also increased their enthusiasm and their resolve towards solving difficult problems. Many of the problems we write have been about their current experiences. For example, in November, a problem was written about our class wreath. In December, the Nutcracker was the main theme of one problem. The problems are left open-ended by allowing the students to select their own challenging numbers. We are in the midst of writing individual problems and discovering that there are many ways to solve a problem!" ~ Ms. I. Tan ~

We were in our gym at school on Remembrance Day. We have 22 poppies on our wreath. Somebody ran past the wreath and 2 poppies fell off. At lunch time Mrs. Sproul opened the door and a gust of wind blew in. 10 more poppies fell off the wreath! How many poppies are left on the wreath?

On Christmas eve, Fritz and Marie were in the drawing room. They see presents under the tree. There are ___ presents under the tree. They got tired because it was 10:35. Their parents took them into their room. They quickly fall asleep on their beds. At midnight, Santa appears! Santa drops off ___ more presents. How many are there in total?

Division 6's formula for a fantastic math problem: (written by Division 6)

1. We make up a setting which is a place where the problem starts and ends.

2. You can make up some characters. If you want, you can use your friends as characters.
3. We make up a story about the characters and how they use Math.
4. We choose to make the problem an addition or subtraction problem. We always end our problem with a question.

TIP: Make sure your math problem is always awesome by using exciting words!

Sample Solutions:

Remembrance Day Problem:	Nutcracker Problem:
B. Warkentin: $22-2-10=10$	T. Mack: $100+200 = 300$. I started with 100 and I added 200 more on, so it equals 300. (using numbers 100 and 200)
T. Tarumoto: So you have 22 poppies, take 2 poppies away, you know that's 20. Now you take away 10 more, that equals 10.	M. Archbold: $60+25 = 85$ (using numbers 60 and 25)
B. Chan: $22-2=20-10=10$ (Represented using tally marks and equation.)	M. Fox: You know that $4+5=9$ right? So $40+50 = 90$. So it is 90. (using numbers 40 and 50)

VIRTUE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY – FRIENDLINESS

Friendliness is being a friend. It is taking an interest in other people. It is going out of your way to make others feel welcome or to make a stranger feel at home. When you are friendly, you happily share your time, ideas and feelings. You share the good times and the bad times together. Friendliness is the best cure for loneliness. We will greatly appreciate it if you can help reinforce this virtue at home and in the community.

Mrs. G. Sproul
Principal

Delta School District – Developing a Vision for the Future

[http://web.deltasd.bc.ca/
2011-visioning-process](http://web.deltasd.bc.ca/2011-visioning-process)

Diane Turner,
Superintendent of Delta
Schools, is leading the
District in a Visioning

FLOOR HOCKEY

The Grade 7 students participated in the floor hockey tournaments held at Delta Christian School in January. The girls played on Tuesday, January 11th and the boys on Thursday, January 13th. Thank you to Mr. Hope for coaching and supervising this extra curricular activity.

BASKETBALL

Our Grade 6 and 7 Basketball program is up and running with the assistance of teacher-coaches Mr. Brown and Miss Bird and parent coaches Mr. Ferreira and Mrs. Norcross. Games begin the week of February 1st and students will be bringing home a schedule of games. We will require parent drivers to and from the away games. If you can help, we would all appreciate it.



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

As one of the five required reports from schools to parents, we will be holding Parent-Teacher conferences at Port Guichon in February. On Thursday, February 24th, we have an Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm for conferences. Information will be coming home to you shortly in regards to your conference time.

SALMONID ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Once again we're participating in the Salmonid Enhancement Program. Our tiny eyed-eggs arrived in January and are incubating in our fish tank with a special cooling unit that keeps the water between 6° – 12° C. We will be watching for the eggs to hatch and the alevins to appear. When the alevins turn into fry, the small Coho will be released at the Little Campbell Hatchery. This program is sponsored by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Our tank is housed in Mrs. Mitchell's classroom. Visitors are welcome!

WE ARE THE PINGUARD CHAMPIONS!

Port Guichon is the undisputed 2011 Pinguard Champion! Our Grade 6 girls and boys participated in Pinguard tournaments on Tuesday, January 18th and Thursday, January 20th at Sacred Heart School. Our teams were victorious, winning both tournaments in hard fought battles despite having the smallest number of players on each team. Thank you to Mrs. Sproul, Mrs. Vinson and Mrs. Norcross for coaching, supervising and cheering on our teams.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Port Guichon's Kindergarten registration for children who will turn five by December 2011, will be held on **Tuesday, February 15, 2011**, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon. Parents are asked to bring:



- an original birth certificate
- immunization records and BC Care Card
- proof of residence (Hydro Bill, Rental Agreement, Tax Bill, etc.)

Please tell your friends and neighbours!

Kindergarten at Port Guichon will be a full-day program. All students must register at their home-catchment school. Non-catchment application forms are available in the school office for those students who may want to attend a school other than their catchment school.

CHILD CARE SPACES AT PG

The Magical Nook Childcare Centre, located in Port Guichon Elementary, is now accepting registration for the Pre-School, Before and After School Care and KinderCare programs for September 2011. Please call 604-306-2296 for information and registration.

The Scholastic Book Fair Is Coming

The Scholastic Book Fair will return to Port Guichon at the end of February.

Book Fair Dates: Tuesday - February 22nd after school 3:00 to 3:30pm
Wednesday - February 23rd lunchtime 12:15 to 12:45pm and 1:45 to 2:30pm
Thursday - February 24th lunchtime 12:15 to 12:45pm and **2:00 to 6:00pm**
(during Parent/Teacher Conferences)
Friday - February 25th lunchtime 12:15 to 12:45pm and 3:00 to 3:30pm
Monday - February 28th lunchtime 12:15 to 12:45pm

This event is a great opportunity for our students and their families to purchase many wonderful books and support our school library at the same time. Did you know that for every \$10.00 dollars you spend at the Book Fair, up to \$6.00 in books goes directly back to our school? *Our Book Fair accepts cheques, cash, Visa and MasterCard.*



Volunteers are needed to help ensure the success of this event. Any time that you can share to help out would be greatly appreciated. Even as little as a half and hour would benefit everyone. There will be a sign up sheet on the PAC board at the school, or of course, you are welcome to contact Nona or Kellie at the numbers or email addresses below. Volunteer jobs are not only very easy, but fun too!! Volunteers will simply be packing orders, restocking sold items and assisting student helpers where needed.

We look forward to seeing you during our Scholastic Book Fair.

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PORT GUICHON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS	
PAC Meeting Tuesday, February 1	6:30 PM Please join us at the school for our February meeting. All parents are welcome.
Grade 7 Parent Meeting at Delta Secondary Wednesday, February 2	7:00 PM Grade 7 parents are invited to an information meeting in the Genesis Theatre at Delta Secondary School in preparation for their child's move to Grade 8 next school year.
Heritage Day Friday, February 4	Our students will be learning about the cultural heritage that helps to make Canada such a multi-cultural mosaic.
Pizza Money Due Friday, February 4	9:00 AM Pizza order money is due this morning. No Late Orders accepted.
"Friendship Frolic" Wednesday, February 9	11:30 AM Please join us for our run (weather permitting). If it's raining, we'll be doing our run activity in the gym.
Pizza Day Friday, February 11	Thank you PAC volunteers for this lunch treat.
Kindergarten Registration Tuesday, February 15	9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon - Port Guichon's Kindergarten registration for children who will turn five by December 2011
Gr.6/7 Parent Info Mtg. Tuesday, February 15	6:30 PM All Grade 6 & 7 students and parents should attend this important meeting about our planned trip to Mount Saint Helens.
Developing a Vision for the Future Wednesday, February 16	2:00 – 4:30 PM Parents are invited to join with the Port Guichon staff as we work together on the Visioning process for the Delta School District. Please see the details coming home with this newsletter.
Professional Day Friday, February 18	SCHOOL CLOSED - STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND
Ready-Set-Learn Tuesday, February 22 nd	5:00 – 6:00 PM Mrs. Grannary, the Port Guichon Teacher-Librarian, welcomes all 3-5 year old pre-schoolers and their parents to this early literacy "Welcome to the Port Guichon Library" session. Please RSVP to the school office so we're sure to have enough refreshments for everyone!
Scholastic Book Fair Tuesday - Friday February 22 - 28	Please plan to stop by the library and visit the Book Fair. We will be open each day at lunch and for half-an-hour after school. On Thursday, we will be open until 6:00 PM during Parent/Teacher Interviews.
"Twin Day" Wednesday, February 23	Find a friend and dress alike!
Early Dismissal Thursday, February 24	2:00 PM Dismissal for all students. Parent-Teacher Conferences
Vancouver Opera Tuesday, March 1	9:15 in the PG Gym. Parents are welcome to join us as we welcome the Vancouver Opera tour company's performance of "Cinderella".
PAC Meeting Tuesday, March 1	6:30 PM Please join us at the school for our March meeting. All parents are welcome.

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READY, SET, LEARN

An Invitation To Pre-Schoolers And Their Parents In Our Community

To welcome the community to our school, Mrs. Grannary, Port Guichon's Teacher-Librarian, is having a Pajama Party! You and your children (ages 3-5) are invited to join us in the Port Guichon Elementary School Library on **Tuesday evening, February 22nd, 2011, for stories and a treat from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.** Children are welcome to come in their pajamas - all ready for bed!

We are planning a great evening including . . .

- treats for all story reading - craft time bookmarks - "goodie bags"
- an opportunity for parents to talk with school staff – the Principal, Librarian, Kindergarten Teacher and School Nurse

Student leaders will be available to assist with this program.
program.

Please join us!

Tuesday, February 22nd 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

answering machine.



Delta School District – Developing a Vision for the Future

<http://web.deltasd.bc.ca/2011-visioning-process>

Diane Turner, Superintendent of Delta Schools, is leading the District in a Visioning process utilizing three focus questions:

1. What is our noble purpose and mission?
2. What core values guide everything we do?
3. What is our bold vision for the future of our school district?

How and why are we embarking on this process?

Purpose:

To articulate our inspired and inclusive dream vision of the future for Delta School District that builds on our very best foundations, in order to create a sense of belonging for the entire school district community and help poise ourselves for new realities in educational change.

Who Is Involved?

Teachers, Students, Parents, Trustees, Administrators, Managers, and Partners (*PAC, DPAC, DYAC, CUPE, DTA, community leaders*).

How Will Input Be Used?

The Visioning process started in the school system on January 6th and will be completed in mid-April 2011. Results from all sessions will be integrated into relevant planning processes thereafter. The new Vision will create a compass for future decision making in the Delta School District at all levels and form the basis for Delta School District strategic planning.

Port Guichon's Involvement

On January 27th, there was a District-wide envisioning session. Mrs. Sproul, Mr. Hope, Mrs. MacLennan, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Vinson and Mrs. Richman were in attendance. Mrs. Sproul has also led our senior students through a visioning discussion.

On Wednesday, February 16th, we will be holding a Port Guichon Community envisioning session. We invite the whole community to join our staff as we consider the three focus questions and create a vision for Port Guichon. The session will be held from **2:00 to 4:30 PM in the Port Guichon Library and babysitting will be provided.**

Please let us know if you plan to attend by returning the form below to the school office, or by sending an email to srichman@deltasd.bc.ca



I/we will be attending the Port Guichon Envisioning Session on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 from 2:00 to 4:30 PM in the Port Guichon Library.

Name(s): _____

I require childcare during the session for the following children:

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____



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PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



Dough Raiser Program Easy dough for your school!

Dear Parents,

We're delighted to offer our school the opportunity to make some easy "dough" simply by encouraging yourself, and family/friends to buy bread at **COBS Bread in Trenant Park**.

Through participation in the *Dough Raiser Program*, **COBS Bread** will donate 5% from applicable purchases back to the PAC.

How it works. - It's very simple!

- When you shop at **COBS Bread**, simply mention to the sales assistant that you are a parent, teacher, or friend from Port Guichon Elementary School.
- **COBS** will record your purchase and details through their system and the transaction will be recorded.
- The 5% collected will be paid out to our school.

The staff at **COBS bread** are extremely excited about supporting our school community and are looking forward to our upcoming purchases.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions

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PAC Fundraising Coordinators