



PORT GUICHON Elementary School

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents:

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:

Learning Experience	Evidence
Reading	
Reading assessment – pre/post assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of our students have made gains in their reading levels
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Razkids.com license to encourage independent reading
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home/Class/School wide reading programs
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading buddies
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading strategies- connection, visualization, questioning and making inferences
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ready, Set, Learn and Starting with Stories to promote early literacy
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School-based survey data indicates that 92% of our students enjoy reading
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% meeting expectations in reading among the Gr. 4/7 students who wrote the FSA
Writing	
School Wide Write	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance Standards to measure growth and change
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% meeting expectations in writing amongst the Gr. 4/7 students who wrote the FSA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> K to Gr. 7 Scope and Sequence chart for writing is in the process of being developed by our staff
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Words Their Way” data on all students
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> participation in the District Write Stretch
Math	
Math Stretch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> participation in the District Math Stretch, Junior Math Stretch, and Math Celebrations School-based Junior Math Stretch
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation in the National Math League contests for Grade 4, 5 and 6 students
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% meeting expectations in math among the Gr. 7 students who wrote the FSA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 92% meeting expectations in math among the Gr. 4 students who wrote the FSA
Science	
Science Stretch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation in the District Science Stretch
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase of resources such as Discovery website
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Butterfly program, Salmonoid Program
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom Explorations such as Hoopsize Me, Sound and Sense program
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field trips to Science world, Beach, farms, aquarium, mining museum
Social Studies	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom exploration: Pioneer Days
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field trip to Delta Museum
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special speakers on Hannukkah, Korean culture, Afghanistan
Technology	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchased another Smartboard (with financial support from our PAC)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technology is utilized at our Christmas concert
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our grade 7 students are technology coaches to our primary classes Primary students have been exposed to podcasting, Inspiration, Comic Life, Photo Booth and many more
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 of our staff professional development days were devoted to technology K – Gr. 7 Scope and Sequence chart for Information Technology has been developed by our staff
Fine Arts	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Portraits of the fallen soldiers at Remembrance Day
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Singing, guitar, flute, Orff and drumming lessons
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Band concerts, Choir
Physical Education/Sports	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After school sports – volleyball, basketball, hockey, pinguard, hoop shoot (2nd place in S. Delta)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Track Meet, Regional Track Meet (1 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze), Sports Day
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly run, Grouse Grind, canoeing, biking to Deas Island Park
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gymnastic, swimming, skating programs, Fastpitch, Australian Football, Tennis programs
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organized soccer/hockey games, rainy day games at lunch time
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Folk dancing, square dancing

Citizenship and Social Responsibility	
School Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flag raising ceremony by our late Councillor George Hawksworth
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Initiatives monitored by the Green Team members – litter free lunches, recycling program, waste reduction such as composting and worm composting programs, and energy saving program
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reaffirmation of Canadian Citizenship Ceremony
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fieldtrip to Victoria
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy conservation presentation by DSS student Ambassadors, A-Z of H₂O presentation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roots of Empathy, monthly virtue presentation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School wide survey data indicates that 100% of our students have taken a leadership role in making our school and community a better place
local communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canned food drives for Delta Food Bank and DeltAssist– Thanksgiving and Christmas times
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Night Out for the homeless project under WE and support for individual families in times of need
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terry Fox Run, Cops for Cancer, Childrun,
global community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in the WE project
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haiti Penny Drive organized by the K and WE students • Haiti rescue effort presentation by Mr. Greenway
Health/Safety/Career Education	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cyber bullying presentation by Green Thumb Theatre
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constable Ogilvy's presentations on Road/Bike/Halloween safety, Peer pressure, bullying, and drugs
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike/Wheel to school week in June
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saleema Noon's workshops for parents and students
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom dialogues on bullying issues (once every two months) using restorative justice in solving problems. 90% of students found the process to be helpful.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School-wide survey data Indicates 100% of our students feel safe at school
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly earthquake, lockdown and fire drills • Mock Earthquake Preparedness Drill in May
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior Achievement Program for Grade 7 students
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Let's Talk about Touching, Friends, Kids in the Know
School-wide Celebration Activities	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly spirit days, monthly birthday celebration, monthly assembly
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open House and PAC sponsored BBQ, Spring Fair
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 Pancake breakfast
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student-led conferences

From the evidence listed above, our staff, together with the generous support from our parents, have tried to provide a well-rounded program and a variety of experiences for our students, making Port Guichon a great place to learn.

VIRTUE FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE: COOPERATION

Cooperation is working together for the good of everyone. It is a willingness to respect others and to follow rules, which keep everyone safe and happy. Cooperation is being helpful to one another, sharing the load. It is joining others in order to do something that cannot be done alone. We will greatly appreciate it if you can reinforce the behaviours related to the value of cooperation at home, at school and in the community.

FINE ARTS DANCE ASSEMBLY & PARENT APPRECIATION TEA

Please join us in the Gym at 12:55 p.m. on Wednesday, June 23, 2010, for our annual Fine Arts Assembly. Once again, we have arranged to have Mr. Bob Dallman to come to Port Guichon for a number of days to work with our students on Square Dancing. He will put together a performance that everyone can enjoy. In a change from previous years, our Tea will be taking place in the gym during the performance, beverages and treats will be served. Please RSVP to the school office if you can come! It takes a community to raise a child and everyone is welcome!

Mrs. G. Sproul,
Principal

CONGRATULATIONS

- To Brooklyn Hawksworth who represented Port Guichon at the Ladner May Day Celebrations at Memorial Park.

PLANNING TO MOVE?



To help us plan as accurately as possible for the 2010-2011 school year, please notify the school as early as possible if you plan to leave Port Guichon and not return in September. Notification in writing would be appreciated. Also, please keep us updated on any changes to phone numbers or emergency contact information. Thank you for your cooperation.

LOST AND FOUND

Our Lost & Found collection continues to grow. 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. **Articles that have not been claimed when the students are dismissed on Tuesday, June 29th, will be donated to charity.**



Messages from the School Nurse

Enjoy the Summer!



Better health.
Best in health care.

With summer vacation around the corner, we have a welcome break in school and work routines. Be careful not to fall into a summer slump.

Kick-off the summer right by eating healthy, staying active and living smoke-free.

- Be a role model. Enjoy a variety of healthy foods at regular meal and snack times.
- Eat together more often. It's true - families that eat together, eat better!
- Get out and enjoy the sunshine!
 - Play a friendly game of 2 on 2 basketball
 - Take a walk in the park
 - Get everyone involved in the gardening work
 - "Activate" a trip to the park by scheduling in some Frisbee action
 - Go for a family hike or bike
 - Spend less time in front of the screens (TV and computer)
- If you smoke, consider quitting - visit www.quitnow.ca

www.fraserhealth.ca click on "Health Topics" to find School Health Resources

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Many divisions will be taking fieldtrips during this busy month.
Please be sure to check your child's planner and backpack for fieldtrip notices.

PORT GUICHON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

Sports Day Lunch Money Due Friday, June 4	Orders must be into the school by 9:00 a.m.
Jitterbug Run Wednesday, June 9	11:30 AM Parents are invited to join us for our monthly run, or to encourage our students on along the route.
Grade 5 Trip to Victoria Thursday, June 10	Our Grade 5 students are off to Victoria to visit the Legislature and the Royal BC Museum.
Sports Day Tuesday, June 15 NOTE: Dismissal at 1:45 PM	Please join us, starting with the Wheels parade at 9:30 a.m. Students will receive their ordered Hot Dog lunches today and a concession will also be available. The theme for Sports Day is "Go Green Go". Recyclable materials should be used for decorating bikes and wheels
Dance Assembly/Parent Tea Wednesday, June 23	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.
Grade 7 Grad Lunch Thursday, June 24	Congratulations to our Grade 7 students and thank you to the Grade 7 parents for organizing this celebration.
Last Day of School Tuesday, June 29	Last Day of School for Students Assembly – 8:50 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

Delta School District Notices

ArtStretch 2010/2011

Delta School District provides the ArtStretch Program for a small number of students in Grades 5 to 7 who demonstrate a passion for the Visual Arts and exceptional artistic ability. The program will run from November 2010 until May 2011 with an intake of students on Monday, October 4, 2010. Selected students are expected to commit to full-time attendance at all program sessions. Each session will involve an in-depth Art experience and a related field trip, which may occur during school hours. Location and dates of the program will be announced in the fall. Parents are responsible for arranging their child's transportation to and from all ArtStretch sessions.

All interested students who feel they have a passion for Art and demonstrate very high artistic ability are encouraged to enter the ArtStretch screening process. Please note that students from this year's program are not automatically re-admitted and must submit a new application. Students should initiate the application process, but a teacher or administrator who has knowledge of the student's abilities and talent must support the application. The application package with more information is available in the school office. For further information and application details please check the Delta School District website at <http://web.deltasd.bc.ca/programs/special-programs/enrichment> (click on ArtStretch)

Students should be working on their portfolio over the summer holidays. Guidelines for ArtStretch Intake are now available from the school secretary and from the Delta School District website.

SUMMER QUEST 2010 – Youth Activity Summer Camps

Hello, I'm a Mac, Carving for Kids, Woodshop Wonders, Just for Girls, Spike U Volleyball and Ready, Set, Paint are just a few of the over 50 different week long camps offered by Delta Continuing Education – Youth Activities this summer. For detailed descriptions and registration information look for the Summer Quest 2010 Delta Continuing Education brochure that will be distributed in mid – May or go on-line to connectandlearn.deltasd.bc.ca.

Magical Nook
Childcare center



Located at Port Guichon Elementary

Before & After School Care and Kindercare Program

Now accepting September 2010 Registration

Bilingual Pre-School – English and French

AM Program 9:15 – 11:15 Monday to Thursday
PM Program 12:15 to 2:15 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

For more information, call 604-306-2296
Or email us at linda@magicalnook.com
Please check out our website at www.magicalnook.com

Summer Activities

We have received notices and flyers from community groups and organizations offering programs during the summer. Please be sure to check the bulletin board and table in the front hallway for these items.

Soccer Camps



Brad Higgs Soccer School

Offering a variety of programs for all levels of play including individual skill enhancement designed for boys and girls from beginner to experienced, goal keeping clinics, a high achievers program and team development. Please check their website – www.bradhiggs.com – for details and registration information or call 604.939.1114.

Royal Soccer Club

Offering Morning, Afternoon or All Day sessions. Camps are 1 week long beginning July 5th and running through September 3rd. Please check their website – www.royalsoccer.com – for details and registration information or call 1-800-427-0536.

Roman Tulis European Soccer School

Offering morning sessions for all levels of play, for boys and girls, ages 6-13. Please check their website at - www.romantulis.com – for details and registration information or call 604-937-0500.

Art Camps

Imagine That – Summer Arts Camp

A quality Arts program for kids with an opportunity to be mentored by artists active in their fields. July 26 – 29, 2010 for children ages 6-13. Offering Animation, Creative Writing, Culinary Arts, Dance, Drama, Music, Painting, Story Illustration. For more information, check their website at imaginethatsummerartscamp.blogspot.com Or call 604-946-7410 or email imaginethatsummerartscamp@hotmail.com

Ladner Pioneer Library – Summer Reading Clubs – 2010

KIDS SUMMER READING CLUB 2010

Reading Rocks! - Preschool to Grade 6

If you love reading and fun join the annual Summer Reading Club sponsored by the British Columbia Library Association and public libraries around the province.

Whether you are curled up in a comfy chair, swinging in a hammock, soaking in the bathtub or snuggled under the covers of your bed, everyone agrees that Reading Rocks! This year's theme celebrates the joy of reading for pleasure anytime, anywhere. The Ladner Pioneer Library is offering kids the opportunity to explore the wonderful world of children's literature through books, contests and various entertaining programs.

The Club promotes recreational reading throughout the summer break and encourages kids and their families to feel comfortable using libraries and library resources. Club members will receive a colourful reading record, a bookmark and weekly stickers. It's all absolutely free!

Check out the Kids' Summer Reading Club website at <http://www.kidssrc.ca> for:

- Fun summer reading activities and games
- Summer reading tips for parents

Registration for kids of all ages begins June 13th. Phone or drop by the Ladner Pioneer Library for further details.

TEEN SUMMER READING CLUB

Get Into Character - Grades 7 to 12

Fraser Valley Regional Library and the Ladner Pioneer Library wants to inspire you to read throughout your summer break by inviting you to join this year's Teen Reading Club.

Have you ever wished you were Frankenstein? Eragon? Percy Jackson? Bella or Edward? "Get Into Character" by joining the Teen Reading Club 2010. Drop by the Ladner Pioneer Library 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:

Laptop Computers Digital Camcorders Digital Cameras

You may also share your thoughts and experiences with teens from across Canada while participating in the online Teen Reading Club. Join us for the new site launch in May 2010 for the continuation of the Teen Reading Club Super-Amazing Reading Extravaganza, including mystery character chats and more!

Log-on and register with the online Teen RC website at www.teenrc.ca to:

- Post reviews of your favourite summer reads
- Share your reading and viewing thoughts with other teens
- Enter draws to win prizes

Registration for both Teen Reading Clubs begins as early as mid June. Phone or drop by your local FVRL location for details.

