



Port Guichon Newsletter

September Edition



Dates to Remember:

- ☺ **September 3**
First Day of School
Early Dismissal at 12:00
- ☺ **September 11**
Individual Photo Day
- ☺ **September 17**
6:00 pm Open House
- ☺ **September 19**
Terry Fox Run
- ☺ **September 20**
Professional Day
- ☺ **September 23**
7:00 pm PAC Meeting
- ☺ **September 24**
PAC Hot Lunch
- ☺ **September 25-27**
Grade 6&7 Camp Potlatch
- ☺ **September 27**
Orange Shirt Day
- ☺ **September 30**
Entertainment Books Go Home

Principal's Message

Welcome back and I hope you enjoyed a wonderful summer. The first week back can be a stressful time, which is why I am so glad we got students into classes quickly and smoothly. I appreciate your support and understanding that class building and student placement is a tricky endeavour; and that you know the efforts we make is for the best interests of all students. From my perspective, this has been the calmest school start-up I have ever been a part of and the credit for that is absolutely a team effort (student, staff and families).

We have a lot of new staff (see staff list next page) and a lot of new families - welcome to our school, we are privileged to have you join our community.

I hope we get a lot more summer weather but September is a great time to remind everyone that we do have rainy, windy, and cold days and that we go outside for those days. We did not have a single inside day last year and hopefully, unless it's a safety concern, we won't need to have one this year either. Please make sure your child is sent to school prepared for whatever Mother Nature has in store for us.

If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas please never hesitate to reach out to me by either phoning the school or emailing me at nnielsen@deltasd.bc.ca

Looking forward to a great year at PG!

Mr. Nielsen



PORT GUICHON STAFF:

Principal		Mr. Niels Nielsen
Grade 6/7	Div. 1	Mr. M. Lai
Grade 6/7	Div. 2	Mr. W. Jang
Grade 5/6	Div. 3	Mrs. L. Kay
Grade 4/5	Div. 4	Ms. R. Classen
Grade 3/4	Div. 5	Ms. T. Fuller
Grade 2/3	Div. 6	Ms. Ms. A. Yargeau
Grade 1/2	Div. 7	Ms. M. Scarr
Grade KN/1	Div. 8	Ms. S. Hudson
Grade KN	Div. 9	Mrs. K. Hoskins
Lifeskills Rm	Div. 10	Ms. J. Tye
Library		Mrs. A. Grannary
LST		Mrs. S. Kobus
Inclusive Team		Ms. D. Taylor
Music		Mr. Jonathan Lee
EA's: Mrs. I. Beeksma, Ms. Burbidge, ,Mr. Buonanno, Ms. Green, Ms. Lessingham, Ms. Rosychuk and Ms. Varley		
Administrative Assistant		Mrs. L. Ward
Counsellor		Mr. J. Reid
Child Youth Care Worker		Mr. R. Haight
Psychologist		Ms. R. Woolford
Speech/Lang. Pathologist		Ms. J. Leggatt
Police Liaison Officer		Constable K. Seib
Custodian		Ms. K. Taylor
Noon Hour Supervisors		Mrs. C. Neufeld, Mrs. D, Scott, Ms. Burrows, and Ms. Co



Student Photos!

Mountain West Studios will be here starting at 9:00 am on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 to take student photographs. When completed, colour proofs from the photo session will be sent home with your child. For best results, Mountain West suggests wearing solid colours.

Newsletters

Newsletters are published monthly and are posted on the school website. An email will be sent to the school community indicating that the newsletter has been posted on the school website. In order to save paper, we will only be sending a paper copy of the newsletter home for the rest of the year if you request it by letting the office know by dropping by, calling or emailing Linda Ward at lward@deltasd.bc.ca.

Student Planners



All students in Grades 1-7 will be bringing home a Port Guichon Student Planner. Unfortunately the Planners will not be ready until October. Your Parents Advisory Committee has covered the cost of the Planners for each student! Thank you PAC! These have been purchased to encourage consistency throughout the school and to help students achieve the organizational goals of the Personal Planning curriculum.

Annual Permission Forms

The Annual Student Permission Forms have been posted on Parent Connect. Please login to your Parent Connect account, review the notices and select the appropriate responses to each form. Also, please update your demographic information on Parent Connect if anything has changed. We are asking families complete this process by September 27th. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 604-946-0321. Thank you

It is important that your child's Emergency Release Contact Information is updated on Parent Connect. In the event of an emergency resulting in the school closure during the school day, and you are unable to collect your child(ren) from school, you authorize the release of your child(ren) into the custody of temporary adult guardians. **We will only be able to release your child(ren) to those temporary adult guardians you have identified**

NEW PARENTS TO PARENT CONNECT - : Please take a look at the Parent Connect information letter on page 5 of the newsletter.

MEDICAL: Children who have any medical conditions that requires the use of medication at school, please contact the office secretary, Mrs. Ward, for forms to be filled out by yourself and your doctor. It is important that the school has all current medical information and any required non-expired medication on file at the school for your child's safety.

Open House!

Come to our Open House on Tuesday, September 17th from 6:00-7:00. This is an opportunity to meet and say hi to your child's new teacher

Terry Fox Run



All Students will be participating in our Terry Fox Run on Thursday, September 19th at 2:00 pm. Terry Fox Foundation is celebrating 38 years of their efforts. We will once again be collecting “Twoonies for Terry”. Students are encouraged to bring a Twoonie in support of the Terry Fox Foundation. We are also looking for parent volunteers to help us with marshaling during the Terry Fox Run. Please contact the office if you are able to volunteer.

Entertainment Books

Our Entertainment Book Fundraiser will start Monday, September 30th and will run through to October 11th. The book will have all the same great offers as before. Funds raised will be used towards school “improvement” initiatives for students!

Last year we used a portion of the monies raised for the tether poles installed in the front!!

Safe Entry into Port Guichon

Morning arrival – We ask **all students to line-up at the designated areas (out their classrooms/pods)**. If students are dropped off at the new round-about, please ask your child to **go around the outside of the school to their designated areas**. Your cooperation will reinforce the expectations held at the school and at the same time reassure all students that fair practice is being honoured.

Our morning supervision begins at 8:30. **Students should not arrive at school before 8:30** unless special arrangements have been made with their teacher.

Parents/Visitors – We ask all parents and visitors to sign in at the office and pick up a Visitor Badge. In this way we can help ensure that our school remains a safe place. Thank you for your cooperation.

Students Going Home for Lunch

To ensure the supervision and safety of your children during the lunch hour, both the home and school need a schedule which each child is to follow. Students will be permitted to leave the school grounds during our lunch hour (or any time after arrival) **ONLY** with your written consent. If your child goes home during the lunch hour, please complete, detach and return to school the permission slip attached to the last page of this newsletter.

Student Absences

Please contact the school when your child is absent from school. You can contact the school by calling the office at 604-946-0321. Our answering machine is available 24 hours a day, so you can call the night before if you know your child will be away. You can also email Linda Ward at lward@deltasd.bc.ca. Failure to notify the school will prompt a phone call home to ensure that each child is accounted for each morning.

When to Keep Your Sick Child Home

For the protection of your child, as well as other children, keep your child home if he/she:



- Has a fever
- Is too sick to take part in all normal school activities
- Has a suspected or known communicable disease (i.e. strep throat, pink eye, chicken pox, or any other undiagnosed rash).

Keep them home until they are no longer infectious.

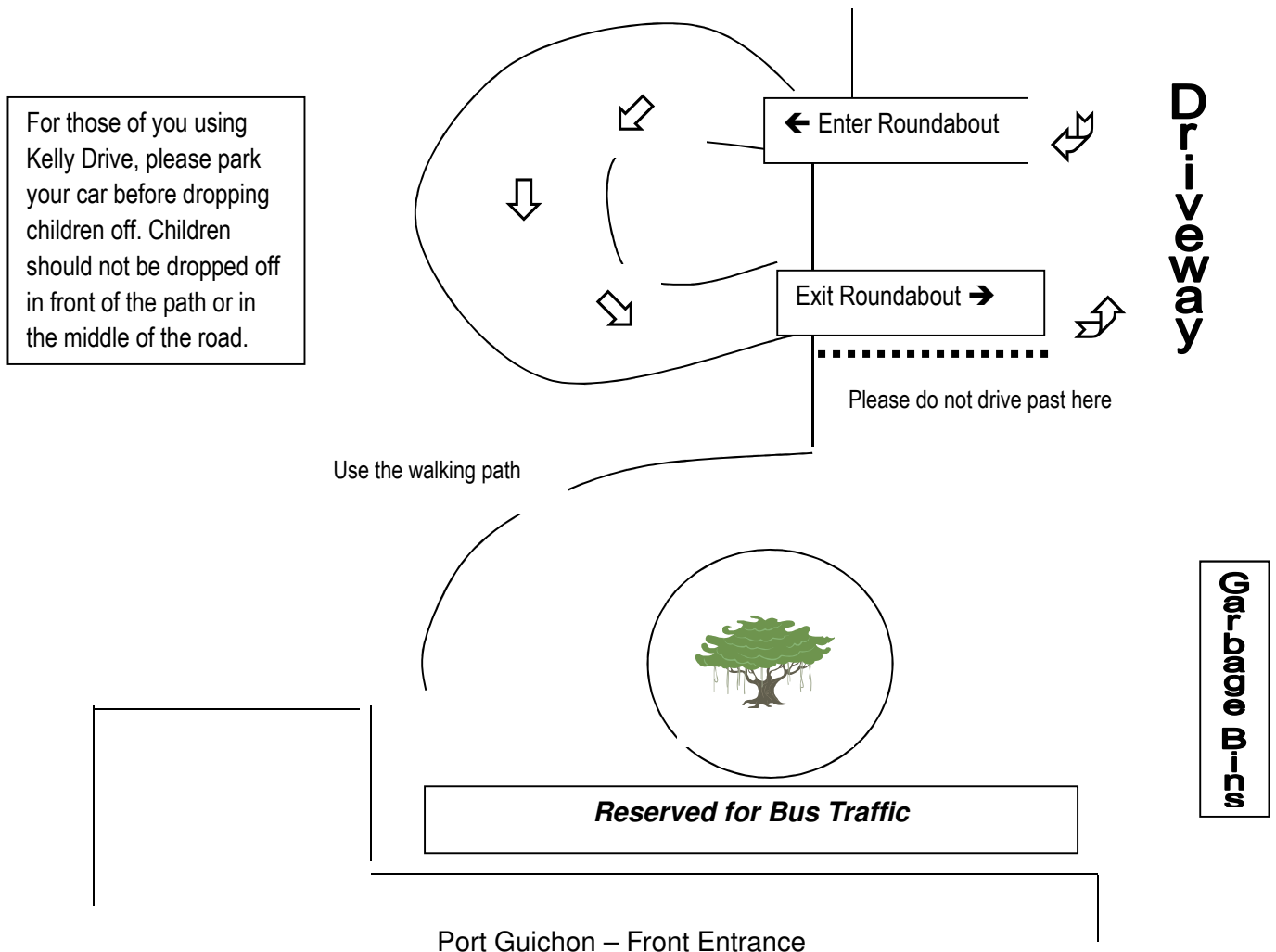
Please let the school know your child's symptoms.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING!

The first roundabout is intended to serve as a “drop and go” and “quick pick-up” area. Under no circumstances should cars park in the roundabout. There is room for 8 cars at a time to pull off to the RIGHT hand side of the structure and have children (dis)embark through the right hand side of their vehicles. Drivers can then pull out into the left-hand lane to carry on and exit (see diagram for more information). Please be particularly aware of driveway traffic and pedestrians walking down the sidewalk along our parking lot when entering and exiting this new traffic structure. **Please also remember that the roundabout nearest to the school is intended for use by our school buses and other authorized vehicles. Please do not use it for student drop off, pick-up, or parking.**



Please remind your children not to run across the new roundabout, grass circle or driveway areas. Buses and trucks are often backing up and may not see little ones dashing into the roadway.



****Please be very careful if you park along the south side of the parking lot, as this makes it difficult for cars to get in and out of the designated parking stalls. Thank you.**



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Dear Parents:

The staff of Port Guichon Elementary would like to welcome you to **Parent Connect**. Parent Connect is an internet accessible program where you, as a parent or guardian, can access and/or update demographic information pertaining to your child. By logging onto Parent Connect, parents have the ability to update their personal contact information, view their child's attendance records and their report card history. You will also use Parent Connect to book your child's Parent/Teacher and Student Led Conferences.

LINK TO PARENT CONNECT

<https://cimsweb.deltasd.bc.ca/schoolconnect/parentsignore.aspx>

To retrieve your Parent Connect assigned password for the first time click on **Forgot My Password** and fill in your email address and the system will email you your password.

If you did not provide the school with an email address please contact the school at 604-946-0321 for more information on accessing Parent Connect

Please take the time to login to Parent Connect when you receive this letter and change your password and have a look around the pages - detailed instructions are available by clicking on the Help Tab. If you have other children attending Port Guichon, it is a good idea to have the same password for all your children. It might be an idea to save the web address to Parent Connect to your favorites list. It is important to update all changes to your family demographics and contact information as soon as possible as it changes throughout the school year.

The following forms have been posted to Parent Connect in for you to review and authorize. It is mandatory that all these forms be reviewed and responded to by parent/guardians.

- **Personal Information Consent Form**
- **Outside Media In Schools**
- **Walking Field Trips Permission**
- **B.C. Fruit and Vegetable Program Permission**
- **Google Application (may not apply to Kindergarten students)**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school.

Linda Ward
Administrative Assistant

PAC NEWS

Hot Lunch: PAC is working hard setting up the Hot Lunch Schedule and the program Munch-a-lunch. The first Hot Lunch date is scheduled for September 24th. More details to follow.

Upcoming Port Guichon PAC Fundraisers:

Winter Market, November 30th – 10am-2pm

Movie Night – December 5th

NEXT PAC MEETING:

The next PAC meeting will be held September 23, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Library. We hope to see you all there!

Community News and Events



Continuing Education

ABOUT OUR COVER: To celebrate their graduation from the Delta Teaching Assistant Certificate program this past June, each student posed for a photo, taken by fellow graduate Adriana Greig, holding a puzzle piece displaying a word or phrase they felt summed up their experience in the DTAC program. These photos were such powerful reflections of the adult student experience that we have selected several of them as the main images on our next few catalogue covers.

► Browse for courses on-line now:

<https://cimsweb.deltasd.bc.ca/publicconnect/deevnts.aspx>

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► DELTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Academic Upgrading, including Adult Foundations, LINC, and Secondary Credit Courses: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/delta-community-college/>

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► EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Program information, including provincial Student Bursaries: <https://deltalearns.ca/eceprogram/>

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► For **CONTINUING EDUCATION** features and updates, follow us on **FACEBOOK**:

<https://www.facebook.com/DeltaSchoolDistrictContinuingEducation/>

Ringette:

Ringette has so many benefits

-**No Skating experience needed to start.** Our devoted volunteer coaches will teach your child the basics of skating.

-**Convenient ice times.** Younger players (Fun 1 & Fun 1) practice Tuesday evenings at Tilbury Ice and one weekend practice or game.

-**First-time players may request to borrow equipment for one season** (pending availability).

Ringette is affordable! First year Fun 1 & Fun 2 ringette players pay a special introductory rate of only \$99 for registration (value of up to \$300).

\$99
Special Offer

REGISTRATION

\$99 Rate is applicable to first time ringette players for the 2019/2020 season only and not combinable with any other discounts or offers. \$40 Association Fundraising Fee is additional. Other fees (team fees, equipment, tournaments) may apply. This special rate may be restricted or withdrawn at any time.

DELTA RINGETTE ASSOCIATION

COME TRY RINGETTE

For free!

SUN, SEPT 15TH
2:45 - 4:45
LADNER LEISURE CENTRE

1 HR. ON-ICE INSTRUCTION
SNACKS & ACTIVITIES
FREE SKATE RENTALS
FALL REGISTRATION AVAILABLE

Boys & Girls, 4 years +
Beginner Skaters welcome

Register online at
cometryringette.ca

Or follow us on Facebook: Delta Ringette Association



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STUDENTS GOING HOME FOR LUNCH 2019/2020

Dear Parents/Guardians: To ensure the supervision and safety of your children during the lunch hour, both the home and school need a schedule which each child is to follow. Students will be permitted to leave the school grounds at noon (or any time after arrival) **ONLY** with your written consent. What your child does off the school grounds at noon hour is a common concern and perhaps you might take some time to discuss this with your family.

We must know that children leaving the school grounds during the school day do so with your knowledge and consent as to where, when, and why they do so. We suggest that you do not give your child permission to leave except for the purpose of having lunch.

We do encourage you to have your children come home for lunch for the following reasons:

- the break in the students' routine is refreshing and energizing
- it provides an opportunity for more adult and individual contact
- it provides for more supervision and personal direction

To assist us in providing a safe school, would you please complete the following form and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible. Please call me if you have any questions.

Thank you. Yours truly, Niels Nielsen, Principal

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**IF your Child goes home for lunch on a regular basis,
Please indicate which days of the week they go home.**

DETACH AND RETURN TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

2019-2020 School

***Remember – The lunch break is not a full hour. Break begins at 12:10 PM.
First bell is at 12:57 PM and second bell is at 1:02 PM.***

My child _____ is to:

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Go home for lunch					

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____