



Port Guichon Newsletter

January/February Edition



Principal's Message

Dates to Remember:

- ☺ **January 16-18**
Student Lacrosse Program
- ☺ **January 26**
Professional Day
- ☺ **January 31**
PAC Hot Lunch
- ☺ **February 6&8**
Student Led Conferences
2:00 pm Early Dismissal
- ☺ **February 12**
On-Line and In-Person
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
Begins
- ☺ **February 16**
Professional Day
- ☺ **February 19**
Family Day
- ☺ **February 26**
PAC Hot Lunch
- ☺ **February 27**
Div. 5 – Douglas Discovery Cntr
- ☺ **February 29**
7 pm Delta Secondar
Grade 7 Parent Info Night

I think my Alberta roots may be showing, but I love the cold and sunny weather we are having lately! It has helped that our roads have stayed dry locally. I know that some of our staff and parents can be caught up in a crazy commute when the weather turns snowy or icy. If/when the snow does come, please know that we do our best to keep schools open, and any school weather closures are posted on the district website before 7AM.

As we brave the cold, dark mornings, I do notice the days have started to get longer and stay lighter. It is a great way to start a new year. I think of our growth mindset quotes regularly when it's time to do hard things, deal with disappointment, or surrender perfection to do the best we can right now. We talk to the students about trying our best every day, even on challenging days with unexpected outcomes, and it works for adults as well. I try to find glimmers (the opposite of triggers) that help calm the nervous system and help us feel safe, connected, and settled. It might be the warmth of a sunbeam through a frosty window, the beauty of the sky at the end of the day, or joining the music class as they sing familiar songs from childhood (B-I-N-G-O!). There are always lots of glimmers to be found.

Your PG PAC has been working hard and will need everyone's continued support this year. DPAC has been very helpful, but the hard work is done by the amazing parent volunteers at the school level. You are all members of the PAC and I look forward to all of the fun events and opportunities to work together.

We are looking forward to a busy second term. Previews will be sent home this week. Please let the classroom teachers know if you have any questions or you can reach me at the office or by email. dpalmer@deltaschools.ca

Mrs. Palmer
Principal

Acknowledgements

- ◆ The Port Guichon School Community is to be congratulated for their contributions to our annual Christmas Canned Food Drive and the Christmas Concert donations. Delta assist Food Bank received a cheque in the amount of \$284.60 in donations as well as many boxes of donated food. Thank you.
- ◆ Create It Club would like to thank everyone. The total proceeds from of both their fundraising sales on October 27, 2023 and December 15, 2023 was \$602.40! A cheque in that amount has been issued to the Delta Animal Shelter.
- ◆ Thank you to Mrs. Kay and to all our students for entertaining us the “Twas the Week Before Christmas”. It is a lot of work for all the students and staff, but so enjoyed by everyone. Thank you.

Send your Child Dressed for the Weather

Please ensure your child comes to school dressed for the weather as we support our outdoor recesses. We are noticing students arriving to school wearing shorts and hoodies. On wet muddy days this makes for uncomfortable children in the afternoon. We have also entered a cold snap, please make you child is dressed warmly. Thank you.



Lacrosse



We had lots of fun meeting and learning more from two members of the Vancouver Warriors Lacrosse team on Monday. We are also excited to work with the Delta Islanders Lacrosse instructors for PE on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday this week. Lacrosse sticks are welcome at school on these three days, in PE only (not outside during recess or lunch play times). We have a special deal available if you would like to attend a Warriors game at Rogers Arena this season – Stick to School. Links and information can be found on our school here <mailto:https://fevo-enterprise.com/group/sticktoschool> or the school website [Lacrosse Stick to School - Port Guichon Elementary \(deltasd.bc.ca\)](https://deltasd.bc.ca) .

Student Led Conferences

Student Led conferences are being held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 from 2:15 to 5:15 and on Thursday, February 8th from 2:15 to 3:15. Parent Connect will be open to schedule your child's student led conference on Thursday, January 25, 2024. Please call the office if you are having any troubles with Parent Connect. Thank you.

PG Tuck Shop

PG's Tuck Shop is returning! The Tuck Shop is organized and run by students. This is a non-profit program. It is a learning program opportunity and offers delicious treats! Attached are a section of four different treats with prices ranging from 50 cents to \$1.50. Currently, there are three dates for the tuck shop – January 24, February 14 and March 6. It will be open for a selected time around lunch time on those dates

Basketball – starting soon!



Mr. Jang and Ms. Kay will be coaching Practice and game schedule of games will be available later in the month. Good luck Port Guichon!

Ocean Wise Mobile Education – Ocean Dome

The Ocean Wise Education Program will be visiting Port Guichon on March 4th with its focus on Ocean conservation. There will be a few stations each class will be participating in along with the popular Sea Dome – an inflatable planetarium.



Kindergarten Registration

Port Guichon's Kindergarten registration for children who will turn five by December 2018 and live in our catchment, will be start on **Monday, February 12, 2024**, starting at 9:00 am. Applications can be made on-line through the Delta School District Link or in person at the school.

Parents are asked to either upload or bring:

- Child's birth certificate or passport
- Proof of Residence (Rental Agreement or Tax Bill)
- Parent's proof of Canadian Citizenship, landed immigrant status, refugee status or work permit
- BC Care Card number

Non Catchment Applications

The Delta District will begin accepting New Non-Catchment Applications on-line only, starting on February 5, 2024 for new students including Kindergarten wanting to register at Port Guichon for the 2024/2025 school year. The on-line applications should be submitted before March 4, 2024.

PAC News

At this time, the Lego Competition and the Friday movie nights have been postponed.

Hot Lunch: The Hot Lunch Dates have been modified. Currently the Hot Lunch Dates for the remaining of the school year are: Jan 31, Feb 21, March 13, April 10, May 1 and May 22 . You can order through Munch-a-Lunch and you can find the Munch-a-Lunch link on the school website.

NEXT PAC MEETING:

The next PAC meeting will be held Feb 5, 2024 6:30 pm in the Library. We hope to see you all there!

Community:

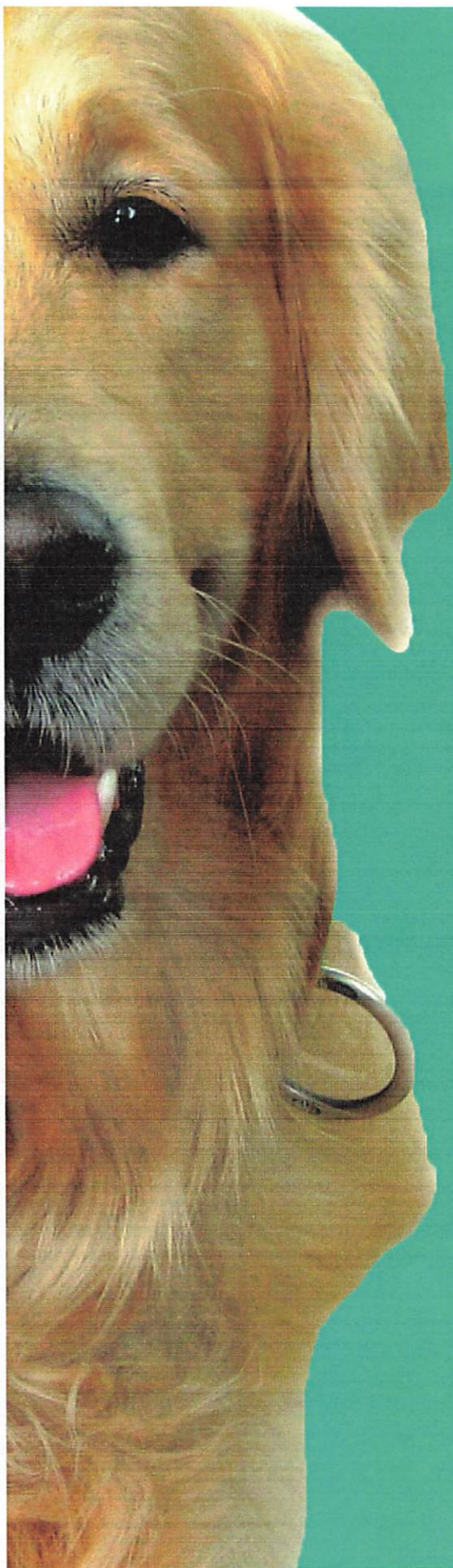
Tales for Tails

Ladner Pioneer Library

Tuesdays, 3:30 to 4:30

Description

Are you an emerging reader who feels shy reading in front of other people? What about reading to a dog instead? Book a 15-minute slot to read to a therapy dog at Ladner Pioneer Library.



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BC & ALBERTA GUIDE DOGS



Delta School District
Inspired Learning

Free Parent Workshop

Preparing for Kindergarten

Tuesday March 5

or

Wednesday March 13

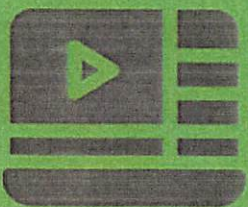


7:00 - 9:00 pm: Parent Workshop

9:00 - 9:30 pm: Opportunity for Additional Q & A

go to <https://zoom.us/join> and enter code 502 198 9793 to join

and... check out our series of



short videos & practical tips

to help everyone feel prepared for a
successful start to school



<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/preparing-for-kindergarten/>

IS YOUR CHILD TURNING FIVE IN 2024?

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
BEGINS IN FEBRUARY!

Please visit the **Delta School District** website
for more information or call **604.952.5340**

