



Port Guichon Newsletter

September Edition



Dates to Remember:

- ☺ **September 8**
PAC Freezie sale after school
PAC Movie Night 5:30
- ☺ **September 13**
Strongstart Starts
- ☺ **September 14**
Individual Photo Day
- ☺ **September 18**
PAC Meeting 6:30
- ☺ **September 19**
6:00 pm Open House
- ☺ **September 21**
Terry Fox Run
- ☺ **September 22**
Professional Day
- ☺ **September 27**
PAC Hot Lunch
- ☺ **September 29**
Wear Orange/Truth
And Reconciliation
- ☺ **September 30**
Official Day of Truth
and Reconciliation
- ☺ **October 2**
Statutory Day of Truth
and Reconciliation
School closed
- ☺ **October – 3-6**
Thanksgiving Food Drive

Principal's Message

What a wonderful week it has been! Our staff was so excited to see each other last week and the energy this week has been amazing! A little sunshine didn't hurt. The PAC has been hard at work and we have many fun events planned throughout the year. Starting with a freezie sale after school and a Movie Night tonight!

September brings so many changes – back to school, cooler weather, athletic tryouts, and we also moved into our new classes today. Our staff puts a lot of time and collaborative effort into organizing the classes and takes many factors into consideration in order to balance classes. You may notice that many of the classes are blended with two grades, which is also an opportunity to learn and grow with new friends. I have posted some information about combined classes on our school website if you would like to know

more. <https://pg.deltasd.bc.ca/parent-community/>

Our students were so excited to meet their new teachers and see the new group of faces. Change can bring mixed emotions for our kids but often the anticipation is even harder. After such a busy week, we wanted to give them all a chance to finally see their new space and have the weekend to look forward to a fresh start on Monday. Thank you for reinforcing a positive outlook if there are still some worries over the weekend.

We all look forward to a fresh start on Monday and we will be having our first assembly at 11AM to kick off another great year. Have a wonderful and relaxing weekend.

Mrs. Palmer



Reminders:

The front of our driveway is reserved for BUSES ONLY from 8:30AM - 9:30AM and 2:30PM - 3:10PM (Wednesdays 1:30PM - 2PM). We also ask families to please check in at the office (not classrooms) for drop-offs or pick-ups. Messages and items will be delivered during non-instructional time. We are trying to reduce the number of classroom interruptions during lessons and to keep our hallways safe and secure.

PORT GUICHON STAFF:

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| Principal | | Mrs. Palmer |
| Grade 6/7 | Div. 1 | Mrs. Kay |
| Grade 6/7 | Div. 2 | Mr. W. Jang |
| Grade 4/5 | Div. 3 | Mrs. Hulme |
| Grade 4/5 | Div. 4 | Mr. Hagen |
| Grade 3/4 | Div. 5 | Ms. Tan/Ms. O’Gorman |
| Grade 2/3 | Div. 6 | Ms. Cowan/Ms. Taylor |
| Grade 1/2 | Div. 7 | Mrs. Hoskins/Mr. Harms |
| Grade 1 | Div. 8 | Ms. Middleton |
| Grade KN | Div. 9 | Ms. Macool/Ms. Taylor |
| Library | | Mrs. A. Grannary |
| LST | | Mrs. S. Kobus |
| Inclusive Team | | Mrs. A. Doornbosch |
| Music | | Mr. Jonathan Lee |
| EA’s: Mrs. I. Beeksma, Ms. Burbidge, Ms. Devos, Ms. Guichon, Ms. Malone, Ms. Reid, Ms. Rosychuk and Ms. Varley | | |
| Administrative Assistant | | Mrs. L. Ward |
| Child Youth Care Worker | | Ms. D. Stacey |
| Psychologist | | Ms. N. Avdic |
| Speech/Lang. Pathologist | | Ms. J. Leggatt |
| Strongstart Facilitator | | Ms. S. Kessler |
| Police Liaison Officer | | Constable N. Porter |
| Custodian | | Ms. K. Taylor |
| Noon Hour Supervisors | | Mrs. C. Neufeld, Mrs. D, Scott, Ms. Perry and Ms. Keating |



Student Photos!

Darby Photos will be here starting at 9:00 am on Thursday, September 14, 2023 to take student photographs. For best results, photographers suggest 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.



Student Planners – Thank you PAC!

Students in Grades 1-7 will be bringing home a Port Guichon Student Planner. 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 25th. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 604-946-0321. Parents cannot update certain demographic information such as addresses and email address, please email lward@deltaschools.ca if that information needs to be updated. Thank you

It is important that your child's Emergency 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, we will only be able to release your child(ren) to those listed as emergency contacts.

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 are trying to limit the people entering the building. **We ask all parents and visitors to sign in at the office.** In this way we can help ensure that our school remains a safe place. Thank you for your cooperation.

Students Going Home for Lunch

In the best interest of all the students and staff at Port Guichon we are strongly encouraging student to stay at school for lunch. If your child, regularly, needs to leave the school for lunch please contact the office and make arrangement with Mrs. Palmer at dpalmer@deltaschools.ca.

Students need to Leave During School Hours

If students need to leave during school hours, ie doctors or dentist appointments – they must be picked up by a parent or guardian. Students are not allowed to walk or bike home by themselves during regular school hours. If they are going home for lunch – please see the message above.

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@deltaschools.ca. Failure to notify the school will prompt a phone call home to ensure that each child is accounted for each morning.

Daily Health Check

Parents/Guardians are to assess their children daily by going through the Daily Health Check. If your child exhibits any of the key symptoms of illness, they should stay home.

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 19th 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 21st at 2:00 pm. Terry Fox Foundation is celebrating 41 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 safety during the Terry Fox Run. Please contact the office if you are able to volunteer by emailing Linda Ward at lward@deltaschools.ca. Volunteers will be assigned a spot along the route to watch for safety and provide encouragement!



Strongstart

Strongstart program starts Wednesday, September 13, 2023. You can register in the class. More details on attending will be posted on the school website.

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.

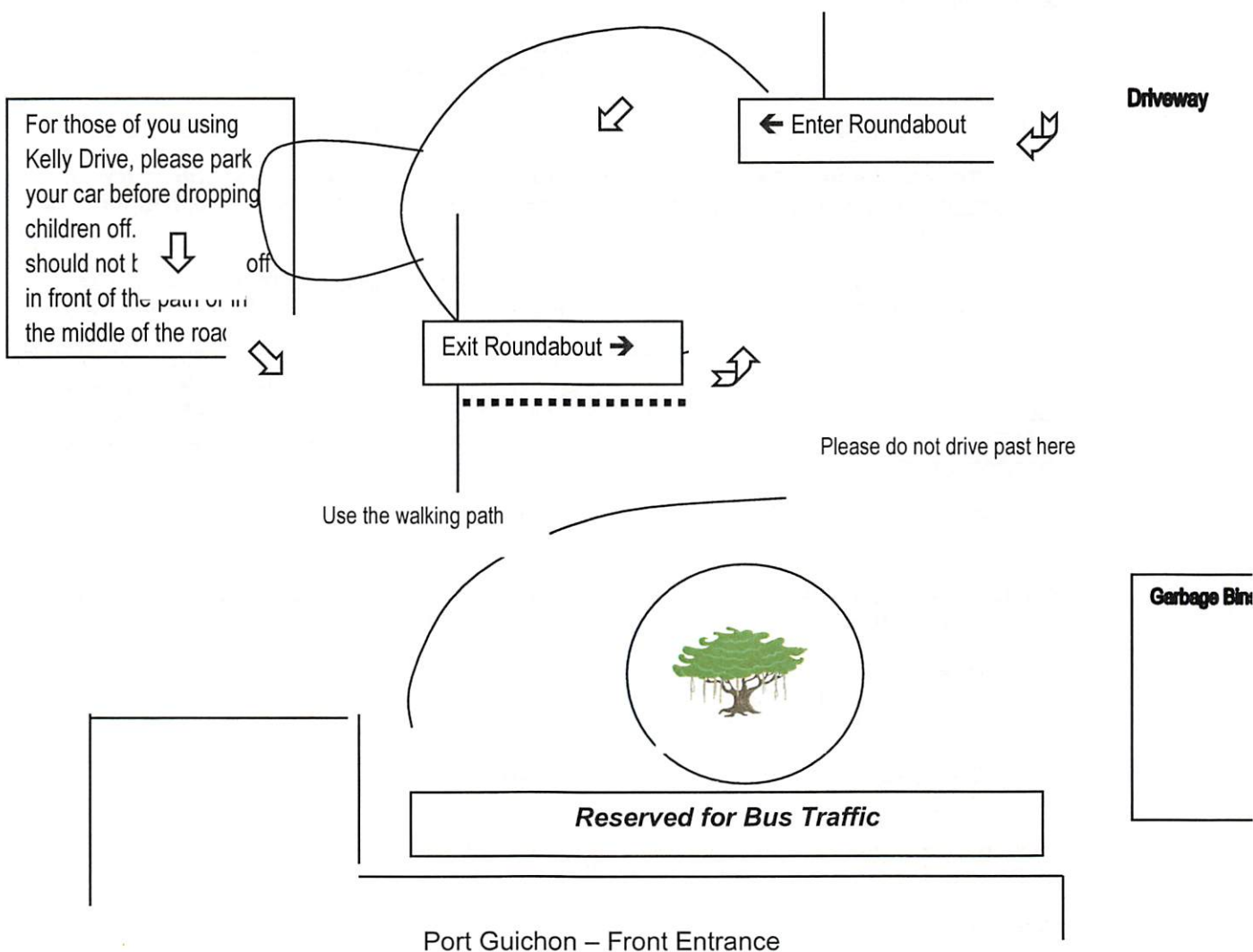


Please also remember that the roundabout nearest to the school is intended for use by our school buses and other authorized vehicles. Please do not use it for student drop off, pick-up, or parking.

The front of our driveway is reserved for BUSES ONLY from :

8:30AM - 9:30AM and 2:30PM - 3:10PM (Wednesdays 1:30PM - 2PM).

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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School website: <http://pg.deltasd.bc.ca/>

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 logon 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!

PAC has been working hard and has a great line of fun events coming up; hot lunches, movie nights and Glow party just to name a few! Attached is a list of PAC events scheduled to December.

Also has PAC will be running a Neufeld fundraiser starting September 18, 2023.

Hot Lunch: PAC has set up hot lunch dates for the year. This is a optional program and a fundraiser for PAC. Find dates and how to order purchase lunch with the munch-a-lunch link on the school website: <https://pg.deltasd.bc.ca/news-events/daily-announcements/hot-lunch/>

NEXT PAC MEETING:

The next PAC meeting will be held
September 18, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the
Library. We hope to see you all there!

Community News and Events

Carol Lingham and Bryan Lopez, teacher/coaches from the South Delta Secondary will be hosting summer co-ed basketball camps at South Delta Secondary this summer through Grit Sports. The focus will be on fundamentals and concepts for preparation for high school basketball. Please complete the Google Form below for registration.

<https://forms.gle/p4V2HN9TTPCSzYsV6>

PAC Events!

- Friday, September 8th - Movie night – Gym doors open at 5:30
 - Freezie Sale after school
- Monday, September 18th – PAC Meeting – 6:30 pm
- Thursday September 21st – Freezie Sale after school
- Wednesday, September 27th – Hot Lunch
- Friday, September 29th – Let's GLOW Crazy family dance 5:30 pm
- Wednesday, October 6th – Popcorn sale Fundraiser after school
- Wednesday, October 11th – Hot Lunch
- Thursday, October 12th – Neufeld's Order pick up 6 pm
- Friday, October 13th - Wacky Hair Day at School
 - Movie Night – Doors open at 5:30
- Wednesday, October 25th – Hot Lunch
- Friday, October 27th – Halloween event – details TBA
- Saturday, November 4th – Grade 6&7 Parent Pub Night – details TBA
- Wednesday, November 8th – Pajama Day and Hot Lunch
- Friday, November 17 – Movie Night – doors open at 5:30
- Wednesday, November 22th - Hot Lunch
- Saturday, December 2 – Winter Market
- Wednesday December 6th – Hot Lunch
- Friday December 8th – Movie Night
- Wednesday, December 20th – Hot Lunch