

# Port Guichon Elementary Week-at-a-Glance Feb. 17 - 21, 2025

Week-at-a-Glance on school website: <u>https://pg.deltasd.bc.ca/</u>

Monday 17	Happy Family Day! See you all tomorrow.©
Tuesday 18	Kindergarten Registration for Fall 2025 will continue through Feb. 21
Wednesday 19 1:45 Dismissal every Wed.	<b>12:00 – 1:30</b> Parent/guardian opportunity: "Real Deal: ADHD" online session by FamilySmart <u>https://familysmart.ca/event/adhd-the-real-deal-14/</u> Please remember to register in advance.
Thursday 20	Have a great day!
Friday 21	Professional Learning Day for staff. No school for students.

## **Upcoming Dates & Other Information:**

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https://pg.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/27/2024/05/PG-Calendar-2024-2025.pdf

February 26 – Pink Shirt Day – Highlighting care, kindness & belonging.
Students encouraged to wear pink!
Please<u>https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/about</u>
February 28 - March 29 – Ramadan
March 14 – PAC organized Hot Lunch (last Friday before the break)
March 17 – March 28 – Spring Break
March 31 - Schools re-open!

### **Important Information & Other Notes:**

#### 2025/2026 School Year Budget

In preparation for development of the 2025/2026 budget, the Delta Board of Education is encouraging parents/caregivers, staff, partners, and rights-holders to share their priorities for the upcoming school year by <u>5p.m. on March 14, 2025</u>.

You can provide your feedback by:

- Completing a short <u>online survey</u>
- Sending an email to <a href="mailto-budget@deltaschools.ca">budget@deltaschools.ca</a>
- Sending a letter to Delta School District, 4585 Harvest Drive, Delta, B.C., V4K 5B4
- Talking to your school's PAC

Please <u>click here</u> (*or copy and paste this url into your browser* <u>https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/news-events/news/2025-2026-budget-consultation-process/</u>) to learn more about this year's consultation process.

#### **Important reminder:**

Dear Families,

Please continue to partner with us in teaching and reminding your children that making threats, inappropriate comments and racial slurs toward or about others undermines a sense of safety, comfort, and belonging at school and in the community and is **unacceptable**. Although we realize that it may be a small

minority of students who engage in this behaviour, it causes fear, anger, and anxiety among students, families and staff, and wastes valuable time and resources that may otherwise be focused on demonstrating kindness and building a sense of belonging.

Students who make threats or use other violent words can face significant disciplinary consequences and possibly, criminal charges (12+yrs. of age).

Please take time to talk with your child(ren) and encourage responsible, kind choices regarding safe and appropriate language and actions, especially while at school or school-related events and/or while engaging with other students during online activities. We really appreciate your ongoing support.

#### 2025 Delta Basketball Spring Break Camps!

All information is on this new website: www.deltabasketball.com Spring Break Week 1: Monday March 17 - Friday March 21 (5 sessions) Coed Grades 1-2 from 9am - 10am Coed Grades 3-4 from 10am - 11am Boys Grades 5-7 from 11am - 12 noon Girls Grades 5-7 from 12 noon - 1:00pm Address: Gray Elementary School gym - 10855 80 Avenue Delta, BC V4C 1W4 **Registration Fee: \$120** \_\_\_\_ Spring Break Week 2: Monday March 24 - Friday March 28 (5 sessions) Coed Grades 3-4 from 9am - 10am Coed Grades 5-6 from 10am - 11am Boys Grades 7-11 from 11am - 12 noon Girls Grades 7-11 from 12 noon - 1:00pm Address: North Delta Secondary School gym -11447 82nd Avenue Delta, BC V4C 5J6 Registration Fee: \$140

Onkar Bahia North Delta Basketball Association

#### **GRIT SPORTS Basketball Spring Break Camps Registration:**

Grits Sports is running Elementary Basketball Camps during Spring Break for students currently in **grade 5, 6, 7 and 8.** Below are the following dates:

Week 1: March 17th- March 21st (9am - 11am) Week 2: March 24th - March 28th (9am - 11am)

Location: English Bluff Elementary (402 English Bluff Road Delta) Cost: \$195 Please complete the Google Form below for full registration: <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfTb0TUrilQY\_wN4KGJclH3tl3Vh8CEjgA6E9t2WWs</u> GoINGCA/viewform?usp=preview

A reminder that <u>BOTH</u> the Google Form and Payment must be completed to confirm your registration. A confirmation email will be sent within 1 business day. Payment will be e-transferred to <u>gritsportsbc@gmail.com</u>

### SOCIAL MEDIA use among children/youth - Opportunity for Parents/Guardians:

Please see the link below for a poster with details regarding an upcoming presentation on February 25, 2025. Madison Cameron from the Center for Trauma Informed Practices will be speaking on the popular topic of social media use among children and youth. Pre-register through this link:

https://pg.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/27/2025/02/Parent-Presentation-Feb-2025.png

#### 2025/2026 Kindergarten Registration:

Students born in 2020 are eligible to attend Kindergarten beginning in September 2025. Port Guichon **catchment area students** entering Kindergarten in September 2025 will be able to register either online from **February 10 – 21, 2025** <u>or</u> in-person at the school.

Link for more details: https://pg.deltasd.bc.ca/our-school/registration/

Please register either ONLINE or in-person for your catchment area school. Instructions on how to register will be posted at the above link in early February.

Non-Catchment applications for the 2025/2026 school year will be accepted online only commencing February 3, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.

Link to on-line non-catchment applications:

https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/student-registration/non-catchment/

### Ladner Minor Baseball in Conjunction with Baseball BC offering: <u>"Challenger Baseball"</u>

Ladner Minor Baseball is pleased to announce it will be working with Baseball BC this year to run the Challenger Baseball Program. Challenger Baseball is a division of Baseball BC that provides an opportunity for children with cognitive and/or physical disabilities to enjoy the full benefits of participation in baseball at a level structured to their abilities.

Baseball games are played in a fun, safe environment where no score is kept. Ablebodied "Buddies" are assigned (one-to-one, when possible) to each participant. These Buddies assist the Challenger Baseball players with their involvement in the game. Pushing wheelchairs around the base path, assisting players in how to hold the bat and swing, or providing protection for the Challenger Baseball player from a batted ball, are just a few of the ways the Buddies offer a better experience for the participants in Challenger Baseball.

Each participant is treated like every other player in the conventional baseball program. All players are outfitted in uniforms, use the same equipment, and play their games at the local baseball parks. A team picture is a must for Challenger Baseball, as it is in the other divisions.

The smiles are plentiful and free! The joy on the face of each participant in Challenger Baseball makes it very clear how much fun they are having. No pressures, no playing time issues, everyone just has fun!

Held on Saturdays at Dugald Turf in Ladner. Please register at: https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/466812 Any questions, please contact registrar@ladnerminorbaseball.com

#### YAK Pass – City of Delta

This Family Day, the City of Delta will become the first municipality in BC to offer free access to recreation facilities and programing for all local children and youth. The new YAK (Youth and Kids) Pass offers free recreation opportunities to kids 18 years and younger in Delta. To be eligible for the new pass, the applicants must be ages 0-18 and provide proof of Delta residency. <u>https://www.delta.ca/community-culture/happening-delta/news/delta-launch-new-yak-pass-time-family-day</u>

#### Fraser Valley Library Offerings:

https://fvrl.bibliocommons.com/locations/LD https://fvrl.bibliocommons.com/locations/SD

#### "Wheels" on School Grounds:

Please help support safety on school grounds by partnering with us in reminding children to always dismount from "wheels" (scooters; roller blades/skates; bikes, etc.) upon arriving on school grounds.

Please also see this important information:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/transportation-environment/activetransportation/scooter/safety

#### Travel to-and-from School:

Please encourage students to use marked crosswalks and sidewalks whenever possible. Please encourage them to cross only after carefully checking for traffic and waiting until vehicles have fully stopped. Please drive with caution and abide by school zone speed limits. Let's help keep everyone safe <sup>(2)</sup> Thank-you so much!

#### Important District-wide Reminder for families of elementary students:

#### Restricting cellphone usage in elementary schools:

Please be reminded that students are not permitted to use cellphones or other personal digital devices at school. For more information, please visit: <u>Elementary school restrictions</u>. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

#### French Immersion Opportunities in Delta – Info. sessions & deadlines:

https://pg.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/27/2024/12/French-Immersion-Programs-Information-Nights.pdf

#### FamilySmart Events:

Please click the link for upcoming events: <u>https://familysmart.ca/monthly-events/</u>

Every month, FamilySmart hosts in-person or online events for parents & caregivers who are parenting a child or youth with a mental health and/or substance use challenge called "In the know." We watch a video and share experiences and strategies that help in the hard moments and focus on strengthening our understanding and connection with our kids. Online events are facilitated by FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Workers. <u>https://familysmart.ca/</u>

#### The Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP):

The Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) aims at reducing the costs of dental care for Canadian residents who have a family net income of less than \$90,000 per year. Applications are currently open for Persons with disabilities and children under 18. The program will then expand to all eligible Canadian residents as of 2025. <u>https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/dental/dental-care-plan.html</u>

#### Fraser Health Information/FAQ:

https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/school-health/illness-andimmunizations/illness-in-the-classroom https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/school-health/illness-andimmunizations/head-lice https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/immunizations/children-and-youthimmunization

#### Munch-a-Lunch – Hot Lunch Online Ordering:

https://pg.deltasd.bc.ca/news-events/daily-announcements/hot-lunch/ Please contact portguichonpac@gmail.com if you have difficulty with the online ordering system.

#### **Extreme Winter Weather Procedures Information (if needed):**

Please click this link:

https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/news-events/news/winter-weather-procedures-2024-2025/ INFORMATION ABOUT ANY DISTRICT-WIDE CLOSURES WILL BE SENT TO METRO VANCOUVER RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS:

CBC AM 690 radio, 88.1 FM	Global BC
CKNW AM 980 radio	CBC TV
News AM 1130 radio	CTV BC

\*No announcement will be made stating that specific schools are open. Only closures and delayed openings will be announced.