

# Port Guichon Elementary Week-at-a-Glance June 23 - 27, 2025

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

Monday 23	We hope everyone enjoys these last few days of school! <sup>(i)</sup> Students are dismissed for Summer Break 2025 at <b>10:30am this <u>Thursday</u>, June 26<sup>th</sup></b> .
Tuesday 24	Have a great day!
Wednesday 25 1:45 Dismissal every Wed.	Remember to please check the "LOST & FOUND" There are loads of lonely items hoping to go home for the summer! Uncollected items will be donated once the school year ends.
Thursday 26	School-wide assembly & slideshow: Classes will move to the gym for a 9:30am start. Students are dismissed at 10:30am and their break begins. Farewell, Grade 7s! Enjoy your high school years Happy Summer! Reports will be posted to ParentConnect by 3pm today.
Friday 27	Administrative Day – Office is open. School is closed for students/classes. Preparation/work begins next week for a transformer replacement at Port Guichon.

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

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#### Next school year! 2025/2026 Port Guichon Calendar: 2025 2026 PG Calendar

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

Hello Delta School District families,

Delta School District International Programs is currently recruiting homestay families for international students coming to Delta School District for summer 2025 and September 2025. They arrive from all over the world and have a strong desire to be in Delta.

The reimbursement for hosting is \$1,150 per month. Multiple students from different nationalities can be hosted in one home. Most students in the homestay program are from Germany, Japan, Spain, Italy, and Brazil. Currently, more that 20 different countries are represented in the homestay program.

Many are looking for a family connection and being a part of a family during their stay in Delta. Their study periods range from 3 months to half a school year, to a full school year, to multiple years. There are also short-term summer programs where host parents welcome younger English learners into their home. It is a great way for students to see what school (and life) in Delta is like and for new homestay families to get a small sample of what hosting is like.

If you are interested in hosting, please reach out to homestay@godelta.ca. If you are not able to host but know of a family who can, please send them our way. There are referral bonuses available for referring families.

https://www.northdeltareporter.com/local-news/delta-international-student-programwins-excellence-award-8005401

https://pg.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/27/2025/06/Homestay-Poster-Sept-2025-with-Crest.pdf

Brent Gibson Homestay Manager - International Student Programs

City of Delta Programs and Summer Camps: Program & Camp Registration

Public Library Summer Reading Club: Summer Reading Club https://www.fvrl.bc.ca/summer-reading-club

Fraser Valley Library Offerings: https://fvrl.bibliocommons.com/locations/LD https://fvrl.bibliocommons.com/locations/SD

### **Summer Learning Opportunities 2025:**

https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/programs/continuing-education/summer-learning-registration/

#### Grades 1-7 Literacy & Numeracy Foundations

SESSION ONE DATE: July 7th – July 18th TIME: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm PLACE: McCloskey Elementary PLACE: Richardson Elementary PLACE: Ladner Elementary SESSION TWO DATE: July 21st – August 1 st TIME: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm PLACE: McCloskey Elementary PLACE: Richardson Elementary \* Students can register for <u>ONE</u> summer program only \* Students must have completed Kindergarten

- \* Students going into Grade 7 in September 2025, current Grade 7 students are not eligible
- \* Opportunity to improve writing, reading, vocabulary and discussion skills
- \* Full attendance required; on third absence, student will be withdrawn
- \* Parent will register student online (see link at beginning of message above)

**Registration Queries – Sheryl Bogart** sbogart@deltaschools.ca **Elementary Opportunities – Bryarley Gillis** bgillis@deltaschools.ca

#### Guidance for families on establishing healthy screen habits at home:

Children are exposed to more screens than ever before, including television, computers, gaming consoles, smartphones and tablets. While quality media may offer benefits for learning and exploration, too much screen time can reduce the time children/youth spend engaged in activities that support mental health and physical health. e.g. in-person conversations with friends and family, being active outside in the fresh air and natural light, and getting enough sleep. Please see the following for more information:

https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/children-and-youth/physical-activity-forchildren/screen-time-forchildren#:~:text=For%20children%20under%20two%20years,than%20two%20hours%20a%20d ay.\_\_

https://www.fraserhealth.ca/-/media/Project/FraserHealth/FraserHealth/Health-Topics/Children-and-Youth/FH-Screen-Time-Brochure-5-12---Final---28012025.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/<u>health</u>-topics-a-to-z/immunizations/children-and-youthimmunization

#### "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!

#### Important to remember:

#### Dear Families,

Please continue to partner with us in teaching and reminding your children that making threats, inappropriate or discriminatory comments or 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 very strong feelings among students, families and staff, and wastes valuable time and energy that may otherwise be focused on demonstrating kindness and building a sense of belonging and community.

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 partnership and ongoing support!

#### **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.

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

https://pg.deltasd.bc.ca/news-events/daily-announcements/hot-lunch/

Please contact <u>portguichonpac@gmail.com</u> if you have difficulty with the online ordering system.