Port Guichon Elementary
Week-at-a-Glance for Parents/Guardians
April 20 - Apr 24, 2026

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

Monday **April 20**	
Tuesday **April 21**	Class and Team Photos
Wednesday **April 22** **1:45 Dismissal every Wed.**	Make sure to check the Lost and Found.
Thursday **April 23**	
Friday **April 24**	

Upcoming Dates:

May 1	PAC Hot Lunch Boston Pizza
May 5	Regional Track Meet
May 6	Kite Day
May 14	District Track Meet
May 15	Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)

May 18	Victoria Day - Statutory Holiday
May 19	Immunization catch up day
May 20	Parent Appreciation Event
May 27	Kindergarten Open House
Jun 1-3	Grade 6/7 Camp
Jun 5	Spring Fair
Jun 12	Sports Day
Jun 19	Gr. 7 Year End Assembly
Jun 25	Last Day for Students
Jun 26	Schools Close/Administrative Day

Daily Schedule

Opening	8:40 am First Bell 8:45 am Second Bell
Recess	10:30 am - 10:45 am
Lunch	12:10 pm - 1:00 pm
Dismissal	3:00 pm Mon,Tues,Thurs,Fri 1:45 pm Wednesdays
Office Hours	8:15 am - 3:45 pm M,T,Thu,Fri 8:15 am - 2:45 pm Wednesdays

2025/2026 Port Guichon Calendar: 2025 2026 PG Calendar

A Word from your Principal

Hello Parents and Guardians,

We are entering into a season that generally includes field trips for some classes. I want to thank all the parents that come out to help us as parent drivers for the various classes. In some cases, we couldn't offer these rich experiences without your support. I know that last week our classes that went out to Blackie Spit at Crescent Beach had an amazing time. I hope everyone has a good week ahead.

Please remember to check out the PAC news and fundraising notices in the PAC section further down in this newsletter. PG Staff are so grateful to our generous PAC. PAC funds that are raised are going to so many important things in the school including offsetting field trip costs at every grade level, helping to cover the costs of school enhancements that the staff propose and help to cover the cost of a new school mural at the front of the school, which has been a dream and a hope from last year. A heartfelt thank you to all your generosity in supporting your school.

Our Grade 6 and Grade 7 parents have been putting on some very successful fundraisers that will help with the cost of the Grade 6 and 7 camp at the end of the year and also go towards some end of year events for the Grade 7s. Please see their latest fundraising initiatives further down in this newsletter.

Just a reminder that we want our students to get outside, get fresh air and be able to get some exercise and we have very few inside days. Please make sure that your child is dressed for the weather with regards to coats and footwear. There may be the occasional day when we will have an inside recess or lunch and that decision to keep students inside is carefully considered and can be based on many factors. There also could be some adapted behaviour expectations outside on the playground due to the weather conditions and the conditions of the school grounds, such as, out of bound areas, or avoiding slippery areas. **As we have been having lots of rainy days, that means lots of mud and puddles. Please make sure that your child has that extra set of clothes at school just in case!**

Our amazing staff do their best to navigate active play outside, but sometimes different groups of play can overlap and cause big feelings and arguments. Please continue to remind your children about playground and school behaviour expectations

that include being kind, respectful, keeping their hands and feet to self, and following the direction of our staff. I am excited that we continue to have more lunchtime groups and activities happening that many students are participating in. Please encourage your children to seek out an adult at lunch or recess, or talk to their teacher, if they are feeling big feelings about something on the playground at recess or at lunch. Please also remind your children that they must listen and be respectful to our lunchtime supervisors or any adults in the school when they are spoken to.

A reminder that we would like students to line up in the morning at their pod doors to wait for their teachers to come and let them into the school. Lining up in the back of the school by the pod door is an important part of the morning transition to school. Only if a child is late, are they to come in the front door where they must let Mrs. Ward know that they have arrived.

Once again this is a reminder that the District is committed to ensuring that no student of school age will be denied an educational program due to financial hardship and that charges will not be a barrier to student participation in school activities. At this time, we are requesting that families reach out to myself, Mrs. Callander, mcallander@deltaschools.ca, if you are in need of assistance with school supplies, fees or other school-related costs. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need in order to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

I hope you all have a wonderful week ahead.

Take care everyone,

Mrs. Maggie Callander, Principal, Port Guichon

A Word from your PAC:

@portguichonpac (Instagram), Port Guichon PAC (Facebook)

Reminder!!! Our last hot lunch is open for orders - Boston Pizza on May 1st.

PAC AGM will be held May 12th - if you are interested in running for our executive please email us at pacportguichon@gmail.com for more details.

COMING UP:

May 1st - Boston Pizza Hot Lunch
June 5 - Spring Fair
June - Sports Day - End of year, everything must go, Last call concession sale at Sports Day (variety of snack items, lunch is not provided)

PORT GUICHON
spring fair
SAVE THE DATE!
JUNE
5TH

Grade 6/7 Fundraising Parent Committee

A huge thank you to everyone who has been supporting our fundraising efforts for the Grade 6 and Grade 7s. Fundraising efforts go towards the Gr. 6/7 Camp and also the end of year events for the Grade 7s. There are two awesome fundraisers coming up!

a) Our next fundraiser is a gift card sale for Meridian meats supporting camp. Purchase and order online only. 30% of money sold goes towards camp for grade 6/7.

MERIDIAN FUNDRAISING sale ends May 1st

Here is the link for more information on *Meridian Fundraising.*

b) Our other exciting fundraiser is a **Friday FREEZIE SALES!**

Important Information & Other Notes:

NEW IMPORTANT INFO: **2026/27 Budget Recommendations**

Phase 1 of this year's budget public consultation process resulted in 167 online survey responses from parents/caregivers, students, staff, and community members on their budget priorities for the upcoming school year. Thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback. You can see a summary of the feedback, along with general information on where the school district's funding comes from and how it is spent here.

Following consideration of this feedback and the Ministry's funding announcement, the Delta Board of Education released the draft budget recommendations for 2026/27 on Thursday, April 16. The Delta Board of Education is now inviting you to provide feedback on these via a short online survey or by sending an email to budget@deltaschools.ca before noon on Monday, April 20. This will enable your feedback to be shared with the board prior to the Special Public Board Meeting for Budget Input on April 21.

Alternatively, if you would like to share your thoughts in person, you are welcome to attend the meeting on Tuesday, April 21 at the School Board Office, 4585 Harvest Drive, Ladner. The meeting will follow the Regular Board Meeting and is expected to begin at approximately 7:30 p.m. To sign up to speak at the Special Public Board Meeting, please email kaquino@deltaschools.ca by 5 p.m. on Monday, April 20.

Kindergarten Information:

If your child was born in 2021 they are eligible to attend Kindergarten in September.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:
www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/student-registration/kindergarten/

1) Behaviour Expections

Safe and Inclusive Behaviour

Please teach and remind 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. Our goal is to be a school that demonstrates kindness and fosters a sense of belonging and community for all. 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!

Road Safety Around Schools:

We are urging all parents and drivers to please slow down and follow posted signs in school zones. To ensure the safety of all when traffic is busy, please use the designated areas when dropping off or picking up your child. Please also use extreme caution at the nearby crosswalks. Let's keep students safe on their way to and from school. Delta Police School Liaison Officers and Delta Bylaw Inspectors will be working together over the coming months to increase enforcement and education at all Delta School zones.

Tardiness/attendance:

As we start the school year, we want to reinforce all of the good habits that help build success at school. Being present, on time and ready to learn are key elements for learning. Please work with your child to ensure they arrive at school with time to settle and be ready to start as the school day begins. Arriving late can cause stress while also disrupting the day for both your child and other students. Thank you for your support!

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.

Restricting Cellphone usage in elementary schools:

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

"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.

2) Resources

Feelings First

Feelings First is a new provincial initiative focused on strengthening the social and emotional health of young children—recognizing that it's just as important as physical health. A child's ability to express emotions, manage stress, build friendships, and connect with the world through stories, conversations, and play all stem from these early foundations. As part of this initiative, free, self-paced e-learning modules have been launched for early years professionals, educators, parents, and caregivers. The modules explore social and emotional development from birth to age five and include short videos, real-world examples, practical strategies and insights from child health experts. For more information, visit https://www.feelingsfirst.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:

Fraser Health Screen Time for Children
Fraser Health Healthy Screen Use

FamilySmart Events:

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

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.
  https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/dental/dental-care-plan.html

Fraser Health Information/FAQ:

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