



Pinewood Elementary School

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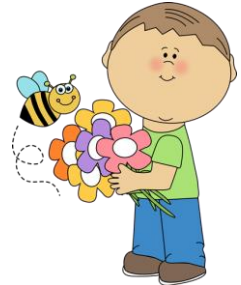
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy Spring! I hope the influence of Winter is behind us and I look forward to seeing more signs of spring. A main school focus at the start of spring is to begin planning for the next school year both in terms of student enrollment and staffing. To help plan properly, I would like to ask families to inform the school as early as possible if your child will not be returning to Pinewood Elementary in September 2017. It is important that our enrollment numbers be as accurate as possible at each grade level so that staffing can meet the needs of our school population and we can have the smoothest possible school opening in September. If you will be leaving our community, notifications of your plans in writing would be appreciated. Also, if you have neighbours moving into our catchment area, encourage them to register **before June 2, 2017** to ensure attendance at Pinewood Elementary in the fall.



Thank you.
Mr. J. Hope

Happy Spring!

SCHOOL INFO & REMINDERS

DRESS GUIDELINES



It is important that students factor weather into their decisions about what to wear to school. We are still in a rainy stretch of weather so students are reminded to wear coats and boots. It is also a good idea for all students to have a change of clothes in their backpacks in case they happen to get wet or slip. When the weather starts to improve, we remind our students of the appropriate dress code at Pinewood Elementary. Our school code of conduct states that dress should be suitable for the

environment by being age-appropriate, clean, and respectful. A general guideline includes:

- the length of shorts should be at or longer than the length of the arms placed to the side
- undergarments should not be in view
- tank top straps need to be no less than three fingers wide
- no beach-style footwear for safety
- no rude or offensive slogans or images on clothing

We thank you for supporting our dress code and assisting staff in maintaining a focus on learning.

ENTRY AND EXIT DOORS

Safe and efficient entry and exit from the school for students is important for the building to run smoothly. After observing the procedures in place, it was decided crowds could be reduced and students could gain entry to the building more efficiently by taking advantage of the direct access doors to many of our classrooms. For Kindergarten students and students in Divisions 001, 002, 003, 005, and 007, there is no change to routines. Students in Divisions 004, 006, 008, 009, and 010 have transitioned over to using their classroom doors before school, at recess and lunch, and after school. We encourage people to set a meeting point with their child if necessary at the back of the school; however if you are meeting your child at the classroom please leave sufficient room around doorways for people to pass. Although this procedure will make some of the teachers more visible after school, we ask that parents and guardians continue to schedule times in advance to speak with teachers about a student.

DAYCARE SPACE

We have been informed that Delta Parks and Recreation is now offering a before- and after-school care program for kids at the Pinewood Leisure Centre which is attached to our school. The program is called Awesome Afterschool and is a licensed care program that promotes a screen-free environment. If you are interested in the programs they have to offer, please contact Kelly Wilson, Delta Parks and Recreation Program Coordinator at kwilson@delta.ca or at 604-952-3054.

TRACK & FIELD SEASON

Track season has arrived! Students in grades 4–7 will soon begin to train for the **Regional Track Meet**, which will be held on **Wednesday, May 10**. There is a follow-up district track meet at South Delta Secondary on **Thursday, May 18**. We encourage all eligible students to try out for events as part of a regular exercise program to promote healthy living. Students will be exposed to the various events in their PE classes and then will have the option to sign up for extra-curricular practices. Events include long distance running, sprints, team relays, softball throw, shotput, and long jump. Attendance, attitude, and effort at the practices will be considered in conjunction with student preference to determine placement in events for the meet. Students will be informed of practice times through the morning announcements and will write the days and times in their planners. They will need to come prepared with the correct footwear and clothing to participate in practices.



Only the students who practice regularly and show a positive attitude will be assigned spots on the track team and will represent the school at the meet. As the time for the track meet gets nearer, we will send home permission slips and put the call out for parent volunteer drivers to help get participating students to and from the track meet. Arrangements will be made for students who remain at the school on track meet days.

MATH CELEBRATION

This year we are participating in the Math Celebration on **Wednesday, April 19** at Richardson Elementary. It involves teams of grade 4/5 students and 6/7 students who work with a sponsor teacher to solve various math problems. Each school is also responsible for sending adults, often parent drivers, to act as Judges during the event. More detailed information will come home with the students involved in the activity.



LIBRARY NEWS

Mrs. Tabb has provided an opportunity for our students to participate in the Reading Link Challenge where they read assigned books and answer questions as a team. Schools then select the team that can answer the most questions about the books to represent them at the finals against other schools. We are pleased to announce that the members of team The Order of the Phoenix, including Agastya, Lauryn, Sahil, Rabani, Katherine, and Areeba, will be representing Pinewood on **Wednesday, April 12** at 9:00am at Devon Gardens Elementary. Good luck to you all!

STARTING WITH STORIES



Children starting Kindergarten in September, 2017 and their parents are invited to join us at Pinewood to find out how to get a positive start in school. Children will meet with our Kindergarten teachers and parents will meet in another room with a guest speaker. The sessions run from 1:30-2:30 on **Tuesday, May 16, 23, and 30**. **May 30 will also be our Kindergarten Open House**. You will also be receiving an invitation by e-mail if you have a child starting Kindergarten in the fall. Please RSVP to 604-590-3357 or email mvancamp@deltasd.bc.ca Thank you!

PAC NEWS

PAC MEETING

PAC meeting will be **Tuesday, April 18** at 6:30 in the Library. Babysitting will be provided. This is a terrific group of parents who work hard to support school activities. In addition, they are a nice group of people to get to know! Please join us, even if you have never been to a PAC meeting before!

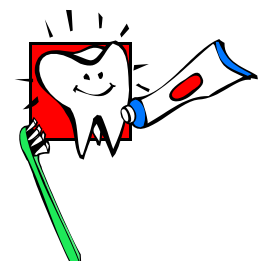


MESSAGES FROM YOUR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

April is Dental Health Month

How can I keep my child's teeth healthy?

- ◆ Brush thoroughly at least twice a day
- ◆ Floss daily
- ◆ Use a fluoride toothpaste
- ◆ Use a pea-sized dab of toothpaste
- ◆ Choose healthy and nutritious snacks
- ◆ Avoid high sugar foods and drinks
- ◆ Avoid sticky sweet foods like taffy and suckers
- ◆ Visit your dentist at least once every year



After-Dinner Physical Activity

Post-dinner physical activity not only feels good, but it is a great way to spend time with your family. Make it a regular part of your routine:

- Go for a bike ride or a walk.
- Hold a family bocce, badminton, basketball, cricket, tag, or mini-golf competition.
- Find disc (Frisbee) golf courses in your area online. Take a walk around your local course trying to hit the poles.
- Play in the snow – build a snowman or a snow fort.
- Play in the local playground.
- Throw a football, rugby ball or baseball, or kick a soccer ball



CALENDAR REMINDERS

Thursday, March 30	- Div. 007/008/009/010 – Kids Can Move – 1:00-3:00
Friday, March 31	- Hot Lunch
Wednesday, April 5	- Div. 007/008/009/010 – Kids Can Move – 1:00-3:00
Thursday, April 6	- Div. 007/008/009/010 – Kids Can Move – 1:00-3:00 - Seaquam Parent Info Night – 6:30 – Theatre
Friday, April 7	- Assembly – 10:45 - Hot Lunch
Wednesday, April 12	- Div. 004 – Surrey Nature Centre – 8:45-12:00 - Reading Link Challenge – 8:30-11:00 – Devon Gardens
Friday, April 14	- Good Friday – No School
Sunday, April 16	- ND Lions Club 49 th Annual Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 1-11 years – Sunbury Park – 2:00
Monday, April 17	- Easter Monday – No School
Tuesday, April 18	- Div. 006 – Surrey Museum – 10:00-11:30 - PAC Mtg. – 6:30 – Library – Babysitting provided.
Wednesday, April 19	- Math Celebration at Richardson
Friday, April 21	- Hot Lunch
Tuesday, April 25	- Div. 001/002/003 – ANNIE at Seaquam – 12:15-2:30
Thursday, April 27	- Gr. 7 Trade & Career Fair at Sungod – Time TBA
Friday, April 28	- TENTATIVE – Practice Emergency Release to Parents
Monday, May 1	- ArtStarts Pres'n at PW – "Flying Bob" – 9:15 - Gr. 7 Parent Info Mtg. re Camp Summit – 6:00
Tuesday, May 2	- Div. 004 – Britannia Mines Museum – 9:00-3:00
Friday, May 5	- Hot Lunch - Pinewood PAC sponsored Fun Night! More details to come
Wednesday, May 10	- Regional Track Meet – North Delta Secondary – Parent Drivers Needed!
Friday, May 12	- RAIN DATE for Regional Track Meet

