



Pinewood Elementary School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

With this being the last week of school, I would like to congratulate all of our students for their accomplishments over the past ten months. It is clear to me that all of our students have made great gains. I would also like to thank our parent community for the support you have provided us in making these gains possible. The collaborative and positive support you provide to all of us here at the school is greatly appreciated and helps make Pinewood Elementary the wonderful school that it is.

Summer can be a very fun time of year for kids, but there may be a few who are worried about what next school year will bring in terms of teachers, classes, and friendships. If your child is feeling that way, reassure him or her that this year's teachers have put a lot of time and thought into where each child will be placed next year, and no matter where they end up, they will be in a school with caring teachers and excellent support staff. Reassure them that change is good and is an opportunity to learn new things, meet new people, and have new experiences.

On behalf of the staff at Pinewood Elementary, we wish everyone a safe, happy, and restful summer, and we look forward to hearing all the stories of summer adventures when students return in September.

Mr. J. Hope

STAFF AND STUDENT FAREWELLS

Because teamwork is so important at Pinewood Elementary, we are reluctant to have to say good-bye to some valuable members of our staff. Mrs. Narwan, Ms. Mackay, Mrs. Soderling, Mrs. Szeto, Ms. Meyer, Mrs. Mok, Ms. de Castro, and Mrs. Lee will be moving to new positions. I want to thank these staff members for their special contributions to our school and wish them well in their new endeavours. After many years of teaching in Delta, Mrs. Tabb is retiring. I know you will all join me in thanking her for the outstanding contributions she has provided to the students of Pinewood Elementary. We wish her the best in her retirement years. Congratulations!



We also have to bid farewell to our Grade Seven students as they move on to the challenge and opportunities of high school. We appreciate all they have contributed to our school community and know they will continue to excel in the future. We celebrated this milestone on Friday with our annual Grade 7 Celebration. Thank you to all the parents who have helped in the planning.

For those families who are leaving us at the end of June, we wish you well in your new communities and schools. For those families who are remaining at Pinewood Elementary, we would request your help in encouraging any new neighbours to register their children during the week of August 28. This will help us with our planning for the school year and ensure a smooth start up for September. Please remember that any **concerns regarding placement of students should have been received in writing by May 31.** Such requests can no longer be accommodated.

SCHOOL INFO & REMINDERS

REPORT CARDS AND DISMISSAL ON THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



Third term report cards will be sent home with students on the last day of school (Thursday, June 29). You can provide the office with a stamped, self-addressed envelope if you would like them to mail your child's report card. Any report cards not picked up or mailed out will be held at the school office until September. **Please note that on the last day of school (Thursday, June 29), all students will be dismissed at 10:30 am.**

SEPTEMBER 2017 START UP

School will re-open on Tuesday, September 5 2017. Because of the uncertain nature of enrollment for September, students will remain in their current class groups and return to their current teacher for the first few days. This will give students and teachers an opportunity to reconnect with their classmates and teachers. We will arrange the new classes as quickly as possible once our enrollment has been determined.



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

Kindergarten: All incoming K students attend from 9:45 – 10:30 only.

Incoming Gr. 1: 8:52 am: Go to last year's Kindergarten class to re-connect with their last year's teacher. After 30 minutes they will move as a class to a different classroom as our Kindergarten rooms will be used for incoming Kindergarten students

Incoming Gr. 2-7: 8:52 am: Go to last year's teacher for the morning's instruction and the important task of determining our enrollment.

New students to Pinewood in Grades 1-7 will report to the office before joining peers.

DISMISSAL TIME IS 12:00 NOON

THERE WILL BE NO AFTERNOON CLASSES



All school supplies will be required on the first day that children *are moved to their permanent classroom* – hopefully by the end of the first week. Students can bring a pen, pencil, and some paper for the first day or two. **Please label all of your child's belongings with their name, including clothing and footwear** (unless otherwise instructed by the teacher not to do so). It will be very important to label all of your child's clothing so that we are able to identify who it belongs to before it ends up in the Lost and Found. If your child has ordered Pharmasave school supplies they will be delivered the last week of August and distributed when students move to their new classrooms.

SECOND DAY OF SCHOOL: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

Kindergarten: Follow the schedule given to you in June re what hours you will attend each day.

Grades 1 - 7: We resume our normal schedule with our bell schedule as follows:

8:52 am	First bell - students move to class
8:57 - 10:25	Instructional period
10:25 - 10:40	Recess
10:40 - 12:05	Instructional period
12:05 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 3:00	Instructional period
3:00 pm	Dismissal



STAFF CHANGES FOR SEPTEMBER

Mrs. J. Sidhu	- Primary Teacher
Mrs. J. Li	- Primary Teacher
TBA	- Intermediate Teacher
Ms. Alyson Quan	- Kindergarten Teacher
Ms. Gage Grant	- Teacher-Librarian

WELCOME

ABSENTEES AT THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER



So that opening day enrollment figures reflect student attendance as accurately as possible, please leave a message on the school answering machine or send a note with a neighbour or friend if your child will be missing the first day or two of school in September

KEEP READING THIS SUMMER

If there is one thing I would strongly encourage all parents to do this summer, it would be to ensure that your child continues to read. Students who read over the summer maintain or improve their reading skills and ability. Students don't tend to 'lose' a month or two relative to their spring reading achievement scores. Research indicates that much of the 'achievement gap' noticed in students is a combination of the 'gap from the start' and subsequent, cumulative 'summer learning gaps'. Why not enroll your child in this summer's reading club at George Mackie Library? Be part of a strong group of students who participate in the program that offers special programs, contests and activities.



PAC NEWS



On behalf of the staff and students at Pinewood Elementary I would like to thank the entire Pinewood PAC for their hard work and dedication to the students at Pinewood. You have provided the children with all kinds of extras, field trip experiences, and fabulous special lunches to name just a few. We appreciate your ongoing support and genuine interest in keeping Pinewood a great school. Thank you!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SUNSATONAL SUMMER CAMPS AVAILABLE

Our 7-week summer camps are offered to elementary school students through the summer from 9:00-3:00. Campers will be supervised by qualified leaders and volunteers.

Consisting of weekly themes, campers will be able to go on a Fitness Frenzy and see Under the Sea creatures with our major weekly outings that include Playland, the Aquarium, Castle Fun Park, the Air Park, Water mania, and much more. Furthermore, through smaller excursions they will be given the opportunity to explore and engage with their community. Base Camps will be at Gray, Chalmers, Hellings, and Jarvis Elementary Schools. On days when campers are not spending the day out exploring the Lower Mainland, they will be at the school participating in various crafts, games, and activities. Our themes include Blast Off to Summer, Under the Sea, Sensational Science, Fitness Frenzy, Furry Friends, Dungeons & Dragons, and Splashtastic Finale.



For more info stop by the Pinewood office to pick up a registration form or contact the coordinators at cspdelta@gmail.com

