



Pinewood Elementary School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Pinewood Families:

With Spring Break almost upon us, I'd like to take a moment and say CONGRATULATIONS to all of our students for an outstanding second term. Listening to the conversations of staff and students it is very clear to me that a lot of learning and personal achievement has happened for our students. While the kids look forward to some down time during the break it is important to find as many opportunities as possible to practice the many skills they have learned over the term. This may include reading books, magazines, comics or anything else of interest. Whether you're travelling or having a 'staycation', look for opportunities to work math skills into your conversations with your children. This might be as simple as counting the red cars passed on the road or more complex like calculating the tax or tip on a restaurant bill. If time permits, spend some time with your child thinking about and setting some personal and academic goals for what they would like to achieve in Term Three.



At this time, I would also like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone in our community who contributed to making Term Two the success it was. On behalf of everyone here at Pinewood Elementary, I wish all of our families a very restful and enjoyable Spring Break from March 13-26!

Mr. J. Hope
Principal

SCHOOL INFO & REMINDERS

Registration for 2017-2018

Our school's Kindergarten registration for September 2017 opened on February 15. Please encourage neighbours who have not yet signed up to come to the school as soon as possible to register. The best way to avoid disappointment is to sign up early. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, for new students in **Grades 1-7 who do not reside in the Pinewood Elementary catchment area, Friday, March 3** is the deadline for applying for admission for September 2017. For **new students in Grades 1-7 who reside in the Pinewood Elementary catchment area, Friday, June 2** is the deadline for admission for September 2017. Registrations after these dates can be considered, but acceptance is subject to available space. Once again, the best way to avoid disappointment and to receive priority in your category is to honor the deadlines. **Students already registered at Pinewood Elementary do not need to re-apply as they are already counted in our school's numbers.**



Term Two Report Cards

Report Cards will be sent home with students on **Thursday, March 9**. Please keep all the inserts and return the envelope to the school with a parent signature. Take some time to read the report card together with your child. Celebrate your child's successes! Ask what he/she thinks is his/her best achievement this term, what he/she is most proud of, or what he/she enjoyed the most. Every child not only learns academic concepts, but also learns, practices, and reviews life skills every day. Ask your child which area he/she would like to make an improvement in and together develop a plan to reach that goal. Don't forget to look at the Work Habits section of the report card too. Effort and good work habits are strong indicators of student success and progress. While not every student achieves straight A's, there is no reason why every student couldn't achieve straight G's. Always encourage your child to strive to achieve his/her personal best!



Morning Arrival at School

At the school we recognize that occasionally it can be difficult to get out the door and to school on time. We ask that families make every effort to arrive a few minutes before the first bell at 8:52am. Arriving early allows for a calm start to a child's day helping them focus on their learning and removing any anxiety about missing the start of the day routines. All students are required to enter and exit through their assigned doorways to avoid congestion and noise at the office which is often busy with phone calls and other inquiries. If students arrive after the second bell at 8:57, then they can enter the front door of the school, check in, and get a late slip at the office. Students arriving on time will be redirected from the front door to the appropriate doors in the morning

in order to keep the office accessible for staff and visitors signing in at the school. We thank everyone in advance for their cooperation and understanding.

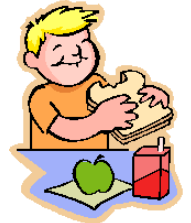
School Security

ALL VISITORS
PLEASE
CHECK IN AT
FRONT OFFICE

Thank you for observing the signs posted on various doors reminding parents and visitors to enter the school during school hours only via the front door and only after signing in at the office for a visitor badge. It is imperative to school security that we know who is in the hallway during regular school hours. We also ask you to check in for assistance at the office as unplanned visitors to classrooms during instructional time can be very disruptive to students' learning. In addition, in the event of an emergency like fire or earthquake, we need to be able to account for everyone in the building. If you are dropping off lunches, please leave them on the "Lunch Table" in the front hallway and ensure they are labeled with your child's name/division. Thank you for your understanding.

Lunch Time Expectations

In the interest of student safety, it is expected that students will eat their lunches at school. If there is need or it is usual practice for a child to go home for lunch, a note must be given to the classroom teacher explaining the arrangements. Students must also sign in and out at the office for the lunch hour. Students are not permitted to go to another student's house for lunch without a signed and dated note from each set of parents involved for a specific day only. If a child forgets a lunch at home, we ask that the lunch be labeled with the child's name and left on the lunch table for students to pick up. If a lunch is not claimed, the student will be called to the office. We ask that caregivers not remain in the entrance hall after dropping off lunches as it can create congestion and noise in the hall which can interfere with the functioning of the school. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.



Sports

BASKETBALL: The basketball season is coming to a close. Many thanks to our volunteers, Coach Howard, Coach Scott and Mehtaab who have helped coach our teams and referee our games. We truly appreciate all time and expertise they have shared with our students. Also a special thank you to those staff members for supporting our teams: Mrs. Bains, Mrs. Warnock, and Mr. Hope. The wrap-up tournament at Seaquam is on March 8.



Hoop Shoot Finals

Congratulations to all the students who will represent Pinewood in this year's Delta School District Hoop Shoot Contest! The following students will be at the North Delta zone finals on Thursday, March 9th at Seaquam.

Grade 7 Girls: **Teya, Shaunti, Sierra**

Grade 7 Boys: **Owen, Agam, Aiden H.**

Grade 6 Girls: **Nitya, Laren, Jaime**

Grade 6 Boys: **Jordan, Sam, Cam**

Grade 5 Girls: **Jayla, Rabami, Renate**

Grade 5 Boys: **Faaris, Nick, Govind**



Track & Field



After Spring Break, we will be turning our attention to the Track and Field season. Students in Grade 4 -7 will be exposed to many individual and team running events for both short and long distances as well as 2 field events, shotput/softball throw and long jump. We encourage as many students as possible to join up when practices start in the spring. More information will come out as it is made available. The track meet for our area of North Delta is on May 10 and the district track meet is May 18.

Will Your Child be Attending Seaquam next year?

The school board office is asking us to notify them of any grade 7 students who will not be attending Seaquam Secondary School in September 2017. If possible, they would like this information prior to the Grade 8 counsellors meeting with the students. If you know that your grade 7 child does not plan on attending Seaquam, could you please email the school office at mvancamp@deltasd.bc.ca. Thank you.



Student Recognition

The new BC Curriculum is bringing about changes in how and what is taught to students as well as how they are assessed. The focus on development of competencies rather than mastery of content has led us to re-evaluate how student achievement is acknowledged. The Pinewood staff feel it is important to recognize the contributions of students to the school and their community and we will continue to bring attention to accomplishments through public announcements or assembly recognition. However, the traditional certificates with 'Winit' stickers will no longer be issued to students, but that will not limit their opportunities to prove themselves to be successful learners, school leaders, and positive citizens.

PAC MEETING

Our next PAC meeting will be Tuesday, April 18th, 2017 at 6:30 pm 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!



SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION



Academy Programs

Academy programs offered at various secondary schools in Delta are open to all Delta School District students. Bell schedules at each secondary school are similar, making it possible for students to move between schools at lunchtime to participate in a program at another school

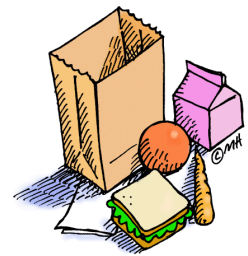
These programs are offered within the school timetable and complement the various elective courses offered at each secondary school. Professional coaches and instructors, along with passionate teachers, combine to make these programs engaging and inspiring choices for students!

For more information, please visit the Academy website at www.deltaacademies.ca or call 604-952-5374.

MESSAGES FROM YOUR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Meals Away From Home

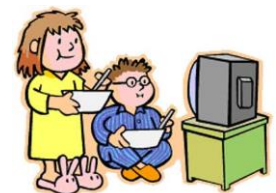
It may seem like your child is eating meals away from home as often as they are eating at home – with snacks and lunch at school, birthday parties and sleepovers, and recreation or sporting events. It's important that your children know how to make the same healthy choices outside the home as they would in the home. Setting a good example at home can help.



- Offer your children new and interesting foods at home so that if they are eating out, they are more likely to find something that appeals to them.
- If your family enjoys them, offer birthday cake, ice cream, cookies and other desserts. Don't overdo it with these foods. Balance them with healthy choices.
- Many children are fast-food fans. While they enjoy their burgers, set limits on fries and pop when eating out. Some fast-food restaurants now offer milk, 100% juice or water at no extra charge as a substitute for pop in a fast-food meal.
- If you love burgers, remember that often the simplest, least expensive one on the menu is healthier than the double-decker, cheese and heavy-sauce-smothered advertised special.
- Subs, wraps or pitas can be healthy alternatives when they include whole grain breads and vegetables.

Watching T.V. Can Affect Your Health

Television can influence how we see the world and the choices that our children make. Some studies have shown a link to obesity. Clearly television affects our lives but we need it to be a positive effect.



- Try limiting TV watching to only certain programs (ones that you and your child have agreed upon).
- Watch shows with your children and talk about the content of the show. Point out the differences between what's real and what's not.
- Keep your TV somewhere less convenient so that it is turned on only when someone wants to watch a special show.
- Take "TV Vacations" and put the television away for a week or two. The first few days may be a struggle but children can be very creative when finding other things to do!

CALENDAR REMINDERS

Wednesday, March 1	- Div. 006/008/011/012 to Vancouver Symphony Orchestra – 10:45-2:00
Thursday, March 2	- Div. 009/010 – Space Centre – 9:00-3:00 - Div. 005/006/007/008– Kids Can Move – 1:00-3:00
Friday, March 3	- Hot Lunch
Tuesday, March 7	- Class/Team/Grade 7/Staff Photo – 9:15 - MP Rm or outside
Wednesday, March 8	- ArtStarts Program – “Canada vs. The World – Speed Control” – 1:45-3:00 - Basketball Tournament – 3:30-7:00 – Seaquam Sec.
Thursday, March 9	- Term 2 Report Cards Sent Home - Div. 007/008/009/010 – Kids Can Move – 1:00-3:00 - Hoopshoot Competition – 3:45-5:45 – Seaquam Sec.
Sunday, March 12	- Daylight Savings Time – Move Clocks AHEAD 1 Hour
Monday, March 13 – Friday, March 24	- Spring Break
Monday, March 27	- School Re-Opens
Thursday, March 30	- Div. 007/008/009/010 – Kids Can Move – 1:00-3:00
Friday, March 31	- Hot Lunch
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
Friday, April 14	- Good Friday – No School
Monday, April 17	- Easter Monday – No School

