



Pinewood Elementary School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Pinewood Families:

I am thoroughly enjoying being part of the Pinewood Community. I have been warmly welcomed by everyone I have met and people have been very patient as I learn all about our school and how it works. I have appreciated meeting with parents on the playground and at the school office. I encourage anyone who needs to discuss any questions or concerns or just wants to meet the new principal to please make an appointment with Ms. Van Camp at the office and I would be happy to chat.

There are a few changes we are making to communication channels with the intention of simplifying how information is communicated between home and school. We are replacing the blog with this monthly newsletter which will be housed on our school website with an email going home when it is posted. The website will also be rearranged to have easier access to the school calendar and Twitter feed which is now @PinewoodDelta. If you don't already have Twitter or are following the old feed, it is a good way to get some reminders and see events happening in the school. I know as a parent that notices for field trips or other important events often get buried in the depths of kids' backpacks. To help with this scenario, we will be sending the vast majority of communications home on Wednesdays so students will know to pass on information and parents will know to ask for it. There may be some occasional exceptions to this when we need to communicate about emergent situations.



Overviews for Term 2 should have already come home outlining the areas of study your child will focus on in their classrooms. If you have any questions about the previews, please contact your child's teacher for clarification. I know the teachers have great learning activities planned for this term and I can't wait to see the students engaged in their learning.

Mr. J. Hope

SCHOOL INFO & REMINDERS

BOOK FAIR NEWS – January 31, February 1 and 2 – 8:30-3:30

Our Schoolastic Book Fair is coming up on Tuesday, January 31, Wednesday, February 1, and Thursday, February 2 from 8:30 to 3:30 in the Library. All purchases made will benefit our school.

READY, SET, LEARN – Tuesday, February 7, 2017 – 1:30 pm



Studies suggest that children who have their own books and are read to by their families get off to a flying start as learners. The Province's **Ready, Set, Learn** initiative recognizes that families need positive connections with the school system and community agencies that provide relevant resources and information. The Ministries of Education, Children/Family Development, and Health provide resources to support

Ready, Set, Learn events in schools. Families and children born in 2012, 2013, or 2014 who attend receive:

- An age-appropriate book for the child
- Additional information from community agencies
- Helpful tips for supporting their preschooler's learning and development

Please read this book with your child and talk about the illustrations. Give your child the gift of reading and have fun spending time together. Pinewood Elementary is hosting its Ready, Set, Learn session on **Tuesday, February 7 - 1:30-2:30 pm**. Please help us inform all parents living near Pinewood. You can register your child by calling the school office at 604-590-3357.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION – Wednesday, February 15 – 9:30-12:00

Please note Kindergarten Registration for Pinewood Elementary School will take place on **Wednesday, February 15, 2017 from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm.** The following documents **must be provided when registering** and are required before the student can start at school:



1. Child's Birth Certificate (**registration will not be accepted until proof of birth is received**)
2. Proof of residency (municipal bill or copy of purchase/rental agreement - we **cannot accept** hydro/telephone bills etc. or driver's licence)
3. Proof of citizenship for both the parent and the student (Canadian birth certificate, citizenship card, passport, landed immigrant document, permanent resident card)
4. Immunization record, care card, medical and emergency contact information.

The Ministry is extremely strict about registering students without proper documentation. Although we can hold the registration, we cannot accept it until a copy of the birth certificate is provided. Please ensure that you bring the original birth certificate and all proper documentation to the registration.

REPORT CARD ENVELOPES

If you have not yet returned your child's Term 1 report card envelope, please sign and return it to the school as soon as possible. The report card and all inserts are yours to keep.



BUILDING 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.

SPORTS

BASKETBALL: Our basketball season is underway. Many thanks to our volunteers who have offered to help coach our teams. Our 6/7 Girls' team is being coached by Mr. Tsumura and our 6/7 Boys' team is coached by Mr. Hope, Mr. Hill, and Mehtaab, a Seaquam student. We truly appreciate all time and expertise they will share with our students. Games are played on Tuesdays after school and we encourage spectators to come out and cheer on our Pinewood Panthers!



If you have children interested in learning basketball outside the school, the YMCA/Steve Nash Youth Basketball *Spring* League is available to kids in Grades 2-9 on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings. Please contact the program at 604-631-5525 for inquiries or to register.

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 by mid-February, prior to the grade 8 counselors 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 mvincamp@deltasd.bc.ca. Thank you.

INFORMATION MEETING AT SEAQUAM – Thursday, April 6 – 6:30 pm

Grade 7 parents are invited to Seaquam Secondary School Thursday, April 6 at 6:30 pm in the Theatre. You will see how the secondary course selection works and meet the Principal, Mr. Alex Watson, and the School Counselor. Please contact Seaquam for further information



PAC MEETING – Tuesday, February 21 – 6:30 pm



Our next PAC meeting will be Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30 pm. Babysitting will be provided. The Executive 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! Every parent who has a child at Pinewood is part of the PAC! Please join us, even if you have never been to a PAC meeting before! Help make Pinewood Elementary a great place for our students.

MESSAGES FROM YOUR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE



Flu Season Is Upon Us



What can parents do?

1. Arrange for your family to have an annual flu shot if your child has a chronic health condition (call the Health Unit for more information).
2. Prevent illness by maintaining good health habits...frequent hand washing, eat a variety of foods, exercise and get enough sleep.
3. Recognize flu symptoms—stuffy nose, cough, sore chest, fever, chills, muscle and joint pains. Vomiting and diarrhea are not usual symptoms of Influenza but may be seen in young children.
4. Keep your child at home away from others and treat the symptoms with bed rest, plenty of fluids and acetaminophen (i.e. Tylenol) for fever and aches.
5. Call you doctor if your child has a rash, high fever, ear ache, severe vomiting and/or diarrhea.
6. When calling the school please inform them of the symptoms your child is experiencing.

If the school finds it necessary to send your child home because of illness, please make sure you have made alternate arrangements when you are not available. Inform the school of these arrangements.

Heart Health

Establishing a heart healthy lifestyle early on can help keep the risk of heart disease low. The three key aspects to heart health are:

- eating a balanced and varied range of healthy foods
- living a physically active life
- living smoke free

Healthy eating means a diet comprised of vegetables and fruits, whole grains, lower fat milk and milk alternatives as well as smaller, leaner portions of meats, poultry and vegetarian protein sources such as beans, lentils and tofu. Heart healthy fats should also be eaten; these fats are found in fish, nuts, seeds, avocados, and vegetables oils.

Our heart is a muscle and just like other muscles, it needs extra work on a regular basis to keep it strong. Physical activity exercises the heart and all of us, our children included! Canada's Guide to Physical activity recommends that activities for children and youth add up to 90 minutes every day.

Healthy Heart



Healthy You

CALENDAR REMINDERS



Tuesday, January 31, Wednesday, February 1, and Thursday, February 2	- Scholastic Book Fair in the Library
Wednesday, February 1, 8, 15	- Gr. 6 – Skiing at Cypress Mountain
Wed. Feb. 1, Thurs. Feb. 2, Fri. Feb. 3, Tues. Feb. 14, Wed. Feb. 15, Thurs. Feb. 16, and Fri. Feb.17	- “Young Actors Workshops” – THANK YOU to our PAC for funding the cost of these terrific workshops!
Monday, February 6	- Non-Catchment / Non-District Application Forms accepted starting at 8:30 am at the Office for children who do NOT live in the Pinewood catchment area.
Tuesday, February 7	- Ready, Set, Learn for children born in <u>2012, 2013, and 2014</u> – please pre-register at the office – 604-590-3357 - Gr. 6/7 Girls Basketball Game at PW - Gr. 6/7 Boys Basketball Game at Heath
Friday, February 10	- Author Visit – Holman Wang - Hot Lunch
Monday, February 13	- Family Day – no school!
Tuesday, February 14	- Gr. 6/7 Girls Basketball Game at Chalmers - Gr. 6/7 Boys Basketball Game at PW
Wednesday, February 15	- Kindergarten Registration – 9:30-12:00 for children born in 2012
Friday, February 17	- Hot Lunch
Tuesday, February 21	- Gr. 6/7 Girls Basketball Game at PW - Gr. 6/7 Boys Basketball Game at Jarvis - PAC Meeting – 6:30
Wednesday, February 22	- 2:00 Dismissal - Student-Led Conferences – 2:15-5:45
Thursday, February 23	- 2:00 Dismissal - Student-Led Conferences – 2:15-3:45
Friday, February 24	- Non-Instructional Day
Wednesday, March 1	- Div. 006, 008, 011, 012 to Vancouver Symphony Orchestra – 10:45-2:00
Thursday, March 2, 9, 30, and April 6	- Div. 007, 008, 009, 010 – Kids Can Move – 1:00-3:00
Friday, March 3	- Hot Lunch
Wednesday, March 8	- ArtStarts Program – “Canada vs. The World – Speed Control” – 1:45-3:00
Thursday, March 9	- Term 2 Report Cards Sent Home
Monday, March 13 – Friday, March 24	- Spring Break
Monday, March 27	- School Re-Opens

