



Pinewood Elementary School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Pinewood Families:

I hope everyone in the Pinewood community has a wonderful holiday and that 2018 is the best year yet! While Term Two is short, it always is action packed and filled with wonderful learning opportunities for our students. I hope you are as excited as I am about the learning adventure that lies ahead. Based on how well our students did in Term One, I'm confident that this term will be outstanding.

Mr. J. Hope
Principal



SCHOOL INFO & REMINDERS

Christmas Concert Review



Congratulations (and a BIG thank you!) to our students and staff who worked so hard to put together the wonderful concerts we enjoyed on December 20. We sincerely hope that those who attended the concerts enjoyed the songs and performances put on by all our students. It was a great way to put everyone in the holiday spirit.

French Immersion Applications for the 2018-2019 School Year



Are you, or is someone you know, interested in finding out more about the French Immersion Programs in Delta? Applications for the French Program will be available starting **Monday, January 8, 2018.**

Parent Information Meetings:

- Early French Immersion (K entry): **Wednesday, January 24, 2018** - 6:30 pm @ Burnsvie Secondary
 - Late French Immersion (Gr. 6 entry): **Wednesday, February 7, 2018** - 6:30 pm @ Chalmers Elementary
- Applications for both the Early and Late French Immersion programs must be done **on-line – no paper applications will be available at the school office.**

French Immersion Application deadlines:

Early French Immersion deadline is **Friday, February 2, 2018 at 4:00 pm**

Late French Immersion deadline is **Friday, March 2, 2018 at 4:00 pm.**

Non-Catchment and Non-District Applications for the 2018-2019 School Year

Non-Catchment and Non-District students at all grade levels who wish to attend Pinewood Elementary next September will need to complete a "Non-Catchment Application Form" or "Non-District Application Form" which can be found on-line or at the school (mid-January). These application forms can be submitted for consideration starting **Monday, February 5, 2018** at 8:30 am, either on-line or at the school office. Please do not apply using both a paper and electronic means as only one application will be considered. Students from out of catchment and district currently attending Pinewood need not re-apply. All students must remain registered at their catchment school pending approval.

Kindergarten Registration – Wednesday, February 14

Please note Kindergarten Registration for Pinewood Elementary School catchment students will take place on **Wednesday, February 14, 2018** from **9:30 am to 12:00 pm.** The following documents **must be provided when registering** and 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 bill 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, CareCard #, medical and emergency contact information.



This year the Ministry is being extremely strict about registering students without the 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 on February 14.

Sports at Pinewood Elementary



Our inter-school basketball season begins in late January – more information to follow. Preliminary interest shows we will have enough players for separate teams for Grade 6 and 7 Boys and Girls. Game and practice schedules will be determined later in January. If any parents are interested in helping coach, please contact the school principal if you haven't already.

Announcements of District-wide Closures and/or Delayed Openings of Schools

As winter weather has arrived, we want to remind you of the Delta School District's winter weather procedures and announcements. All schools in the Delta School District will remain **OPEN** if at all possible during winter weather, including snowfalls. Any district-wide closure will be decided by 7:00 a.m. at the latest and will be announced through the media as well as through the District and school websites. Please note that no announcement will be made stating that schools are open. Only closures and delayed openings will be announced.



Information about any district-wide closures will be sent to Metro Vancouver radio and television stations. Please check the following stations for school closure information:

Radio	Television
CBC AM 690 radio, 88.1 FM	Global BC
CKNW AM 980 radio	CBC TV
News AM 1130 radio	CTV BC
Fairchild AM 1470 radio	City TV

Pick Up and Drop Off of Students



You may have noticed how busy traffic can be out the front of our school. We have several buses that pick up groups of children afterschool and drop them off the next morning. **The roundabout in front of the school is a lane only for drop off (a quick exit of the vehicle) and pick up (students who are ready to enter the car). Please do not park and leave your car in this lane.** There is no public access to the staff parking lot. There are four parking spots designated at the end of the roundabout as well as two disabled parking spaces for people displaying the correct permit. Please be respectful of neighbours and fellow drivers by obeying all posted signage and following standard driving laws.



Term-At-A Glance Previews

By Friday, January 19 you should receive a Term Two Preview from your child's classroom teacher. This document is meant to give you a picture of the topics and skills that may be introduced this term. The hope is that this will aid you in supporting your child's learning at home. Please contact your child's teacher if you don't receive a copy of this important communication.



Dogs On The School Grounds



We know that many families enjoy walking the family dog when they accompany their children to and from school. At Pinewood Elementary, we are asking that all pets are kept a far distance away from the students. If you walk your dog to the school, please arrange to meet your child either off the grounds at the front of the school or at the far edges of the field away from students. Please also try and be aware of children who seem nervous or fearful around animals and respond accordingly. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

From our Librarian

A friendly reminder that the Library is open at 8:30 am Monday to Friday. Please enter through the back door of the Library off the Playground area. Thank you!

FSAs (Foundation Skills Assessment)



As directed by the Ministry of Education, Grade 4 and 7 students in BC participated in the FSA during the period of October 2-November 10, 2017. The FSA is an annual province-wide assessment of students' academic skills in Reading Comprehension, Writing, and Numeracy. Our school does not use FSA scores to report on student progress but parents should have received an indication already of how their child performed on the tasks.

PAC NEWS

PAC Meeting – Tuesday, January 23, 2018



The next PAC meeting will be **Tuesday, January 23, 2018** at 6:30 pm in the Library. 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 Elementary 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.

SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION

Seaquam Winter Volleyball Camp Registration

Girls currently in grades 5-7 are welcome to attend this excellent opportunity to have some fun while learning volleyball skills and game tactics. No experience needed as players will be grouped by ability to ensure everyone is being challenged and getting the most out of the camp experience. The camp is run by Seaquam's coaching staff along with some current and ex-players (some of which were campers themselves!) These normally fill fast so please register quickly. A waiting list is kept.

Dates: Sundays - January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 11, 18, 2018

Time: 4:00 - 5:30pm

Location: Seaquam Secondary

Cost: \$100 (payment due at first session – exact cash or cheque made out to Big Kahuna Volleyball)

To Register: online at <https://deltalearns.ca/bigkahuna/>



CALENDAR REMINDERS



Thursday, December 21	Last Day of School
Friday, December 22 – Friday, January 5, 2018	Schools Closed for Christmas Break
Monday, January 8, 2018	Schools Reopen
Wednesday, January 10, 17, 24, and 31	Grade 6 Ski Program – Cypress Mountain – 7:00 am – 4:30 pm
Tuesday, January 16	Div. 013-014 – Delta Gymnastics – 9:00-11:00 am Late French Immersion Info Mtg. for all Gr. 5 students – 1:00
Thursday, January 18	Div. 012 – Delta Gymnastics – 9:00-11:00
Tuesday, January 23, 2018	PAC Mtg. – 6:30 – Library
Wednesday, January 24	Early French Immersion Parent Mtg. – 6:30 pm – Burnsvie Secondary – (Gr. K entry)
Friday, February 2	Early French Immersion Application Deadline – 4:00 pm (Gr. K entry)
Monday, February 5	Non-Catchment and Non-District Applications start at 8:30 am – either on-line or paper copy at the office of your desired school
Wednesday, February 7	Late French Immersion Parent Mtg. – 6:30 pm – Chalmers Elementary (Gr. 6 entry)
Monday, February 12	Family Day – Schools Closed
Wednesday, February 14	KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION for all <u>catchment</u> students born in 2013 – 9:30-12:00 noon
Wed. Feb. 21 and Thurs. Feb. 22	Student-Led Conferences – 2:00 pm Dismissal
Friday, February 23	Pro-D Day – No School for Students
Friday, March 2	Late French Immersion Application Deadline - 4:00 pm (Gr. 6 entry)
Mon. March 19 – Fri. March 30	March Break – Schools Closed
Monday, April 2	Easter Monday – Schools Closed