

Merry Christmas



# Pinewood Elementary School

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians:

With December upon us, I would like to take the opportunity that the season brings to say THANK YOU to our very supportive community, for all your help so far this year. All contributions, no matter how big or small, from hot lunch help, driving on field trips, helping kids with homework, fundraising, and ensuring kids arrive on time, combine with everyone else's efforts to make a HUGE difference for the students here at Pinewood Elementary.



We have a busy few weeks left in the term with Term 1 report cards coming out on December 14. There are new reporting templates in Delta this year and the feedback from our presentations at the PAC meeting has been quite positive. We are also excited to be presenting a festive Christmas Concert on December 20. I hope that December is a wonderful month for all of you, and I look forward to seeing as many people as possible at the concerts!

**On behalf of the entire Pinewood Elementary staff I would like to wish our community a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! I hope you all enjoy time with family and friends. I also want to wish everyone all the best for a happy and healthy 2018!**

Mr. J. Hope  
Principal

## SCHOOL INFO & REMINDERS

### Annual Pinewood Elementary Food Drive

A student leadership group, inspired by We Day, is organizing the school's annual food drive for the North Delta Food Bank. This year our drive will run from **Monday, November 20 – Friday, December 15**. The most useful contributions include grocery staples such as: pasta, fruit juices, canned fish and meat, cereals, rice and peanut butter. Donations of soap, shampoo and toothpaste are also needed. **(Please do not send food that has expired)**. Due to health regulations, we cannot accept home-canned goods. If you are able to help out, please have your child bring their contributions to their classroom where they will be collected by student volunteers. The classroom that donates the greatest number of items will receive an extra gym block! Thank you in advance for making this annual event a huge success!



As part of the efforts to generate more donations, the Grade 7s have challenged staff to a volleyball game on Wednesday, December 13. Student spectators and players will be expected to bring a food donation in order to enjoy this epic event!

### Christmas Concert – Wednesday, December 20

Our students and staff are hard at work in preparation for the upcoming Christmas Concerts scheduled for **Wednesday, December 20** as follows:

Afternoon Performance: 1:15 (doors open at 12:45 pm)  
Evening Performance: 6:00 (doors open at 5:30 pm)

\*\* Please enter and exit the Gym via the rear doors by the Playground. \*\*



Parents and other family members are invited to attend one performance. Given the number of families in our school (over 230), we are asking that parents limit the number of family members who attend. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis and there will be no reserved seating. The only exception to this is the 8 seats that were auctioned off by the PAC as a fundraiser which will be labeled with the family names. Please note that the gym doors will not be open until 30 minutes before show time as last minute preparations will be occurring until that point. If you wish to arrive earlier than that, please line-up outside the rear gym doors facing

our playground area. The gym will not be accessible through the school.

### Term 1 Report Cards

On **Thursday, December 14**, students will be bringing home their first formal, written report card for the current school year. This is an exciting time for children and parents, a time to offer encouragement and support as well as a time to set realistic goals. As you sit down to discuss your child’s report card with him/her, keep in mind the following conversation prompts:



- **What are you learning?** Why is it important? How does it connect with your life?
- **How are you doing with your learning?** What kind of feedback do you get? What are your strengths? What are the things that you find hard? How do you “stick with it” when things are challenging? Areas of challenge provide children with opportunities to demonstrate perseverance, diligence, and determination, virtues that we want to foster in our children.
- **Where to next?** How could you improve? What are you still wondering about? What will you do or think differently about now that you have learned some new things?

Thank you for your positive partnership with us in helping your child to succeed at school. If you have questions about how you can support your child in their learning, please contact their classroom teacher. Together we can make a difference.

### Weather Information 2017-2018

#### 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

Announcements of school closures or delayed openings will be posted on the School District’s website. Individual school closures due to unique circumstances (e.g., power outages) will be announced as early as possible on the District website as well as on the affected schools’ websites. On occasion, schools may delay the start of the school day; if this happens, specific details will be posted on the school and District websites.

Student safety is the first priority of the Delta School District. Parents/Guardians are responsible for their children’s safe travel to and from school. If, for any reason, a parent/guardian feels that a child cannot travel safely to school, then they should make other arrangements. Schools will be kept open except under extreme circumstances to provide the option of attendance for all, but the decision to attend is the responsibility of each family.

During extreme weather conditions it is also common for police and other authorities to advise citizens to avoid unnecessary travel. Parents should take this advice as well. Students will not be penalized for lack of attendance under such advice. This is also a reminder to all students to dress warmly and wear appropriate clothing. Sidewalks and roads can be extremely slippery and so students walking to school are advised to take extra care. At this time, we encourage you to review your own preparations for winter weather and ensure that you are familiar with your local snow and ice response procedures. We request that you strictly adhere to parking restrictions in and around all Delta schools. Your child’s school will contact you about any changes to driving routes that may be put into effect on streets adjacent to the school.

With your cooperation and adherence to winter weather procedures, we can help achieve safe conditions for students travelling to and from school. Please put safety first.

### Dressing for the Weather

Although we enjoyed some wonderful fall weather and many warm sunny days, winter is now truly upon us. As the temperature continues to dip, it is important that the students come dressed in outerwear appropriate for the cold, wet and wind. Here, on the West Coast, rain is just a fact of life. On most days, students will be going outside at recess and lunchtime. It is only in the case of **extremely poor** weather, that we designate the recess and/or lunch hour as an “in day”, which means that students are to stay inside and play quietly in their classrooms rather than venture outdoors. **We refrain from doing this unless absolutely necessary, as the children need the opportunity to get out in the fresh air** and be physically active before heading back into the classroom.



Not only do students need to be dressed warmly enough to enjoy themselves outside at recess and lunch, but having warm clothing is also essential in the event of an emergency or unexpected situation requiring a building evacuation. Because our field also gets quite mucky and wet at this time of year, packing an extra pair of socks and pants into your child’s backpack is also suggested.

### Student Safety – Sign in at the Office

This is a reminder to all parents and other visitors to please remember to sign in at the office when visiting or volunteering in the school for any reason (meeting, lunch program, morning reading, etc.) Not only is this important in terms of ensuring that all of our students are safe, it is also important in terms of ensuring that **you are safe and accounted for** in the event of an emergency.



### Volleyball Season



On November 28 our Grade 6 and 7 Volleyball teams wrapped up their season. Both teams worked hard and improved over the season. They also represented our school very well and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship! Thank you to Ms. Pheasey, Mrs. Roche, Mrs. Warnock, and Mr. Hope for coaching these enthusiastic groups of students!

### Lost & Found

Please check the “Lost and Found” areas the next time you are in the school. It is overflowing with many clothing items. The items will also be on display outside the rear gym doors during our Christmas Concerts. **Any unclaimed items will be donated to the clothing bank before we leave for Christmas Break.** To prevent items from being lost (and not found!), please identify your child’s clothing with his/her name on the label.



### PAC NEWS

#### PAC Meeting



There will not be a PAC meeting in December due to the shortened month. Our next PAC meeting will take place in January, 2018. 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!



## CALENDAR REMINDERS



Tuesday, November 28	Div. 014 – Stewart Farmhouse – 9:15-12:00
Wednesday, November 29	Div. 013 – Stewart Farmhouse – 9:15-12:00 Div. 010-011 – “The Hive” at Boundary Beach – 9:00-3:00
Friday, December 1	Div. 001-002 – “ANNIE” at Genesis Theatre – 12:00-3:00 Hot Lunch
Wednesday, December 6	Neufeld Farms and Cookie Dough Delivery
Thursday, December 7	Div. 007 – Stewart Farmhouse – 9:15-12:00
Tuesday, December 12	Div. 006 – Stewart Farmhouse – 9:15-12:00
Wednesday, December 13	Gr. 7 vs. Staff Volleyball game at noon – bring a food item to donate in order to watch! Gr. 6 Ski Parent Mtg. – 5:00 - Library
Thursday, December 14	1 <sup>st</sup> Term Reports Go Home
Friday, December 15	Choir Performance at Scottsdale Mall – 11:00 Hot Lunch

Wednesday, December 20	Christmas Concerts – 1:15 and 6:00 pm (doors open 30 min. earlier)
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
Tuesday, January 23, 2018	PAC Mtg. – 6:30 - Library