



# Pinewood Elementary School

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Spring is in full swing and with it comes many significant events at Pinewood. The staff and students have been working diligently to learn all the songs, choreography, and acting cues for our Al Pichler production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat". With two matinees and evening shows (Wednesday, May 1 and Thursday, May 2), we hope that everyone can come out and enjoy the show. Thanks to all the parent volunteers who have helped make the show come together. We are looking forward to our community gathering on Friday, May 3 for Family Fun Night and the students are training hard for the track meet on Wednesday, May 8. Another significant event for the staff is to start planning for the setup of classes for next school year. At Pinewood Elementary and all other schools, there are always changes to our student population and school staff resulting from many factors. To help us make the best decisions possible around configuring the school for next year, it is extremely important that our student numbers be accurate and, therefore, I would ask for families who will be moving out of our area to contact the school as soon as possible with this information. Similarly, if you know of a family moving into our area, please encourage them to register their children as soon as possible, but no later than September 2 to increase the likelihood of securing a spot at Pinewood Elementary.

As we plan for the 2019-20 school year I would like to make families aware of some of the many factors that are important in organizing classes for next year.



## STAFFING AND CLASS SIZE:



The number of staff members assigned to Pinewood is decided by the Delta School District and is based on projected student enrolment. Enrolment estimates and class size guidelines affect the configuration of classes. Class composition language also determines how classes can be set up to meet contractual obligations. Combined (split) classes are an organizational necessity based on our student numbers. Teachers' instruction and assessment cycles are guided by the curriculum and the needs of the students in their classes. Research indicates that multi-age groupings provide very positive learning environments for children. Studies show that children in multi-age classes learn to become more independent, responsible learners and develop a greater degree of social responsibility. The diversity of abilities and interests of students in straight classes can be equally as great as the range in combined classes; not all kids of the same chronological age are at the same stage of development or of their learning.

## CRITERIA FOR STUDENT PLACEMENT:

Assigning students to particular classes is a very complex task that teachers spend many hours working collaboratively on. When staff builds classes for the next year they take into consideration a variety of factors. These include but are not limited to: learning styles and strengths, what a student is able to achieve in relation to the goals of the curriculum, degree of independence in work habits, social and personal needs, age and physical maturity, previous placements, gender, behaviour, distribution of support resources, and personality fit. The professional staff, including teachers, support staff, and administrator are in contact with the children in the school setting for 30 hours a week and know best where a student will be the most successful. Therefore, the classroom placement of students must be determined through school-based professional evaluations. Our objective is to create balanced classes where students can reach their full potential. I fully trust that our Pinewood teachers have an excellent understanding of the academic, behavioural, and social needs of the children in our school and therefore can best determine where individual children should be placed.

## PARENT INPUT:

As our partners, we recognize that parents have important information that may assist with the placement of students. Parents are welcome to provide insight to the school about personal, medical, or social needs that could affect a child's learning environment. Our staff will keep this information in mind where possible, along with the above considerations when building classes. This information cannot include a request for placement with, or not with, a particular teacher. Any requests received that request a specific teacher will not be considered. To offer this input, a downloadable form is available on the Pinewood website under OUR SCHOOL >REGISTRATION. When completed, the form must be emailed to the principal at [jhope@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:jhope@deltasd.bc.ca) by May 31, 2019. **Input received after this date cannot be accommodated.**

Many factors, such as maternity leaves, retirements, and lay-offs combine to make school staffing a changing and on-going process. Also, staff members may change grade levels due to school needs or to further professional growth. This may mean that your child could be placed with the same teacher for a second year or that your child could be in a combined class for two consecutive years. Whatever the scenario, we strive to place your child in a warm, caring environment that will maximize their learning.

## SCHOOL INFO & REMINDERS

### **J o s e p h** and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat – Wednesday, May 1 and Thursday, May 2

Our students have been working so hard to learn their songs and dances for our performances – what an outstanding job they have done!

- By now you should have ordered your tickets through the PAC hot lunch website (performances are Wed. May 1 and Thurs. May 2 - **12:45** and **6:30**); no tickets are available for purchase on the day of the performance. If for some reason you have not picked up your pre-ordered tickets, please come to the school office immediately.

- **Bring your tickets with you to the performance - you will not be able to access the Gym unless you have a ticket in hand.**

- On both days lunch will be from 11:00 – 12:00 – please send a lunch to school with your child on both days instead of dropping off.

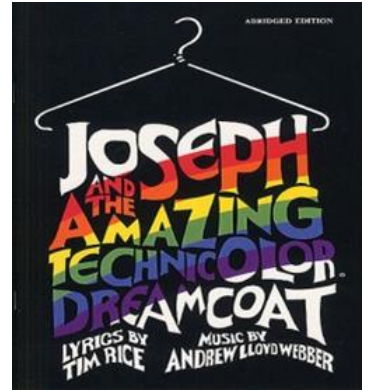
- Students may be brought to the rear doors for the evening performances at 6:00 (lead roles please be here by 5:30) by the primary playground and will make their way to their assigned rooms for costumes and make-up (if required).

- The Gym doors open 30 minutes before the performance starts (12:15 for matinee/6:00 for evening performances). Please watch for signs indicating where the line-up begins. Please do not be late for your performance – it is distracting to have people entering after the show has already started.

- No food or drink is allowed inside the Gym.

- The evening performances will be video-taped and copies made available later.

- 50-50 tickets will be sold at each evening performance – tickets are 3 for \$5.00, cash only.



### PAC Fun Night – Friday, May 3



Our PAC-sponsored Family Fun Night is coming up on Friday, May 3. Wear your best “50’s” costume and join in the fun! Doors open at 4:30 pm and Bingo begins at 6:00 pm. There will be a cake walk, concession, bouncy castles, toonie toss, and many other fun activities for families and friends. Thanks to everyone who has committed their time to planning and running the event and a big thanks to our community for helping with donations and selling raffle tickets. It is a huge undertaking that provides many benefits to the students at Pinewood Elementary. See you there!

### Track & Field Season

The Regional track meet will be held on Wednesday, May 8 (rain date Friday, May 10). We hope to have an excellent showing at the meet and be able to send a number of our students to the District track meet which will be held at SDSS on Thursday, May 17. Please come and cheer on our students. Congratulations to all the track and field athletes who have trained hard and will do a great job representing Pinewood Elementary at the track meets. A huge **THANK YOU** to all the coaches who have made this year’s track season a success: Mrs. Melan, Mrs. Weger, Mrs. Ke, Ms. Poirier, Mrs. Cheng, Mrs. Bains, Mrs. Derodra, Mrs. Mischke, Mrs. Nielsen, Mrs. Warnock, Ms. Lachance, Mrs. Rempel, and Mr. Hope.



### Students and Social Media



**Portable devices and the internet can be valuable tools for learning and developing ideas. However, there has been an increase in the unacceptable and negative use of these tools by our older students in the school. Please be reminded that if students are bringing a phone or Ipad, etc. to school, they will not be allowed to be used on school property unless otherwise instructed by the teacher. Students who disregard this rule will have their phones confiscated for the day.**

### PAC Meeting – Tuesday, May 21

Our next PAC meeting will on Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30 pm in the Library. Babysitting will be provided. It is the last PAC meeting for this school year and will incorporate the AGM (Annual General Meeting) elections to determine the make up of the PAC executive for next school year. Please try to attend this very important meeting!



### May Day Princess/Prince



We are pleased to announce that Taylor C. in Grade 6 will represent Pinewood Elementary in Delta’s 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pioneer May Days Festivities. The celebrations will take place the evening of Tuesday, May 21. All of the Princesses/Princes are invited to participate in the May Days Parade on Sunday, May 26 followed by festivities held in Ladner Memorial Park.

## Emergency Evacuation Drill – Friday, May 24 – 2:15



In preparation for our evacuation drill, we ask that all parents please log onto Parent Connect and make sure that all the student information is correct. At the drill, you will once again be asked to provide ID when picking up your child. More details to come.

## Parent Appreciation Tea – Friday, June 7 – 8:15-9:00

Please book your calendars for our Parent Appreciation event scheduled for Sports Day, Friday, June 7 from 8:15 – 9:00 on the playground. We hope to have a large attendance as people often come for Sports Day to cheer on their kids. It is a casual event for parents and family members of Pinewood students. Have you helped out in the classroom? Driven on field trips? Or just been very supportive of Pinewood and your child's education? If so, we would love to have you attend! Staff will be on hand to serve up baked goods and coffee to all and to say thank you for all the support.



## Dress Code



The school's Dress Code supports the general Code of Conduct but is more specific. When students come to school, they spend their day engaged in learning activities and should consider school as their place of work. Students should come to school appropriately dressed for their day.

Students may not come to school wearing clothing with obscene, suggestive, or insulting words, pictures, or slogans on them. Hats are not to be worn inside the building, and students are asked to dress so that no underwear is visible. Strapless, low-cut, spaghetti straps, midriff-baring, or otherwise revealing outfits are not appropriate for school. Also, some clothing is more appropriate for recreational activities outside of school. For example, in warmer weather, students are often tempted to wear clothing that is better suited for the beach or pool deck. Students should come to school wearing safe, play-appropriate footwear (this is especially important on days they have P.E. class or are participating in athletic activities) but is practical for everyday use because students play outside at recess and lunch times. Students who come to school wearing clothing that detracts from the learning environment will be asked to change or, if necessary, will be given clothing supplied by the school.

## Building Security



Thank you for observing the expectations for visitors to enter the school during the school hours only via the front door and only after checking in at the office. All visitors should be wearing a red VISITOR badge available at the school office. It is imperative to school security that we know who is in the hallway during regular school hours.

## Party Invitations

The school often forms the hub of children's social interactions. Birthday parties are something many kids look forward to as an opportunity to have school friends join them in celebrating. We recognize it is not practical nor realistic for every child to be invited to every function, but the disappointment that comes with that can have a negative impact on student learning when our younger students in particular see others getting invitations at school when they themselves may not. To limit negative repercussions, we ask that birthday invitations not be distributed in the school by students or parents. We ask that every effort be made to contact families at their homes, or in situations where that is not possible, please make contact on the playground after school is dismissed for the day. We ask that parents help kids to understand that not everyone is invited to everything and it doesn't mean that children can't be friends. Understanding the importance of empathizing with kids who may be left out of some functions is also important for social development, as it will happen to everyone at some point as they move through school.



## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### Royal Soccer Club



The Royal City Soccer Club, a registered non-profit community organization, is proud to host their 26<sup>th</sup> annual popular grassroots summer soccer day camps - #1 in British Columbia. The program is designed to promote personal development, team building, and, of course, FUN!

Uniquely designed to offer a soccer focus in the morning and a leisure swim with other organized activities in the afternoons to all children aged 5 to 13, the program operates during all weeks in July and August. Check out our website at [www.royalsoccer.com](http://www.royalsoccer.com) for more information or call us at 1-800-427-0536.

## Healthy Families, Happy Children

To find family-friendly events, drop-in programs, and other various supports for your family, go to [www.deltakids.ca](http://www.deltakids.ca)



## CALENDAR REMINDERS

Wednesday, May 1 – Thursday, May 2	- Pinewood Performs JOSEPH! Afternoon (12:45 – doors open 12:15) and evening (6:30 – doors open 6:00) performances - Altered lunch hours – 11:00-12:00 – please send lunch to school with your student on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday this week
Friday, May 3	- Pinewood PAC-sponsored “The 50s” Fun Night! – Games, Silent Auction, Cake Walk, Dance Presentations, BINGO!, and food - 4:30-8:40
Monday, May 6	- Gr. 7 Parent Info Night re Camp Summit – 5:30 – Library
Wednesday, May 8	- Regional “B” Track Meet – NDSS
Friday, May 10	- Rain date for Regional “B” Track Meet - NDSS - Hot Lunch
Monday, May 13	- Gr. 6 Immunizations – 11:00 – Staff Rm.
Tuesday, May 14	- Div. 001-002 – Playland Science of Fun by Bus – 9:00-3:00
Thursday, May 16	- District Track Meet – SDSS
Friday, May 17	- Pro-D Day – Students Do Not Attend
Monday, May 20	- Victoria Day – Schools Closed
Tuesday, May 21	- PAC Mtg. – 7:00 – Babysitting Provided!
Wednesday, May 22	- Div. 011-012-013 – Grouse Mtn. by Bus – 8:30-3:00 - Div. 014-015 – The Honeybee Centre – 9:30-12:00 - Gr. 7 Welcome to Seaquam BBQ – 5:30
Friday, May 24	- Div. 009 – Burns Bog – 9:00-12:00 - Hot Lunch - Emergency Evacuation Drill and Release – 2:15 pick-up
Mondays – May 27, June 3, and June 10	- Starting With Stories – 1:30-2:30 - June 10 is also incoming Kindergarten Open House
Wednesday, May 29	- Div. 013-014-015 – The Hive – 9:00-3:00
Wednesday, May 29 – Friday, May 31	- Gr. 7 to Camp Summit – Bus leaves PW at 7:00 am
Thursday, May 30	- Div. 004-005 to Fort Langley by Bus – 9:00-3:00
Friday, May 31	- Gr. 6 First Aid Training – 9:15-3:00 – Multi-Purpose Rm.
Tuesday, June 4	- Div. 001-002-003 – Band Jamboree @ Richardson – 9:00-12:00
Friday, June 7	- Parent Appreciation Tea – 8:15-9:00 – in front of Multi-Purpose Rm. and on the back playground. - Sports Day - Hot Lunch
Thursday, June 13	- Div. 011-012 – Stewart Farmhouse – 1:00-3:00
Wednesday, June 19	- Div. 011-012 – The Hive at Boundary Park – 9:00-3:00
Friday, June 21	- Hot Lunch
Monday, June 24	- Div. 013-014-015 – Bear Creek Park – 10:45-2:00
Tuesday, June 25	- Year-End Assembly – 10:45 - Gr. 7 Celebration – 12:00
Thursday, June 27	- Last Day of School for Students - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Term Report Cards Issued - 10:30 Dismissal
Friday, June 28	- Administration Day – No School for Students



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