



Pinewood Elementary School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

With this being the last few days of school, I would like to congratulate all of our students for their accomplishments over the past ten months. It is clear to me that all of our students have made gains in their learning. I would also like to thank our parent community for the support you have provided us in making these gains possible. The collaborative and positive support you provide to all of us here at the school is greatly appreciated and helps make Pinewood Elementary the amazing school that it is.

As wonderful as summer is, it can set some kids back in their learning. We encourage all our students to read. It can be newspapers, comics, novels, or even menus in restaurants. The key is to keep practising. The same thing can be said for math. Have younger kids identify numbers around them like the price of gas, or amount of tax on a hotel bill during travelling. Math doesn't have to be from a book to be meaningful. Any opportunities kids have to practice social skills whether at day camps, visiting relatives, or playing with friends are beneficial to their growth and development. For our younger kids, parent supervision to guide those interactions is also key to developing those skills.

Summer can be a very fun time of year for kids, but there may be a few who are worried about what next school year will bring in terms of teachers, classes, and friendships. If your child is feeling that way, reassure him or her that this year's teachers have put a lot of time and thought into where each child will be placed next year, and no matter where they end up, they will be in a school with caring teachers and excellent support staff. Reassure them that change is good and is an opportunity to learn new things, meet new people, and have new experiences.

On behalf of the staff at Pinewood Elementary, we wish everyone a safe, happy, and restful summer, and we look forward to hearing all the stories of summer adventures when students return in September.

Mr. J. Hope

STAFF AND STUDENT FAREWELLS

Because teamwork is so important at Pinewood Elementary, we are reluctant to have to say good-bye to some valuable members of our staff. Ms. Poirier, Ms. Lachance, Ms. Van Camp, Mrs. McClary, Ms. Ziemczonek, Mrs. Gamlin, Ms. Singh, Ms. Ross, and Ms. Ness will be moving to new positions or retiring. I want to thank these staff members for their special contributions to our school and wish them well in their new endeavours.

WE WILL MISS YOU



We also have to bid farewell to our Grade Seven students as they move on to the challenge and opportunities of high school. We appreciate all they have contributed to our school community and know they will continue to excel in the future. We celebrated this milestone on Tuesday with our annual Grade 7 Celebration. Thank you to all the parents who have helped in the planning.

For those families who are leaving us at the end of June, we wish you well in your new communities and schools. For those families who are remaining at Pinewood Elementary, we would request your help in encouraging any new neighbours to register their children during the week of August 26. This will help us with our planning for the school year and ensure a smooth start up for September.

SCHOOL INFO & REMINDERS

REPORT CARDS AND 10:30 DISMISSAL ON THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



Third term report cards will be sent home with students on the last day of school (Thursday, June 27). You can provide the office with a stamped, self-addressed envelope if you would like us to mail your child's report card. Any report cards not picked up or mailed out will be held at the school office until September. Of course you can view your child's report card via Parent Connect after June 28. **Please note that on the last day of school (Thursday, June 27), all students will be dismissed at 10:30 am.**

SEPTEMBER 2019 START UP

School will re-open on Tuesday, September 3, 2019. Because of the uncertain nature of enrollment for September, students will remain in their current class groups and return to their current teacher for the first few days. This will give students and teachers an opportunity to reconnect with their classmates and teachers. We will arrange to move into the new classes as quickly as possible once our enrollment, and that of surrounding Delta schools, has been finalized.



ABSENTEES AT THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER



So that opening day enrollment figures reflect student attendance as accurately as possible, please leave a message on the school answering machine or send a note with a neighbour or friend if your child will be missing the first day or two of school in September.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

- Kindergarten: All incoming K students attend from 9:45 – 10:30 only.
- Incoming Gr. 1: 8:52 am: Go to last year's Kindergarten class to re-connect with their last year's teacher. After 30 minutes they will move as a class to a different classroom as our Kindergarten rooms will be used for incoming Kindergarten students
- Incoming Gr. 2-7: 8:52 am: Go to last year's teacher for the morning's instruction and the important task of determining our enrollment.

New students to PW in Grades 1-7 will report to the office before joining peers in the Multi-Purpose Room.

DISMISSAL TIME IS 12:00 NOON **THERE WILL BE NO AFTERNOON CLASSES**



All school supplies will be required on the first day that children are moved to their permanent classroom – hopefully by the end of the first week. Students can bring a pen, pencil, and some paper for the first day or two. **Please label all of your child's belongings with their name, including clothing and footwear** (unless otherwise instructed by the teacher not to do so). It will be very important to label all of your child's clothing so that we are able to identify who it belongs to before it ends up in the Lost and Found. If your child has ordered Pharmasave school supplies they will be delivered to the school the last week of August and distributed when students move to their new classrooms.

SECOND DAY OF SCHOOL: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019

Kindergarten: Follow the schedule given to you in June regarding what hours you will attend each day.

Grades 1 - 7: We resume our normal schedule with our bell schedule as follows:



8:45 am	Students arrive on school grounds
8:52 am	First bell - students move to yesterday's classrooms
8:57 - 10:25	Instructional period
10:25 - 10:40	Recess
10:40 - 12:05	Instructional period
12:05 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 3:00	Instructional period
3:00 pm	Dismissal – please pre-arrange a meeting spot with your children – they will not be exiting through the front doors.

PAC NEWS



On behalf of the staff and students at Pinewood Elementary I would like to thank the entire Pinewood PAC for their hard work and dedication to the students at Pinewood. You have provided the children with all kinds of extras, field trip experiences, and fabulous special lunches to name just a few. We appreciate your ongoing support and genuine interest in keeping Pinewood a great school. Thank you! An extra-big thank you to our outgoing PAC Treasurer Tina Jansen for all her hard work over the last couple of years.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SUMMER CAMPS AVAILABLE

Community Schools Partnership is once again running their Summer Day Camps again this year! They are a great, affordable way for children to meet new friends, explore the lower mainland, and stay active throughout the summer break. For more information please contact Neha at communityschools@deltasd.bc.ca



SCHOOL'S OUT, SUMMER'S HERE: DON'T FORGET TO PROTECT YOUR CHILD'S EYES!

School's out and summer's here! Protecting your eyes from the sun is just as important as putting on sunscreen to protect your skin and will decrease the potential for serious eye problems later in life. *If you have not already taken advantage of the program, your child is still eligible to receive a comprehensive eye exam at no cost and free eyeglasses for your child this summer (limitations apply – visit www.bcesel.ca for more info)*

Kindergarten children are eligible to receive a comprehensive eye exam at no cost and, if prescribed, one pair of free eyeglasses as part of the Eye See ... Eye Learn® program. This offer ends on August 31, 2019. To participate, download and fill in the ESEL brochure from www.bcesel.ca and book an appointment with a ESEL BC Doctor of Optometry. Participating eye doctors in the Pinewood area are:

- **Dr. Jasdeep Bassra**
Delta Eye Clinic – Doctors of Optometry - #117 – 6345 120 St. – 778-438-3050
- **Dr. Anisha Bhagat, Dr. Angela Hern, Dr. Sandeep Sidhu, Dr. Kimberly Tsang, and Dr. Yin Li**
FYidoctors - Surrey - #101 - 6398 120 Street - 604-591-3377

LEARNING TO LEARN – SURVIVING AND THRIVING IN SECONDARY SCHOOL

Students entering Gr. 8 in the fall can have fun finding their way around Seaquam, follow a Gr. 8 timetable, and learn organization (notebooks, locker, homework), methods of study (study guides, reading, note-taking), and test writing (prep, prediction, stress reduction) skills. Students are to bring a duotang or binder, pen, and pencil.

<u>Course Code:</u>	YA028
<u>Dates:</u>	Tuesday, July 2 – Friday, July 5 (4 days) - 9:00-11:30
<u>Cost:</u>	\$90
<u>Location:</u>	Seaquam Secondary – Classroom M1

To register or for information/registration about other courses being held at Delta secondary schools, go to their website <http://connect37.deltasd.bc.ca> or call 604-940-5550.

FRASER VALLEY LIBRARY NEWS

Summer Reading Clubs: Imagine the possibilities! Dream and discover endless possibilities all summer when you join FVRL's 2019 Summer Reading Club. There is a club for everyone!

- **Read To Me (0 to Preschool)** Share stories, record reading, collect stickers, win prizes and get a medal.
- **Kids (grades K to 6)** Collect a reading record, enter prize draws, come to fun shows and earn a medal. Just read every day!
- **Teens (grades 7 to 12)** Read. Record. Repeat. It begins when you pick up an SRC reading record. Includes chances to win fantastic prizes.

How do I join? Sign up starts June 21 and continues through the summer. Visit your favourite [FVRL location](#) to join.
How does it work? You and your family members can pick up a reading record at your local library! Record every day that you read for fifteen minutes or more! You can read at home, in the library, on a beach, anywhere! Once you have recorded seven days of reading, come back to the library for stickers and prizes!

Programs and Events: We have storytellers, puppet shows, parties, awards ceremonies and more! Check out our spectacular guest performers at a library near you.

- **The Great Gordini:** Join the Great Gordini for a show filled with magic tricks, wacky fun, and a lot of opportunities to participate.
- **Karima Essa:** Experience the magic and joy of dance and storytelling as Karima Essa performs Bollywood dance.
- **Tiffany Stone:** Join poet Tiffany Stone for poems and rhymes about flamingo flamingos, baaaad animals and rainbow colored clothes.
- **The Well Worn Trail:** Discover fascinating facts about Canadian animals and their habitats. Storytellers Rob and Lillian use puppetry, songs and story to kindle the wonder of nature.

Accessible Summer Reading Club: Find accessible Summer Reading Club titles through NNELS. FVRL also has [ebook and audiobook](#) formats to better serve customers with perceptual disabilities. Ask library staff for more info.

CALENDAR REMINDERS



Thursday, June 27	- 3 rd Term Reports Sent Home - 10:30 Dismissal Today
Friday, June 29	- Administrative Day – no school for students
Tuesday, September 3	- School Begins – Gr. 1-7 Students attend 8:57-12:00 - New Kindergarten students attend 9:45-10:30 and are on a separate, graduated schedule until full days begin on Monday, September 16
Thursday, September 19	- Open House
Friday, September 20	- Pro-D Day – No School For Students
Monday, September 30	- Individual Photo Day - am
Mon., October 14 – Thurs., October 17	- TENTATIVE: Scholastic Book Fair
Wed. Oct. 16 & Thurs. Oct. 17	- Parent-Teacher or Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences – 2:00 Dismissal

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!





PINEWOOD ELEMENTARY
2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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Days in Session	188
Hours of Instruction in School Week	Kindergarten - Grade 7: 24.42 hrs.
Number of Days of Instruction Minutes of Instruction in School Day	181 Kindergarten – Grade 7: 293 min.
Number of Non-Instructional Days	6 (District-Wide)
Schools Open	Tuesday, Sept. 3 - 9:00 am -12:00 pm for Gr. 1-7; Gr. K has graduated schedule for first 2 weeks
Open House	Thursday, September 19
Non-Instructional Day (District-Wide)	Friday, September 20
Thanksgiving Day – Statutory Holiday	Monday, October 14
Early Dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conferences	Wednesday, October 23 - 2:00 pm
Early Dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conferences	Thursday, October 24 - 2:00 pm
Non-Instructional Day (District-Wide)	Friday, October 25
Hallowe'en Parade	Thursday, October 31 - 1:15 pm
Remembrance Day Assembly	Friday, November 8 - 10:50 am
Remembrance Day - Statutory Holiday	Monday, November 11
Non-Instructional Day (District-Wide)	Monday, November 25
Report Cards sent home	Thursday, December 12
Christmas Concert	Wednesday, December 18 (Tentative)
Last day of School before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 20
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 24 – Friday, January 3
Schools Reopen after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 6
Non-Instructional Day (District-Wide)	Friday, January 24
BC Family Day – Statutory Holiday	Monday, February 17
Early Dismissal for Student-Led Conferences	Wednesday, February 26 – 2:00 pm
Early Dismissal for Student-Led Conferences	Thursday, February 27 – 2:00 pm
Non-Instructional Day (District-Wide)	Friday, February 28
Report Cards sent home	Thursday, March 5
Spring Break Vacation	Monday, March 16 – Friday, March 27
First day of School after Spring Break	Monday, March 30
Good Friday – Statutory Holiday	Friday, April 10
Easter Monday – Statutory Holiday	Monday, April 13
Regional Track Meet	Wednesday, May 6
District Track Meet	Thursday, May 14
Non-Instructional Day (District-Wide)	Friday, May 15 (in lieu of August Pro-D)
Victoria Day – Statutory Holiday	Monday, May 18
Sports Day	Friday, June 5 (tentative)
Year-End Celebration Assembly	Tuesday, June 23 - 10:45 - 12:00 pm
Last Day for Students - Report Cards sent home	Thursday, June 25- 8:57 - 10:25 am
Schools Closed - Administration Day	Friday, June 26

Office Hours: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm	*Be on-site by 8:45 am* First Entry Bell: 8:52 am Classes Start: 8:57 am	Recess: 10:25 - 10:40 am	Lunch: 12:05 - 1:00 pm	Dismissal: 3:00 pm
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