



Pinewood Elementary School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Pinewood Families:

We are off to a very cold and snowy start to 2020! This next term is very short but filled with many learning opportunities for students. We have many sporting events, cultural events, and field trips planned to supplement the learning that goes on in classrooms. We thank our parent community for their ongoing support of their children in their educational endeavours.

As always, I remind everyone that safety of our students and visitors is paramount. Please remember to follow posted traffic and parking signs in and around the school grounds and please when walking, use the sidewalks and stay out of the middle of the traffic circle.

Mr. J. Hope
Principal

SCHOOL INFO & REMINDERS

French Immersion Applications for the 2020-2021 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 are available online now.

Parent Information Meeting: - Late French Immersion (Gr. 6 entry):
January 27, 2020 - 6:30 pm @ Burnsvew Secondary

*Applications for both the Early and Late French Immersion programs must be completed **on-line – no paper applications will be available at the school office.***

French Immersion Application deadlines:

Early French Immersion deadline is Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 4:00 pm

Late French Immersion deadline is Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 4:00 pm.

Non-Catchment and Non-District Applications for the 2020-2021 School Year

New 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 3, 2020 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 out of district currently attending Pinewood, do not need to re-apply. All students must remain registered at their catchment school pending approval.

Kindergarten Registration – Wednesday, February 12

Please note Kindergarten Registration for Pinewood Elementary School catchment students will take place on **Wednesday, February 12, 2020 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**. The following documents **must be provided when registering** and required before the student can start school:

1. Child's original Birth Certificate (**registration will not be accepted until proof of birth is received**).
2. Proof of residency (Property Tax Assessment, Municipal Utilities 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 student (Canadian birth certificate, citizenship card, passport, landed immigrant documents, permanent resident card)
4. Immunization record, Care Card number, medical and emergency contact information.



Please note: Your child will not be registered without all of the documentation required. Please ensure that you bring the original birth certificate and all proper documentation to the registration on February 12, 2020.

Sports at Pinewood Elementary



Our inter-school basketball season begins in late January. We will have 3 teams this year: Grade 6/7 Girls, Grade 6 boys, and Grade 7 boys. Schedules for games and practices will come home with permission slips. Generally, Grade 6 boys will play on Tuesdays after school, and the other teams will play on Thursdays after school. We are still looking for parent or older sibling assistance with coaching and refereeing home games. Please contact Mr. Hope if you are able to help out.

SOGI Resources for Parents

In late November we hosted Trevana Spilchen, the district SOGI (Sexual Orientation Gender Identity) Coordinator. Trevana presented an overview of how schools can make schools safer for all students, particularly those who identify as LGBTQ2S. Fostering a sense of belonging and safety for all students is key to their success. The BC Curriculum and School District procedures support and guide our efforts. If you would like to learn some more, please view these online resources for parents:

www.sogieducation.org for SOGI 123

<https://qmunity.ca> for QMUNITY

<https://outinschools.com> for Out in Schools

As always if you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the principal.

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

Parking, Pick Up and Drop Off of Students



You may have noticed how busy traffic can be out the front of our school. **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 **DO NOT** use the accessible spots for 'a quick run in to the school'. There is a designated U-Turn area in front of the watershed entrance indicated by signage and painted white lines on the road. It is a no stopping and no parking zone at all times. Please be mindful of student safety, and respectful of our neighbours and fellow drivers, by obeying all posted signage and following standard driving laws.



A reminder also that students are required to use their assigned doors and are not to be using the front entrance unless arriving late for school in the morning. Please arrange designated pick up locations with your children, where you will meet them after school. For those who walk to pick up their children, please remember not to cross through the middle of the traffic circle. Please use the sidewalks and crosswalks for your own safety and the safety of the students.

Term-At-A Glance Previews

By Tuesday, January 21 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 or if you have any other questions about the curriculum.



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.



NO PETS

From our Librarian

In February, Pinewood will be hosting Canadian author Kenneth Oppel who will have a session with our intermediate students. He became a published writer at 17 years of age and will share how his career as a writer took off. He will also be speaking about his sources of inspiration which have enabled him to write a number of award winning novels, some of which have been turned into animated TV series. There will be opportunity to pre-order some of his books should students wish. More information will come in regards to that process.

PAC NEWS

PAC Meeting – Tuesday, January 28, 2020



The next PAC meeting will be **Tuesday, January 28, 2020** at 7:00 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.

CALENDAR



CALENDAR REMINDERS



Thursday, January 23	Jump Rope for Heart Introduction Assembly Grade 7s get visited by Seaquam Counsellors
Friday, January 24	Professional Development Day- Students do not attend
Tuesday, January 28	PAC Mtg. – 6:30 – Library Gr 7 Parent Night at Seaquam- 6:30 pm Theatre Grade 6 Boys basketball game vs SH
Wednesday, January 29	Portable Planetarium in the gym for classes
Thursday, January 30	Grade 6 snowshoe trip- 10:00-4:15 Portable Planetarium Grade 7 Boys basketball game vs. SH Grade 6/7 Girls basketball game @ SH
Friday, January 31	Hot Lunch- OPA! Seaquam Musical concert at Pinewood 1pm
Tuesday, February 4	Grade 6 Boys basketball @Cougar Canyon
Thursday, February 6	Grade 7 Boys basketball game vs. CC Grade 6/7 Girls basketball game @ CC
Tuesday, February 11	Grade 6 Boys basketball @ Heath
Wednesday, February 12	KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION- for all catchment students born in 2015 – 9:00 -12:00 noon Divs 2,3,4,5,6 to NDSS for Peter Pan play
Thursday, February 13	Grade 7 Boys basketball game @ Heath Grade 6/7 Girls basketball game vs.Heath

	Calendar Cont'd
Friday, February 14	PAC Hot Lunch Div 12 to Delta Gymnastics – 9:00 – 11:00 Jump Rope for Heart Activities Kenneth Oppel (Author visit to Library) 1:00
Monday, February 17	Family Day – Schools Closed
Tuesday, February 18	Div 5 to Surrey Museum 12 - 2:30 Grade 6 Boys Basketball vs Chalmers
Wednesday, February 19	Divs 13,14,15 to Orpheum (VSO) 10:45 - 2:00
Thursday, February 20	Grade 7 Boys basketball game vs. Chalmers Grade 6/7 Girls basketball game @ Chalmers
Monday, February 24	Div 13 to the Hive all day
Tuesday, February 25	Grade 6 Boys basketball at Jarvis Div 14 and 15 to Surrey Arts Centre 12:15-3:00 PAC MEETING- 7:00pm Scholastic Book Fair Begins
Wednesday, February 26	2:00 Dismissal for Student Led Conferences Book Fair Continues Battle of the Badges Hockey game for some classes 9:00 – 12:00
Thursday, February 27	2:00 Dismissal for Student Led Conferences Book Fair Continues Grade 7 Boys basketball game @ Jarvis Grade 6/7 Girls basketball game vs Jarvis
Friday, February 28	Professional Day- no school for students