



# Pinewood Elementary School

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This has definitely been the most challenging and unusual school year in my 22 years as an educator. The global pandemic has been very disruptive to the routines, expectations and events like our Family Fun Night, Grade 7 camp, Sports Day, and year end celebrations. That being said I can not express how proud I am of how our students, parents, and staff adapted to the current reality and found ways to still maintain the close connections and relationships that define our community. As we enter the last few days of school, I would like to congratulate all of our students for their accomplishments learning in a completely new way of doing school for us. I would like to thank all of our Pinewood families for supporting their children during distance learning by ensuring emails were read, assignments were submitted, websites were checked and Zoom meetings were attended. It was a very steep learning curve for everyone! I would also like to thank the teachers at Pinewood for their dedication and collaborative efforts in ensuring the continuity of learning opportunities while looking after the social and emotional needs of students. I truly appreciate the effort put in over the last several months by our students, parents, and staff to keep Pinewood Elementary the amazing school that it is.

To our Grade 7's in particular, you will never forget your last year in elementary school. Please know we are thankful for your presence as leaders in our school and wish you all continued success as you take on the new adventures, challenges, and learning offered in high school.

As wonderful as summer is, it can set some kids back in their learning. We encourage all our students to keep reading. It can be newspapers, comics, novels, or even menus in restaurants when we start venturing out more. 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 local restaurant bill. Math doesn't have to be from a book to be meaningful. As social distancing expectations begin to relax and our social bubbles expand, have students engage with others, visit relatives, and play with friends as all of those things are beneficial to their social and emotional 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 or even how school will look when it starts up again. If your child is feeling that way, reassure them 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 who will look after their health and safety. 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.

Sincerely,

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. Two of our Education Assistants, Ms. Elmokayed and Ms. Bagnall will not be able to return next year and we thank them for supporting our students. It is with mixed emotions that I announce two retirements. Our School Psychologist, Mr. Cryderman is retiring after many years helping gather information about how students learn to assist teachers in planning programs. One of our Kindergarten teachers, Mrs. Holt, is also retiring after a long and successful career welcoming our youngest learners to the world of school and starting them off on their learning journey. 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



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 31. This will help us with our planning for the school year and ensure a smoother start up in September.

**SCHOOL INFO & REMINDERS**  
**REPORT CARDS**

 Due to the blended model of learning, the third term will come to an end for instruction on June 19. This will allow us to safely set up time to collect back items borrowed from the school and return supplies to students who could not join us in person. Report Cards will be issued as scheduled on Thursday, June 25 at 10:30 in Parent Connect. Current and previous reports can be found in the FOLDER section of Parent Connect. You will notice there are some changes to the report card. No performance indicators were given for term 3 but final standing is indicated using information gathered throughout the school year. The attendance will remain blank for the time schools were in a distance learning model. If you have any difficulty accessing the site, please contact Mrs. Sim at the school office.

**SUPPLIES PICK UP AND DROP OFF**

The gym is open Thursday and Friday June 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:45- 3:30 for families to pick up school supplies and to drop off textbooks, library books, jerseys, and borrowed technology. We will be displaying shoes and other unlabeled items for pick up as well. An appointment is not necessary, but there may be a line up that requires social distancing. Entry and Exit will be through the back gym doors.

**GRADE 7 YEAR END**

We are not able to send our grade 7's off with our usual assembly, but there has been a group of parents working with school staff to prepare an event for kids. On Monday, June 22 and Tuesday, June 23 our grade 7's have booked appointments to come to the school for a socially-distant photo opportunity with their families and teachers. The parent group has put together gift baskets of items and activities for kids to do when social restrictions lift and they can celebrate with their friends. The school has also provided a class yearbook for them to have as a memento of their time at Pinewood.

**FOR INCOMING KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS**

To help welcome our incoming Kindergarten students for next year, Mrs. Warnock, Mrs. Tesan, and Mr. Hope will greet students in front of the school as they 'drive-through' with their families to say hello and pick up some information about the next school year. This event will take place on Wednesday, June 24 from 1:00-2:30.

**SEPTEMBER 2020 START UP**

School will re-open on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. At this point, we do not know what a return to school will look like. We recognize this will cause some anxiety for parents and students. The district will continue to follow the instructions from the Provincial Health Officer and base plans around that. When we know what that looks like, Mr. Hope will communicate information out to the Pinewood community.

**PAC NEWS**

On behalf of the staff and students at Pinewood Elementary I would like to thank the entire Pinewood PAC Executive and all the parent volunteers for their hard work and dedication to the students at Pinewood. You have provided the children with all kinds of extras including field trip experiences and fabulous special lunches to name just a few. We appreciate your ongoing support and genuine interest in providing extra things for students at Pinewood. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we missed out on a lot of the great activities the PAC usually sponsors but we look forward to whatever events we can work in for next year. A big thank you to our out-going President, Wendy McGrath; we thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the PAC and our community.

The Parent Advisory Council Executive for 2020-2021 is as follows:

<b>Chair</b>	Krissy Eiben
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Julia Prinja
<b>Secretary</b>	Sabrina Badesha
<b>Treasurer</b>	Rick Prinja
<b>DPAC</b>	Parveen Loodu and Bel Chokar
<b>Immediate Past President Chair</b>	Wendy McGrath
<b>Member at Large</b>	Claudette Wong
<b>Event Fundraising Coordinator</b>	Deborah Jorgensen

**2020-2021 CALENDAR**

Each year, a school calendar has to be set by mid-May for the following school year. Below are dates which we would plan for in a typical school year. It is our hope that the events on the calendar will be able to happen as scheduled, but some things may need to change if instructions from the Provincial Health Officer deem it necessary.

Please take a look at the calendar and make note of key dates in your own personal calendars.



# PINWOOD ELEMENTARY

## 2020 - 2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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Days in Session	186
Hours of Instruction in School Week	Kindergarten - Grade 7: 24.55 hrs.
Number of Days of Instruction	179
Minutes of Instruction in School Day	Kindergarten – Grade 7: 295 min.
Number of Non-Instructional Days	6 (District-Wide)
Schools Open	Tuesday, Sept. 8 - 9:00 am -12:00 pm for Gr. 1-7; Gr. K has graduated schedule for first 2 weeks
Open House	Thursday, September 24
Non-Instructional Day (District-Wide)	Friday, September 25
Thanksgiving Day – Statutory Holiday	Monday, October 12
Early Dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conferences	Wednesday, October 21 - 2:00 pm
Early Dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conferences	Thursday, October 22 - 2:00 pm
Non-Instructional Day (District-Wide)	Friday, October 23
Hallowe'en Parade	Friday, October 30 - 1:15 pm
Remembrance Day Assembly	Tuesday, November 10 - 10:45 am
Remembrance Day - Statutory Holiday	Wednesday, November 11
Non-Instructional Day (District-Wide)	Monday, November 30
Term 1 Report Cards	Thursday, December 10
Christmas Concert	Wednesday, December 16 (Tentative)
Last day of School before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 18
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 21 – Friday, January 1
Schools Reopen after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 4
Non-Instructional Day (District-Wide)	Friday, January 22
BC Family Day – Statutory Holiday	Monday, February 15
Non-Instructional Day (District-Wide)	Friday, February 26
Term 2 Report Cards	Thursday, March 4
Spring Break Vacation	Monday, March 15 – Friday, March 26
First day of School after Spring Break	Monday, March 29
Good Friday – Statutory Holiday	Friday, April 2
Easter Monday – Statutory Holiday	Monday, April 5
Early Dismissal for Student-Led Conferences	Wednesday, April 7 – 2:00 pm
Early Dismissal for Student-Led Conferences	Thursday, April 8 – 2:00 pm
Regional Track Meet	Wednesday, May 12
District Track Meet	Thursday, May 20
Non-Instructional Day (District-Wide)	Friday, May 21 (in lieu of Sept. Pro-D)
Victoria Day – Statutory Holiday	Monday, May 24
Sports Day	Friday, June 4 (tentative)
Year-End Celebration Assembly	Monday, June 28 - 10:45 - 12:00 pm
Last Day for Students - Report Cards sent home	Tuesday, June 29- 8:57 - 10:25 am
Schools Closed - Administration Day	Wednesday, June 30

Office Hours: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm	Be on-site by 8:45 am First Bell: 8:52 am Classes Start: 8:57 am	Recess: 10:25 - 10:40 am	Lunch: 12:07 - 1:00 pm	Dismissal: 3:00 pm
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