



Pinewood Elementary School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Pinewood Families:

It has been a wonderful start for me at Pinewood. Staff, students, and parents have given me a very warm welcome, and I am very happy to be getting to know our Pinewood community a little better each day. I have now had the opportunity to visit all classes, to share a story with students and to share a little about myself as well. These visits were certainly the highlight of my first week, and I look forward to visiting the last few classes very soon.

This next term is very short, but filled with engaging learning opportunities for students. Teachers continue to work creatively to plan for learning within the parameters of our health protocols. We appreciate their work very much and we also thank our parent community for their ongoing support of student learning at home. Parents can expect Term 2 previews to be sent home for all divisions by Monday, January 18.

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.

Ms. T. Doukas
Principal

SCHOOL INFO & REMINDERS

French Immersion Applications for the 2021-2022 School Year



Late French Immersion (LFI)

Do you have a student who is currently in Grade 5? Please note these important dates if you are considering the Late French Immersion Program at Chalmers Elementary for your child next year.

- **LFI Parent Information:** a pre-recorded presentation available on line on the district website starting **Jan 22nd, 2021 at 4pm**
- **LFI Question and Answer session** on line on Zoom **Jan 27th and 29th, 2021 at 6:30pm**
- **LFI On-line Application** will be available on: Monday, **January 4, 2021 at 8:00 am**
- **LFI Application deadline:** **February 13, 2021 at 4:00 pm**

Non-Catchment and Non-District Applications for the 2021-2022 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." Non-catchment and non-district applications will be **accepted online only** commencing **February 1, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.** 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.

Non-Catchment Application: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/student-registration/non-catchment/>

Non-District Application: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/student-registration/non-district/>

Kindergarten Registration –February 16-23, 2021

Please note on-line Kindergarten Registration for children living in Pinewood Elementary School catchment will occur between February 16-23. More information will be shared when it becomes available. Please see the district website for the most up-to-date information on this year's procedures:

<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/student-registration/kindergarten/>



Grade 7 Transition to Secondary School

Planning has begun with our local secondary schools for the transition to grade 8. Staff are currently engaging in meetings regarding programs and classes for September. More information will be coming out soon to our Grade 7 families in regards to this important transition, and the process involved.

School Drop-Off and Pick-Up

We know that school drop-off and pick-up are very busy times at schools and it can be challenging for students and their families to maintain two metres distance from others. We also recognize that school drop-off and pick-up have traditionally provided an opportunity for parents to connect with each other. However, given the high number of COVID-19 cases in our province currently and the public health orders aimed at preventing the spread of COVID-19, we are asking for your support with the following:

- Please keep two metres distance at all times from others who are not from your household
- Please wear a mask in high traffic areas and when physical distancing is not possible. This is good modelling for students.
- We ask that you stand back from the school exits and let your child come to you to reduce the risk of interaction with others.
- Please remind your child not to play with others from outside of their cohort, or gather with other students before and after school.
- Please leave the school grounds promptly after dropping off or picking up your child.

Many thanks for your co-operation with these measures.

SOGI Resources for Parents

At Pinewood, we believe that we 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 do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or the principal.

Announcements of District-wide Closures and/or Delayed Openings of Schools

As winter weather is expected to arrive, 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

Term-at-a-Glance Previews

By Monday, January 18, 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.



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 for visitors at the end of the roundabout as well as three accessible 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.

Dogs on 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.



PAC NEWS

PAC Meeting – Monday, January 25, 2021



The next PAC meeting will be **Monday, January 25, 2021** at 7:00 pm on Zoom. 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.

Zoom link: <https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/2589320924?pwd=NXFiYzhxb1g2Y3p3bWFpZ29SQVZFQT09>
Password: PWPAC

CALENDAR



CALENDAR REMINDERS



Friday, January 22	Professional Development Day- Students do not attend
Monday, January 25	PAC Meeting – 7:00 – on Zoom
Monday, February 1	Non-Catchment and Non-District applications open online
Monday, February 15	Family Day – Schools Closed
Wednesday, February 16-23	KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION- for all <u>catchment</u> students born in 2016
Friday, February 26	Professional Development Day- Students do not attend