



Pinewood Elementary School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Pinewood Families:

Term 2 tends to be one of the shortest and busiest of the year. All students have been working through the variety of learning opportunities indicated in the class previews sent out by teachers in January. Our next formal reports will be available on March 4. Until then, if you have questions about your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher by phone or by email.

With Valentine's Day fast approaching, our thoughts at Pinewood turn to friendship and kindness. While we are not able to share candy, treats or gifts with classmates this year due to COVID, paper valentines with kind notes and messages are welcome to be exchanged in classes. It is an opportunity to take the time to discuss with students the importance of the act of kindness rather than the sweet treat, and that classmates will remember the caring words of friendship that are shared in the valentines.

This month, we will also recognize Pink Shirt Day on Wednesday, February 24. Pink Shirt Day originated with two students in Nova Scotia who wanted to make a change. David Shepherd, Travis Price and their teenage friends organized a high-school protest to wear pink in sympathy with a Grade 9 boy who was being bullied for wearing a pink shirt. These students identified a problem, and worked on creating a solution to support their peer. This initiative involved compassion, courage, risk-taking, leadership and creativity for the greater good. By taking a risk and standing up for what they believed was right, these students initiated a movement that has spread across the nation. When we think of our Pinewood students, and the message we wish to send on Pink Shirt Day, I would encourage families to engage in a discussion about how each of us can be a leader for what is good, and for what is right. Our actions on Pink Shirt Day in support of anti-bullying, and in spreading kindness, are small steps that can lead to bigger change. Students are invited to be leaders, and to wear pink on February 24 in support of the idea that being kind is always good, and that bullying is never welcome.

I would also like to thank all the parents and caregivers who do their part to make sure students come to us well-rested, well-fed, and on-time, ready to learn and to participate in daily activities. Your efforts are much appreciated by all of us here at Pinewood.

Ms. T. Doukas
Principal

SCHOOL INFO & REMINDERS

NON-DISTRICT / NON-CATCHMENT APPLICATIONS FOR 2020-2021



Starting **Monday, February 1 at 8:30**, Non-District and Non-Catchment applications were accepted on-line. Please keep in mind these are applications and do not guarantee a child will be accepted into the school. All children need to register at their own catchment school for the coming school year.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION – February 16-23

Please note the Kindergarten Registration period for Pinewood Elementary School catchment students begins on Tuesday, February 16 and goes to Tuesday, February 23. All registrations will be completed online this year. **Please have the following documents ready to upload with your child's registration (all documents must be received for registration to be accepted):**



1. Proof of birth date for the student (birth certificate or passport)
2. Proof of citizenship for both the parent and the student (Canadian birth certificate, citizenship card, passport, landed immigrant document, permanent resident card)
3. Proof of residency (Property taxes – current receipt, purchase/rental agreement or rental receipt – we **cannot** accept hydro/telephone bills or driver's license)
4. BC Services Card

The Ministry is extremely strict about registering students without proper documentation. Although we can hold the registration, we cannot accept it until a copy of the birth certificate is provided.

More detailed information is available at the district website:

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

FRASER HEALTH UPDATES

Fraser Health Winter Update and Resources for Families

Recently, Fraser Health shared a brief update on how we can all help to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in schools. We encourage you to take a read: [click here](#) to view it. Also, a reminder that the Fraser Health website offers a wealth of valuable resources for families. [Click here](#) to access them.

Family Day

Family Day is on Monday, February 15. We encourage all families to continue to follow the [public health orders](#). Currently, this means you should limit your Family Day activities to the members of your immediate household. Please do not:

- Invite friends or family to your home
- Host gatherings outdoors
- Gather in your backyard
- Arrange playdates for children

Many thanks for continuing to help keep our community safe.



FSA – Students in Grades 4 and 7

Foundation Skills Assessments (FSA) are currently scheduled to take place between February 15 and March 12. The Foundation Skills Assessment is an annual province-wide assessment of all B.C. students' academic skills in grades 4 and 7, and provides parents, teachers, schools, school districts and the Ministry of Education with information on how well students are progressing in the foundation skills of Reading, Writing, and Numeracy.

PAC MEETING – Tuesday, Feb 23, 7:00 pm

Our next PAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, Feb 23 at 7:00pm** 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 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!



TERM 2 REPORT CARDS

Term 2 report cards will be posted to Parent Connect on Thursday, March 4 after 3:00pm. Please take the time to read the report card carefully and to discuss it with your child. Teachers are available by phone or email to answer questions you may have about your child's progress.

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL – AM I LATE?

The school district code of conduct indicates that students are to attend school regularly and punctually. Students can take steps to ensure they fulfill this obligation by:

- 1) Making their lunch the night before
- 2) Ensuring homework is complete and packed in their backpacks the night before
- 3) Selecting clothing to wear the night before to reduce decision times in the morning
- 4) Setting an alarm to wake up early enough to ensure they arrive on time
- 5) Planning for enough time to walk from home or from a drop-off spot near the school



All students should arrive close to 8:52am and proceed directly to their lineup. Due to COVID, we ask that students do not arrive early and mingle with other students. Any students who arrive after their class has entered the building must access the school through the front door and will be recorded as late.





CALENDAR REMINDERS

Tuesday, February 2 and Wednesday, February 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constable Hilliard visits Grade 6/7 and Kindergarten classes
Friday, February 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 7 Zoom session with Seaquam counsellor in preparation for Grade 8 course selection (during class time)
Monday, February 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Day – School is closed
Tuesday, February 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindergarten Registration opens online for catchment students SFU student teachers begin with Mrs. Fast, Mrs. Quan, Mrs. Warnock, and Mrs. Mischke
Monday, February 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course selection opens for Grade 7 students planning to attend Seaquam
Tuesday, February 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PAC meeting on Zoom at 7pm
Wednesday, February 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pink Shirt Day
Friday, February 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional Learning Day- NO SCHOOL for students
Thursday, March 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report Cards Issued- ONLINE ONLY- Login to Parent Connect after 3:00 to view
Monday, March 15 – Friday, March 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring Break – Schools Closed
Monday, March 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools Re-open
Friday, April 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good Friday – Schools Closed
Monday, April 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Monday – Schools Closed
Wednesday, April 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student-led Conferences <p style="text-align: center;">Early Dismissal: 2:00pm</p>
Thursday, April 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student-led Conferences <p style="text-align: center;">Early Dismissal: 2:00pm</p>