

PINEWOOD COMMUNITY POST

Working as a team to guide, support and challenge children within a safe and caring school community.

Important Dates

Tuesday, Nov. 9 - Spirit
Wear orders due

Wednesday, Nov. 10 -
Remembrance Day Virtual
Assembly

Thursday, Nov. 11 -
Remembrance Day -
School Closed

Pinewood Updates

It has been a very busy few weeks of learning since my last communication to parents. Halloween has come and gone, and we were so happy to share in our students' joy as they came to school in costume and paraded outside in front of their school community. Returning to moments such as these are certainly a welcome change, and we are so happy to be continuing to bring back some events for students albeit in a modified way.

This week, we look forward to recognizing a more sombre event, as we prepare for Remembrance Day, and we take the time to reflect on what peace means to each of us.

Sincerely,
Ms. T. Doukas

Remembrance Day

On Wednesday, November 10th we will be honouring all Canadian Soldiers, past and present, who have sacrificed so much so that we can enjoy the freedom we have here in Canada. The virtual assembly will include pre-recorded songs, poems and presentations by classes to help us all gain a better understanding and appreciation of Remembrance Day and everything it means. Each student will receive a poppy sticker to wear during the assembly. All through the week, we will be accepting donations for the Poppy Foundation. Students who would like to donate can give the contribution to their teacher.

*"In Flanders Fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below."
—John McCrae*



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Nov. 17- Parent Connect opens for booking appointments for 3-way conferences

Wednesday, Nov. 17 - Grade 6/7 Immunizations

Wednesday, Nov. 17- **Friday**, Nov. 19 - Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday, Nov. 24 - Early Dismissal - 12:08pm for 3-Way Conferences

Thursday, Nov. 25 - Early Dismissal - 12:08pm for 3-Way Conferences

Monday, Nov. 29 - Pro-D Day - School Closed

Thank you!

To our PAC for putting on an enjoyable Trunk or Treat event for Pinewood families!

3-Way Conferences

On November 24 and 25, we will be hosting 3 way conferences as our first formal report to parents. This year, parents and students will have the opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss progress. This alternative reporting format provides a collaborative structure that will give parents and students a voice in the first report. During the meeting, teachers will record key points from the meeting on a form that will then be uploaded to the student's digital folder as a formal report. This replaces the traditional report card that families would typically receive in December.

Parents can expect a communication from teachers between Nov. 15-17 outlining the process. Parents will also receive a pre-conference form, portfolio items and instructions on how to prepare for the 3-way conference. The pre-conference form will need to be returned to school by Nov. 22. On Nov. 17, Parent Connect will open to parents for appointment bookings.

Just like in all aspects of life during our public health crisis, schools are adjusting procedures to protect the health and safety of our community. For these meetings, some teachers will be meeting virtually, while some will be meeting in-person with health and safety protocols in place. Teachers will communicate to parents the format they have chosen. Please know that whether virtual or in-person, these meetings will be a rich opportunity for conversation about student progress. We recognize that each of us have different family health circumstances; if families are not comfortable with an in-person meeting at this time, please contact the classroom teacher to book a virtual meeting.

Daily Health Check

The provincial government has updated the Daily Health Check. It is important to note that *"Students, staff and other adults who are not fully vaccinated and have travelled outside of Canada CANNOT attend school for 14 days after arrival, as part of federal requirements."* For Pinewood families who are planning any international travel, please be advised that children who are not vaccinated would have to stay home for 14 days upon their return. At this time, this would include all children in K-6, as well as any unvaccinated students in Grade 7.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/kindergarten-to-grade-12/covid/daily-health-check-english.pdf>

Spirit Wear

Spirit Wear orders are due back to the office on Tuesday, November 9. Cheques can be made out to Pinewood Elementary, and delivery of items is expected prior to the holidays. Thank you all for your orders!

Vision 2030

The Delta School District is thrilled to unveil our Vision for the next decade. In total, the voices of almost 3,000 individuals were considered in developing Vision 2030 following dialogue with staff, students, families, education partners and local First Nations Peoples. We're excited to follow this new direction as we support students present and future for the next decade. Please [visit our website](#) to see our new Vision, Mission and Values.

Scholastic Book Fair

Next week, Mrs. Loodu will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in our Pinewood Learning Commons. This year the event will be in-person for students only, and virtual for parents with a link they can go to. The same items will be available online as are available in person. Students will come to the Fair during their scheduled library times the week of Nov 15-19. Mrs. Loodu will also have the fair open to students from 8:40am - 3:40pm on Wednesday, Nov. 17 - Friday, Nov. 19th.

Methods of purchasing:

1. Students can bring cash to school and purchase
2. Students can write down their wish list on a slip of paper and take this home to parents. Parents can place the order online and include the teacher's name in the order. All orders will arrive to the school and will be distributed to students.

Here is the link for Pinewood Learning Commons' Virtual Fair Extension: <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5153577>

Thank you for supporting our school library through your book purchases!

Terry Fox Donation

Thank you to all of our Pinewood families for donating 'Toonies for Terry' again this year! Our school donated a total of \$666 dollars to the Terry Fox Foundation.

Art Cards

Our students have now completed their artwork for this years Art Cards. Parents will have the opportunity to view and order these in late November, with delivery anticipated prior to the holiday break.

Windy Days

Being situated next to Watershed Park has its advantages. The scenery is amazing and it makes an outstanding outdoor classroom for students. That being said, on windy days, it poses a potential risk to student, parent, and staff safety. There will be times through the winter that we must close down access to the watershed side of the school. If that is the case, students will enter and leave the building from the back cement area outside the gym doors. Although it is unlikely that a tree will come down, it is a possibility, along with

falling branches and other debris which could be harmful should people be nearby. At recess and lunch, students will be asked to play away from the tree areas which may also mean closing down access to some parts of the playground.

Indigenous Parent Advisory Council

Do you know any parents who might be interested in being a part of the Delta School District Indigenous Parent Advisory Council? We are looking for parents and guardians from every school in Delta to join the IPAC. Please forward their name and contact information to Heidi Wood at hwood@deltaschools.ca

PAC

The next PAC meeting will be Monday, November 22 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. A link will be distributed through the PAC email. Please join us, even if you have never been to a PAC meeting before! The Pinewood PAC can be reached at pinewoodpac@deltasd.bc.ca.

