

# PINEWOOD COMMUNITY POST

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

## Important Dates

**Thursday**, October 21 -  
Photo Retakes

**Friday**, October 22 - Non-  
Instructional Day (School  
closed)

**Monday**, October 25 - PAC  
meeting 7:00pm

**Friday**, October 29 - PAC  
Trunk or Treat Event -  
6:30-8:30pm

## October Updates

This month has gone by very quickly! We have had a very busy month, with several opportunities restarting, in a safe and thoughtful manner, that follow our health protocols. We are pleased to have enjoyed our first hot lunch day, as well as fruit and veggie deliveries. Many primary and intermediate classes have taken part in adjusted buddy experiences, which provides connection and leadership to those involved, and our Grade 6 and 7 students are starting an optional, intramural volleyball program that will give interested students the chance to develop their skills and play some games. All of these have helped us to get back to some of the joyful school moments that were missed last year.



With the dark and rainy days we have been experiencing, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of following the traffic laws and school parking expectations. Delta Police have been present at Pinewood to provide reminders to our community that it takes all of us working together to keep our students and families safe. Speeding in the area and parking illegally, even if it's 'just for a second,' is not worth the potential injury and harm it can cause a child. I appreciate all of those who are respecting the rules of the road, respecting our neighbours' driveways, and helping to keep children on the sidewalks. Additionally, I would like to remind all of our community to be mindful of our accessible parking spots, as they are used by several families who require these spaces.

I wish you all a very happy long weekend, and much fun in the days leading up to Halloween!

Sincerely,  
Ms. T. Doukas

## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday**, November 10 - Remembrance Day Virtual Assembly

**Thursday**, November 11 - Remembrance Day - School Closed

**Wednesday**, November 24 - Early Dismissal - 12:08pm for 3-Way Conferences

**Thursday**, November 25 - Early Dismissal - 12:08pm for 3-Way Conferences

**Monday**, November 29 - Pro-D Day - School Closed

## Thank you!

To parents for supporting students each day to come to school prepared, with a full water bottle, snacks and a healthy lunch!

## Great BC Shake Out

Today, schools across the province took part in the Great BC Shake Out earthquake drill. At Pinewood, students learned about what could happen during an earthquake and how to keep themselves safe should one ever occur. In addition, our students practiced the "Duck, Cover, Hold" procedure too. This procedure involves ducking under a desk, covering our heads and backs, and holding on to the legs of the desk. Students then counted to 60 and awaited further instructions from their teacher. This was the first of three Earthquake drills that we will complete as part of our Emergency Preparedness plan.

## Grade 6/7 Immunizations

Families of grade 6 and 7 students will be receiving information regarding routine immunizations. Please note, these are not COVID immunizations. Please review the information carefully, and contact your local Public Health Unit with any questions.

## Halloween

This year, Halloween will be celebrated at school on October 29. Students are invited to come to school in costume in the morning, and classes will plan individual activities. Please consider those individuals for whom Halloween is very scary. Student costumes are very welcome, but weapons and very scary masks should be left at home. Since parents are not able to come to school to assist with costumes this year, please be sure any costume worn is easy to manage for your child. During the course of the day, we will have a limited Halloween Parade, either outdoors or virtually, based on the weather conditions of the day. Primary and intermediate students will have the opportunity to show off their costumes to the student community in an alternative format. While we are not yet able to invite parents, we are happy that we can provide this fun experience for students. Due to continued health restrictions, we would also ask that students do not bring any food or treats for sharing with



other students.

## Dressing for the Weather

Although we have enjoyed some wonderful fall weather and many warm sunny days, cooler days are now upon us. As the temperature continues to dip, it is important that the students come dressed in outerwear appropriate for the cold, wet, and wind. Here on the West Coast, rain is just a fact of life. On most days, students will be going outside at recess and lunchtime. It is only in the case of **extremely poor** weather, that we designate the recess and/or lunch hour as an "in day" which means that students are to stay inside and play quietly in their classrooms rather than venture outdoors. We refrain from doing this unless absolutely necessary, as the children need the opportunity to get out in the fresh air and be physically active before heading back into the classroom.

Not only do students need to be dressed warmly to enjoy themselves outside but it is essential in the event of an emergency or unexpected situation requiring a building evacuation. Please ensure your children come to school dressed accordingly to be outside at recess and lunchtime (e.g. boots, coat, and umbrella). Because our field also gets quite mucky and wet at this time of year, packing an extra set of clothes into your child's backpack, no matter what grade they are in, is also suggested.

## Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found rack is quite full. If your child is missing a jacket, shoes etc., please remind them to stop by the office and have a look. On upcoming dry days, we will place the items outside in front of the school for parents to view.

## Hot Lunch

Our next hot lunch of the year will take place on November 3. Please see your PAC newsletter for more information, or the school website hot lunch page: <https://pw.deltasd.bc.ca/parent-community/hot-lunch/>. Ordering will take place through the Munch-a-lunch platform. You can connect with this QR code or at the following link: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/pinewooddelta/>



## PAC

The next PAC meeting will be Monday, October 25 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](mailto:pinewoodpac@deltasd.bc.ca).



**Be Kind**



**Be Safe**



**Be Fair**