

# PINEWOOD COMMUNITY POST

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

## Important Dates

**Monday, Jan. 3** - School Closed

**Tuesday, Jan. 4** - School Reopens



## Pinewood Updates

As 2021 draws to a close, I also complete my first year here at Pinewood. It has been a wonderful experience to work alongside the staff and families that make this such a thoughtful, giving and supportive community. Our students have been working so hard to learn and grow, and I am proud of their efforts in all areas. I am particularly struck by the compassion shown by so many of our students towards their peers, in big and small ways. I would encourage families to keep focusing on compassion in 2022, and continue to support students to be kind, be safe and be fair in their day to day interactions.

On behalf of the staff of Pinewood, I wish everyone a very happy holiday season, and a joyful new year in 2022!

Sincerely,  
Ms. T. Doukas



## Holiday Giving Back

This year, our grade 7 student leaders planned two 'Holiday Giving Back' initiatives. Our Coin Drive raised \$824.78 for the Canadian Red Cross BC Floods and Extreme Weather appeal, and through our Food Drive we collected 622 items for Deltassist. We are very grateful for our generous community support for these initiatives, and for the important conversations that took place in homes and classrooms around giving back and positive citizenship. Thank you, everyone!

## 14-Day Rule For Schools

Now that the US border is open for non-essential travel, please be reminded that unvaccinated or partly-vaccinated students who travel outside of Canada – by land, air or sea - are unable to attend school for 14 days

## Upcoming Events

**Monday**, Jan. 10 - PAC meeting

**Friday**, January 28 - Pro-D Day -  
School Closed



## Thank you!

To all parents who have already shared feedback regarding 3-way conferences!

To our Pinewood community for generously supporting our 'Holiday Giving Back' initiatives!

To our PAC for the wonderful holiday treats provided to staff!

following their return.

Although unvaccinated children less than 12 years of age who enter Canada with a fully vaccinated parent are not required to quarantine if the child follows all the requirements outlined in the federal travel guidance, they are still subject to several restrictions, which include not attending school, camp or day care for 14 days after arrival.

## Holiday Concerts

This year, staff made the decision to celebrate the season with 3 mini holiday concerts. This was the first time in almost 2 years that students gathered in the gym for any form of assembly. For our Kindergartens and Grade 1's, it was their first ever assembly! While we were in smaller groups, it was so great to feel the excitement of the students and to watch their joyful performances. It was a wonderful learning opportunity and we are so proud of all of our students. Thank you to Mrs. Kato for all of her amazing leadership and specialized talents that made these concerts possible.



On the technical side, we were able to share the first 2 concerts, but an unexpected power outage in the area caused a school-wide shutdown of our wi-fi, which interrupted the grade 5-7 livestream. Sadly, we were not able to get sound back for parents to view the second half of the show. We are working on sharing the individual videos with families, which will give parents the opportunity to view student performances.

## 3-Way Conferences Parent Feedback

Thank you very much to parents who provided feedback on our 3-way conference format. The survey will remain open for a few more days for parents to provide feedback at the following link:

<https://forms.gle/cYMw3xibywoBDNvd8>

## French Immersion

The district offers two entry points for French Immersion: Kindergarten and Grade 6. Online registration opens on January 4 for both Early and Late French Immersion in

Delta. For any interested grade 5 students at Pinewood, Late French Immersion is available at Chalmers Elementary or Cliff Drive Elementary. More information can be found in the attached poster, as well as at the following link: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/programs/french-immersion/>.

### Seaquam Volleyball Opportunity

Girls in grades 5-7 are invited to attend this excellent opportunity to have some fun while learning volleyball skills and game tactics. No experience is needed as players will be grouped by ability to ensure everyone is being challenged and getting the most out of the camp experience. The camp is run by Sequam's coaching staff along with some current and ex-players. (Some of which were campers themselves!). These normally fill fast so please register quickly. A wait list is kept. The camp will run January 9, 16, 23, 30 and Feb 6, at 4:00-5:30pm at Sequam Secondary.

If you would like to register for the camp please register using the link below:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMOqgyC52bwcytLf-nMGNJt-7sbYNqWet0vaAdmXT\\_FvSmCg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMOqgyC52bwcytLf-nMGNJt-7sbYNqWet0vaAdmXT_FvSmCg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### PAC

The next PAC meeting will be Monday, January 10 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).

