

PINEWOOD COMMUNITY POST

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

This Week's Important Dates

Mon., Oct. 9 - Thanksgiving Day (School closed) -

Sun., Oct. 15 - Last day for Spirit Wear Store orders



Pinewood Updates

It has been a short week, but a busy one! We at Pinewood are very grateful for all of our wonderful students, staff and families, and we wish all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend!

Sincerely,
Ms. T. Doukas. Ms. S. Hodgins

Sharing our Stories

This year, one of the goals of our Pinewood staff is to get to know our students and their families better, so that we can help students to feel safe, welcome and included in our school community.

To start our work on this goal, we have an initiative called 'Sharing our Stories'. Our front bulletin board shares some information about our staff and their stories, and families are welcome to have a look at this when visiting the school.

Now, we would like to invite our community to share some special information about your families. We are curious about each family story and the special experiences families share. The survey at the link below includes the same questions that staff were asked.

<https://forms.gle/pPWr6gyLPTyiuxLs5>

Families are invited to answer some or all of these questions depending on what is most comfortable. Feel free to skip questions, or add extra information in the last section if you'd like.

We can't wait to hear from all of you!

Upcoming Events

Tues., Oct. 17 - 2pm dismissal for parent conferences

Wed., Oct. 18 - 2pm dismissal for parent conferences

Thurs., Oct. 19 - Hot Lunch Day

Fri., Oct. 20 Non-Instructional Day (School closed for students)

Mon., Oct. 23- 6:00pm: PAC Meeting

Fri., Oct. 27 - Trunk or Treat

Tues., Oct. 31- Halloween

Thank you!

For updating information in Parent Connect!

For ordering Pinewood Spirit Wear!



Pinewood Spirit Wear!

A reminder that purchases can be made in a 'school store' format, where parents can link to the site, select items, and pay directly by credit card. The school store will be open until Sunday, October 15. Please expect 4-5 weeks for production after the school store closes. Orders will be sent to the school for distribution, and we anticipate these to arrive well before the holidays. All sales are final.

Families can connect to the online store at the following link:

<https://www.prostockathleticssupply.com/collections/pinewood-elementary-online-store>

When ordering, please note the student's name and division in the special instructions box.

We thank you in advance for your orders!

Traffic Safety

Thank you to our Pinewood community for continuing to adjust to new driveway routines. We urge all families to use extreme caution when walking or driving in the area. Last week, City of Delta staff attended our school to observe traffic flow. We are grateful for our PAC safety volunteers for attending this meeting, and for joining Pinewood admin in working with the City towards improved safety in our neighbourhood.

Parent Conferences

Effective communication between home and the school is very important for student success. This year, our Parent Conferences will take place on Tuesday, October 17 and Wednesday, October 18. On both of these days there will be a 2:00pm early dismissal. Parents may access the school through the front doors for conferences. These meetings are intended for parents only. Students do not need to attend. Mrs. Verma will be opening the Parent Connect portal later today for parents to book appointments.

Emergency Prep

We are sending home a fridge magnet that provides information about our emergency procedure language. In the event of an emergency at school, it is important that families do not call or come to the school, instead please go to the Pinewood website for information and wait for instructions via email from the school office.

For more information about emergency procedures please go to the link below:
<https://facilities.deltasd.bc.ca/deltaprepared/new-emergency-procedures-language/>

This is also a reminder to use Parent Connect to update the section on emergency student release information (separate from Emergency Contacts) to include names of temporary guardians who are authorized to pick up their children in case of an emergency school closure, an out-of-province contact in case local telephone service is disrupted, and list of their child's medical alerts.

Families Experiencing Hardship

If any families are experiencing financial hardship, please reach out to our school office in confidence. Ms. Doukas or Mrs. Hodgins welcome any requests for support.

Dressing for the Weather

Our students will be heading outside for recess and lunch throughout the school year. Please ensure that your child is dressed for the weather to go out to play. **Please expect that students will go out for recess and lunch, unless there is extreme weather.**

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found rack is already very full. If your child is missing a jacket, shoes or other items, 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, and parents may also come in to have a look at items in the main hallway.



October Gallery



