

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

December 5-8 - Scholastic Book Fair

Thursday, December 7 - Hot Lunch

Thursday, Dec. 14 - Term 1 Report Cards posted



Pinewood Updates

This week has been a wet one, and at school we are reminded of how important it is to be prepared with an extra change of clothes, as well as jackets and footwear that are appropriate for the rainy weather. Even our older students sometimes slip and fall and require dry clothing. Thanks to everyone for helping our students to be prepared!

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

Holiday Concert

Our students and staff have been continuing to prepare for the upcoming Holiday Concerts scheduled for **Wednesday, December 20** as follows:

Afternoon Show: 1:30pm (doors open at 1:00 pm)
Evening Show: 6:00pm (doors open at 5:30 pm)

Parents and family members are invited to attend one performance only. Given the number of families in our school, we are asking that parents limit the number of family members who attend. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis and there will be no reserved seating. Please note that the gym doors will open 30 minutes before show time as last-minute preparations will be occurring until that point. If you wish to arrive earlier than that, please line-up by the side of the Leisure Centre to eventually enter through the outside gym doors facing our playground area. The gym will not be accessible through the school. For the evening show, students will be let in the hallway door next to the gym at the back of the school at 5:30, or the front door. They will go to their classrooms and can be picked up at the end of the evening from their classes. We ask all guests to remain for the entire duration of the concert in order to honour and respect the work of all students.

Panther Fridays

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Dec. 20 - Winter Concert

Thursday, Dec. 21 - Hot Lunch

Friday, Dec. 22 - Last Day of School before Winter Break

Monday, Jan. 8, 2024 - School reopens

Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024 - 6:00pm: Grade 7 Camp meeting



Thank you!

To families for supporting our Scholastic Book Fair!

To families for the generous support of our December Giving Initiatives!

We are continuing our 'Panther Fridays' Spirit Days! Staff and students are encouraged to wear black and purple or Pinewood spirit wear. Go Panthers!

Electric Scooters

We are experiencing more students riding electric scooters to school lately. As a safety precaution, electric scooters must now be locked up outside the school, at the bike racks. We are unable to safely store them in the hallway cloakrooms. Moving forward, students who bring electric scooters into the building will be re-directed to lock them up outside.

Grade 7 Camp Meeting

We are happy to announce that our Camp Summit outdoor education experience has been approved by the school district, and we are ready to move forward with our planning. Dates for Camp Summit will be May 22-24, 2024. I would like to invite parents and caregivers to an information meeting on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 6pm in our school library. At this time, I will share information about the camp itself and the types of activities offered as well as information about costs, transportation, and supervision, and there will be an opportunity for questions. This meeting will be for parents and caregivers only.

Entrepreneur Fair

Divisions 1 and 2 students have been working hard to prepare items for sale in their Entrepreneur Fair, which will take place this Monday, December 11. All Pinewood students will have the opportunity to visit the Entrepreneur Fair, and if they choose to, they can purchase items to take home. Prices will range from \$0.50 to approximately \$10. This is a wonderful opportunity for our older students to learn financial literacy and gain some economic and entrepreneurial skills.

Parents of Division 1 and 2 students are invited to visit the Entrepreneur Fair between 9:30-10:15am, 11:00-12:00pm, and 1:15-2:45pm. Please enter through the gym doors.

Child Care Survey from the Ministry of Education and Child Care

The Ministry of Education and Child Care is conducting a parent survey to better understand the regional and provincial demand for school age child care. While it is

known there is unmet demand for school-aged child care, there is no current provincial or regional data quantifying the demand. Your participation will help the Province plan for future school-aged child care expansions.

This survey is intended for all parents, regardless of the type of child care you currently use or even if you are not using any child care at all. If you have not already completed the child care survey, please click on the following link and complete the survey. The survey is available in 18 different languages.

<https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull3/minofed/main/SchoolAgeParents.asp?SchoolNumber=778>

DPAC

Delta DPAC is inviting you to an Emergency Preparedness information session (via Zoom)

Topic: DPAC Emergency Preparedness Information Night

Date: December 14, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/64297808259>

Meeting ID: 642 9780 8259

Passcode: 752838

DPAC & The Delta School District are inviting parents & caregivers to our information session to discuss Emergency Preparedness with our District Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Vanessa Heal. Vanessa will be presenting on her plans for updating our EP Containers, the role PAC will have with supplies, and sharing how the District will be communicating with parents & caregivers during an emergency. This will be a 30-45 minute online only presentation, with an opportunity to ask questions after.

To register for the event or for more information, please email DPAC Chair, Jennifer Rak @ deltadpac@gmail.com.

SPACE IS LIMITED so register today!

PAC

The next PAC meeting will be Monday, January 22 at 6:00 pm in the school Learning Commons. The next Hot Lunch dates are December 7 and December 21.

Giving Back- December Initiatives

As shared with families earlier this week, this winter season, Pinewood has again taken on initiatives to give back to children and families in need in our community. Under the leadership of our library teacher, Ms. Loodu, we have been collecting funds to support the Deltassist Angel Tree Gift Drive. Additionally, we have begun a non-perishable food drive. Please see the letter below for more information.

Food Bank Drive Dec. 4 – 14

Please bring non-perishable food items to donate to Deltassist. Help families in need this holiday season.

When you bring your items to school, please leave them under the Giving Tree in the hallway.

Some items that are needed are:

· Rice (plain and flavoured) · Pasta and sauce – packaged (e.g. Knorr Sidekicks) · Dry pasta (especially spaghetti) · Pasta sauce · Macaroni and cheese · Cereal (including individual hot cereals) · Canned salmon and tuna · Canned ham · Canned chili · Canned meat – prem, spam, corned beef, chicken · Canned stew · Canned pasta · Canned fruit (especially peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, applesauce, pineapple tidbits) · Canned Hearty soups · Canned regular soups · Canned vegetables (including tomatoes) · Tea bags · Coffee · Hot chocolate · Peanut Butter · Jam · Jello (not instant pudding as it requires milk) · Juice (litre size preferred) · Baby food (strained and Junior), formula, ce

