

PINEWOOD COMMUNITY POST

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

Important Dates

Monday, Jan. 8 - School Reopens

Thurs., Jan. 11 - 6:00pm:
Grade 7 Camp Parent Meeting

Sat., Jan. 13 - Grade 7 bottle drive



Pinewood Updates

As 2023 draws to a close, I reflect on the year we've had, which has been at times challenging, at times joyful, yet always full of rich learning experiences for our students here at Pinewood. It continues to be a wonderful experience to work alongside the staff and families that make this such a thoughtful, giving and supportive community. Our Pinewood students have been working so hard since September, 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 2024, and to continue to support our students to be kind, to be safe and to be fair in their day to day interactions.

On behalf of the staff of Pinewood, we wish everyone a very happy holiday season, a restful winter break, and a joyful new year in 2024!

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

Holiday Giving Back

This year, our school community supported Deltassist with a food drive as well as the Angel Tree drive. Our school provided some much needed support to families in need. We are very grateful for the generous support for these initiatives, and for the important conversations that took place in homes and classrooms around giving back and positive citizenship.

Here is a link to an article in the Delta Optimist:

<https://www.delta-optimist.com/in-the-community/pinewood-students-staff-give-back-this-christmas-7999924>

Thank you, everyone!

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Jan. 18 - Hot Lunch

Monday, Jan. 22- 6:00pm: PAC meeting

Friday, Jan. 26 - Pro-D Day
(School is closed)



Thank you!

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

To our PAC for the wonderful gifts provided to each class!

To families for supporting our grade 7 Entrepreneur Fair!

For the generous gifts that staff have received from families this week!

Holiday Concert

This past Wednesday, we hosted our holiday concerts in the gym. We are proud of our students for their hard work and wonderful performances, and we were very happy to have had such a large turnout of families. Thank you for coming out to the event, and we hope you all enjoyed the concert as much as we did! I'm sure that everyone also joins me in thanking Mrs. Kato for her amazing leadership and specialized talents that made these concerts possible.

Grade 7 Camp Information Night

On Thursday, January 11, at 6:00pm, grade 7 parents and caregivers are invited to the school Library Learning Commons for an information meeting about Camp Summit for grade 7s in 2024. Dates for Camp Summit will be May 22-24, 2024. At this time, we will share information about the camp itself and the types of activities offered. We will also have information about estimated costs, transportation, and supervision, and there will be an opportunity for parents to ask questions. Due to space limitations, this meeting will be for parents and caregivers only.

Dress Code

The Delta School District has conducted a review of dress codes in all schools. At Pinewood, we have worked alongside our PAC to update our school dress code. The following language will be added to our student handbook:

The school's Dress Code supports the general Code of Conduct but is more specific.

Students should come to school appropriately dressed for their day. Clothing should not promote drugs or alcohol or display offensive language or images that put down a person or persons or that encourage discrimination based on disability/religious belief/sex or gender identity. Students should come to school wearing safe, activity appropriate clothing and footwear (this is especially important on days they have P.E. class or are participating in athletic activities). Student dress should not cover the face except as appropriate for religious reasons, health and safety, or to accommodate a disability.

Any concerns about student dress are handled with

individual students in a discreet and respectful manner.

French Immersion

The district offers two entry points for French Immersion: Kindergarten and Grade 6. Online registration opens on January 4 at 8:00am 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/>.

End of Year Message from Education and Child Care Minister

Please go to the following link for a message from our Minister of Education, Rachna Singh:

<https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/bulletin/20231215/year-end-letter-to-parents-2023.pdf>

PAC

The next PAC meeting will be Monday, January 22 at 6:00 pm in the school library learning commons. Please join us, even if you have never been to a PAC meeting before! The PAC can be reached at PinewoodConnect@gmail.com

A family concert Live at Genesis Theatre



Sunday, JANUARY 21, 2024, 3:00 pm

Genesis Theatre, 5005 45th Avenue, Ladner



Will Stroet of [Will's Jams](#) is a JUNO-nominated musician, nationally recognized educator, and former CBC Kids TV star. His high energy rock pop music in English and French is full of witty wordplay and sing-along choruses, inspiring kids to be active, creative, caring, and community-minded.

All TICKETS: \$12

Purchase ON-LINE: <https://genesis-theatre.tickit.ca/>

Genesis Theatre is operated by Delta School District.