

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

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

Wednesday, Jan. 24 -
11:00am: Seaquam Band
Performance

Thursday, Jan. 25 - Hot
Lunch Day

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



January Updates

As January winds down, we can reflect on our learning and experiences in this fresh new year. There have been opportunities at school for deep learning, fun activities and community building. There have also been two very surprising snow days and some extremely cold weather. We were happy to be able to reopen safely today, and our students had so much fun playing in the snow at recess and lunch; the joy was infectious! Every year at Pinewood is a little bit different, and we look forward to many more surprising and thoughtful experiences as we move through the months ahead.



Sincerely,

Ms. T. Doukas

Ms. S. Hodgins

Sharing our Stories

In October, we shared with families that 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. At that time, we invited families to complete a survey, and many families provided thoughtful insight into their family traditions and stories. We learned that one of the most important things that Pinewood families do together is to share food on special days.

Now, we are moving towards the next part of our work around 'Sharing our Stories'. Staff have decided that they would like to invite families to share a bit of their stories through the special recipes or food that is eaten in your homes. Between now and Spring Break, each class will communicate with families about how this will be undertaken in that division or grade group. Our goal is to

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Feb. 8 - Hot Lunch Day

Monday, Feb. 12- **Friday**, Feb. 23 - Online Kindergarten Registration

Wednesday, Feb. 14- 9:00am-12pm: Kindergarten Registration In Person at Pinewood

Thursday, Feb. 15 - Lockdown Drill

Friday, Feb. 16 - District Day

Monday, Feb. 19 - Family Day - School Closed

Thursday, Feb. 22 - Grade 7 Treat Day (fundraiser)

Wednesday, Feb. 28 - Pink Shirt Day

Thank you!

For ensuring students have clothing and footwear appropriate for the weather, especially in wet and wintry conditions!

To all parents for supporting our motto: Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Fair, and for reminding students to make positive behaviour choices!

gather a recipe and a 'story' from each family, and create a class recipe book. Each recipe book will be created digitally and will be shared out to families. We will also create a staff recipe book which we will be able to share out as well. Our hope is that if we share our special recipes and traditions around food, then we will be a more kind, connected, and compassionate community.

Individual classroom teachers will advise families of the plan for their class. Families can expect to hear about the plan in the coming days and weeks.

We look forward to working on this initiative together!

Kindergarten Registration - 2024-2025

Kindergarten registration for September takes place mid-February each year. A child may be registered to attend Kindergarten in September if their fifth birthday occurs on or before December 31st of the current year.

Kindergarten registration for the 2024/2025 school year will be held from February 12-23, 2024. Please register ONLINE for your catchment area school during this period of time. In-person registration at Pinewood will be available on Wednesday, February 14. For verification of your catchment area school, please check the School Locator. Instructions on how to register will be posted on the district website in early February.

Please have the following documents ready to upload with your child's registration (all documents must be received for registration to be accepted):

1. Proof of birth date for the student (birth certificate or passport) (registration will not be accepted until proof of birth date is received).
2. Proof of citizenship for both the parent and the student (Canadian birth certificate, citizenship card, passport, landed immigrant document, permanent resident card).
3. BC Services Card (please include both sides of card)
4. Proof of Residency (Property Taxes – current receipt, purchase/rental agreement or rental receipt).

Please refer to the district website for information about procedures for non-catchment and non-district kindergarten applications: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/student-registration/kindergarten/>

Panther Fridays

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

Reminder to Send Students to School Fully Prepared

Before dropping students off for school, please be sure they are fully prepared for the day, dressed for the weather and with a lunch, full water bottle, and all necessary homework, supplies and library books. Also, please ensure students have a full change of clothes at school. The wet and muddy conditions outside often necessitate a change into clean and dry clothing after the playtime.

PAC

The next PAC meeting will be Monday, January 22 at 6:00 pm in the school Learning Commons. In lieu of a regular meeting, this will be a PAC social and info session. Come learn what PAC is all about, what they do and who they are!

A Snowy Sunrise over Pinewood's Friendship Circle January 18, 2024

