

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

Fri., Apr. 12: Musical Theatre Production: Adventures in Candyland

Tues., Apr. 16: Portable Planetarium (for primary students)

Thurs., Apr. 18: Hot Lunch Day



Pinewood Updates

Dear Pinewood families,

Spring has definitely arrived, and with it, there have been many busy days at Pinewood! Some of the great learning has included getting outside for Track and Field, community walks and watershed visits, going on field trips, taking part in Run Club, and watching or taking part in our musical theatre production. All of these add to the rich learning experiences planned each day for our students, and really make things memorable here at Pinewood! Thank you to our families for all of your support with the special 'extras' that are presented.

We wish much happiness to all of our families who have taken part in cultural celebrations over the last month, including Easter, Eid-al-Fitr and the upcoming Vaisakhi. Have a wonderful week!

Sincerely,

Ms. T. Doukas Ms. S. Hodgins

Musical Theatre

Congratulations to Mrs. Kato and our musical theatre club, who have taken part in the original Pinewood production of 'Adventures in Candyland'. These students took part in all aspects of the production, including writing, acting, singing, dancing, creating costumes and sets, lighting and sound. Students were excited to take part in two initial performances for our students on Thursday, and at the time of writing this, students were preparing for Friday's performances for our community. We are so proud of the hard work and creativity that has gone into this production!

Student-Led Conferences

On April 24 and 25 we will be opening our doors again to families for our Student-Led Conferences. Student-Led Conferences are an opportunity for students to lead a

Upcoming Events

Wed., Apr. 24: Cultural Presentation-
"Stay Driven Duane Gibson"

Wed. Apr. 24 and **Thurs.**, Apr. 25:
Student-Led Conferences (2pm
dismissal both days)

Monday, May 6 - Regional Track
Meet

Thursday, May 16 - District Track
Meet (for qualifying students)

Friday, May 17 - Pro-D Day - School
Closed

Monday, May 20 - Victoria Day -
School Closed

Friday, June 14: Sports Day

Tuesday, June 25: Grade 7 Leaving
Ceremony

Thursday, June 27: Last day of school
for students (10:30am dismissal)

Thank you!

To our parent volunteers who
helped with Adventures in
Candyland!

To all of our families who have
helped drive to sporting events
and on field trips!

discussion with parents about their learning and experiences at school. During these conferences, students take an active role in their learning, by sharing examples of their work, discussing strengths and challenges, and by setting goals for future learning. Teachers will be present, and they look forward to welcoming parents into their classrooms. During Student-Led Conferences, up to four families will be present in classrooms at one time. Private conversations with teachers about student progress will likely not be possible, but can be scheduled with the teacher if needed.

In order for all families to have a positive experience, we would ask the following:

- Please adhere to your 20 minute appointment time, and exit the classroom promptly at the end of your conference
- School-aged siblings are asked to bring a book or quiet activity to help pass the time as they wait in the hallway
- Please arrive for your conference on time
- For classrooms with an exterior door, families may enter and exit through that door, or the front door may also be used
- For divisions 2, 6, 8 and 11, families will enter through the front doors of the school

Mrs. Verma will be communicating with families on Monday about booking appointments for Student-Led Conference. Please contact her with any questions you may have.

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found is overflowing! Please come by the school to check the Lost and Found items in our main hallway. At the end of June, all items will be donated to charity.

Track and Field

It is Track and Field season for our intermediate students, and we are again taking part in both regional and district track meets in May. Our Regional Track Meet will take place on Monday, May 6 at North Delta Secondary, and qualifiers will move on to the District Track Meet on May 16.

Grade 4-7 students have all been taking part in our Track and Field program three times a week as part of our Physical Health Education curriculum. Track meet

participants will be selected by teachers, and more information will be shared in coming weeks.

Student Learning Survey 2023/2024

The Provincial Student Learning Survey for parents is open and can be completed electronically at

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey#take> . The survey can be accessed through the link by selecting our school district #37 and Pinewood Elementary. The e-survey site will be open until April 28th. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Are you moving over the summer?

If you know you are moving over the summer and your children will not be returning to Pinewood, please let the office know as soon as possible. We are already beginning to plan for next year, and this information is always very helpful.

BC Training and Education Savings Grant

The provincial government offers families/guardians of students in kindergarten to Grade 4 support through the BC Training and Education Savings Grant. Your child(ran) may be eligible for a \$1,200 grant for their post-secondary education. Please see information in this [letter](#) from the BC Ministry of Education and Child Care.

PAC

The next PAC meeting will be Monday, April 22 at 6:00 pm in the school Learning Commons. All Pinewood parents are automatically members of the PAC, and all are welcome to come to these meetings. The PAC can be reached at PinewoodConnect@gmail.com