



Ladner Link

Ladner Elementary School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Ladner Families,

A belated Happy New Year to you and your families! I hope that 2018 is a wonderful year for everyone in the Ladner Elementary community! Term Two promises to be an exciting one and the staff here are recharged and ready to lead our students through more learning opportunities. Term Two is always exciting times!



The start of a new calendar year is always a great time to re-visit things that are important. For us here at Ladner Elementary, one thing that is very important to us is helping our students learn all the ways they can S.O.A.R. (Show Our Absolute Respect). Everyone in the Ladner community S.O.A.R.s when they show respect for themselves, for others, for the environment and for learning. I encourage you to spend some time talking with your child about the countless ways they can show respect in these four domains. We plan to further highlight these in the months ahead!

SCHOOL INFO & REMINDERS

Kindergarten Registration

Please note Kindergarten Registration for Ladner Elementary School will take place on **Wednesday, February 14th, 2018 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am.** The following documents **must be provided when registering** and required before the student can start at school:



1. Child's Birth Certificate (**registration will not be accepted until proof of birth is received**)
2. Proof of residency (municipal bill or copy of purchase/rental agreement. **We cannot accept hydro, telephone, etc. or driver's license.**)
3. Proof of citizenship for both the parent and the student (Canadian birth certificate, citizenship card, passport, landed immigrant document, permanent resident card)
4. Immunization record, care card, medical and emergency contact information.

This year the Ministry is being extremely strict about registering students without the proper documentation. Although we can hold the registration, we cannot accept it until a copy of the birth certificate is provided. Please ensure that you bring the original birth certificate and all proper documentation to the registration on February 14th.

French Immersion Applications for the 2018/2019 School Year



Are you, or is someone you know, interested in finding out more about the French Immersion Programs in Delta? Applications for the French Program will be available on-line at www.deltasd.bc.ca as of January 8, 2018.

Parent Information events:

Early French Immersion (Kindergarten entry) – January 23rd, 2018, 6:30 pm, @ Ladner Elementary

Late French Immersion (Grade 6 entry) – February 8th, 2018, 6:30 pm, @ Ecole Cliff Drive

Applications for both the Early and Late French Immersion programs will be available at the school office.

Application deadlines:

Early French Immersion is Friday, February 2nd, 2018 at 4:00 pm

Late Immersion is Friday, March 2nd, 2018 at 4:00 pm.

Charlotte Diamond Concert

DIAMONDS BY THE SEA

Saturday, January 20th, 2017 @ 2:00 pm
Delta Secondary - Genesis Theatre
5005 – 45th Ave



PRESCHOOLERS and the YOUNG AT HEART... Come sing and dance around the world in English, French and Spanish!

Tickets will be \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. <https://charlottediamondgenesis.eventbrite.com> ☐

Winter Carnaval



Our Winter Carnaval will take place on Friday, January 26th. It is a school-wide celebration based on the Carnaval in Quebec. The staff is planning activities for the day which will reflect aspects of the real Carnaval. We will even have a visit from Bonhomme! In order for the day to run smoothly, parent volunteers are needed to run activities. If you are available to help please email Madame Dockerill at: hdockerill@deltasd.bc.ca and let her know. We are probably going to need approximately 60 parent helpers and the following supplies for stations:

- shoe boxes
- paper towel and toilet paper rolls
- large and small plastic yoghurt or sour cream containers

All items can be dropped off on the stage in the gym. Please don't feel the need to hold back, we need a lot of each of the above items (roughly 500).☺

Stay tuned for more information in the days ahead and thank you in advance for helping make our Carnaval a success!

Term-At-A Glance Previews



By Friday, January 26th you should receive a Term Two Preview from your child's classroom teacher if you have not received a full year preview in the fall. This document is meant to give you a picture of the topics and skills that will be introduced this term. The hope is that this will aid you in supporting your child's learning at home. Please contact your child's teacher if you don't receive a copy of this important communication.

Homework Club



Homework Club is back! We will be running this program on Monday to Thursday mornings 8:00 to 8:45 am. If your child is having problems with homework, getting it done or would just like a little extra help, they are welcome to come to the library at 8:00 am. They are asked to come prepared with their homework assignments, pen, pencil, erasers, etc.

Announcements of District-wide Closures and/or Delayed Openings of Schools



As winter weather has arrived, we want to remind parents/guardians, students, and staff of the Delta School District's winter weather procedures and announcements.

All schools in the Delta School District will remain **OPEN** if at all possible during winter weather, including snowfalls. Any district-wide closure will be decided by 7:00 a.m. at the latest and will be announced through the media as well as through the District and school websites. Please note that no announcement will be made stating that schools are open. Only closures and delayed openings will be announced.

Information about any district-wide closures will be sent to Metro Vancouver radio and television stations. Please check the following stations for school closure information:

Radio	Television
CBC AM 690 radio, 88.1 FM	Global BC
CKNW AM 980 radio	CBC TV
News AM 1130 radio	CTV BC
Fairchild AM 1470 radio	City TV

Announcements of school closures or delayed openings will be posted on the School District's website. Individual school closures due to unique circumstances (e.g., power outages) will be announced as early as possible on the District website as well as on the affected schools' websites. On occasion, schools may delay the start of the school day; if this happens, specific details will be posted on the school and District websites.

Student safety is the first priority of the Delta School District. Parents/Guardians are responsible for their children's safe travel to and from school. If, for any reason, a parent/guardian feels that a child cannot travel safely to school, then they should make other arrangements. Schools will be kept open except under extreme circumstances to provide the option of attendance for all, but the decision to attend is the responsibility of each family.

During extreme weather conditions it is also common for police and other authorities to advise citizens to avoid unnecessary travel. Parents should take this advice as well. Students will not be penalized for lack of attendance under such poor weather conditions. This is also a reminder to all students to dress warmly and wear appropriate clothing. Sidewalks and roads can be extremely slippery and so students walking to school are advised to take extra care.

At this time, we encourage you to review your own preparations for winter weather and ensure that you are familiar with your municipality's snow and ice response procedures. We request that you strictly adhere to parking restrictions in and around all Delta schools. Your child's school will contact you about any changes to driving routes that may be put into effect on streets adjacent to the school.

With your cooperation and adherence to winter weather procedures, we can help achieve safe conditions for students travelling to and from school. Please put safety first.

Pick Up and Drop Off of Students



You may have noticed how busy traffic can be out the front of our school. We have several buses and vans that pick up groups of children afterschool and drop them off the next morning. We also have a drop off lane at the front of the school next to the gymnasium.

The drop off lane is only for drop off (a quick exit of the vehicle) and pick up (students who are ready to enter the car). Please do not park and leave your car in this lane. The roundabout driveway in front of the office is NOT FOR STUDENT DROP OFF. It is reserved for buses and daycare shuttles. Using this lane for student drop off creates additional traffic at our crosswalk, which increases the level of risk for our students and parents. We are also very lucky to have Cromie Park at the back of our school. There is a large parking lot and a footpath that leads directly to the school. Please consider using Cromie Park as your drop off and pick up point. Also, when leaving the drop off lane please yield to pedestrians as they exit the staff parking lot.

Our upper intermediate students mind the crosswalk out front of the school. They are trained by our Police Liaison Officer and do a wonderful job of controlling traffic in the crosswalk. If you use this crosswalk with your children it would be wonderful if you could give these hard working students a quick Thank You! Please follow their instructions and respect their role in the crosswalk to ensure everyone's safety.



Thank you to those that are walking bikes and scooters on the school grounds.

Dogs On The School Grounds



We know that many families enjoy walking the family dog when they accompany their children to and from school. At Ladner Elementary, we are asking that all pets be kept a far distance away from the students. If you walk your dog to the school, please arrange to meet your child either off the grounds at the front of the school or at the far edges of the field away from students. Please also try and be aware of children who seem nervous or fearful around animals and respond accordingly. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

PAC NEWS

PAC Meeting



The next PAC meeting will be Thursday, January 18th at 6:00 pm in the Staffroom. Babysitting will be provided. The Executive is a terrific group of parents who work hard to support school activities. In addition, they are a nice group of people to get to know. Every parent who has a child at Ladner Elementary is part of the PAC! Please join us, even if you have never been to a PAC meeting before! Help make Ladner Elementary a great place for our students.



Handwashing to Prevent the Spread of Germs

Germs are invisible and they are just about everywhere. When you touch a doorknob, pick up a book, or pet a dog your hands pick up germs. Handwashing prevents the spread of germs. Why not take a few minutes and review these steps with you family?

- ✓ Wet your hands under running water.
- ✓ Scrub with soap for a count of 30. Make sure you work up some suds.
- ✓ Rinse under running water for a count of 5.
- ✓ Dry with a clean towel.



All family members should wash their hands:

- ✓ After using the washroom.
- ✓ After petting an animal.
- ✓ Before eating.

For more information on hand washing and the most common infections, read the BC Health Files at www.bchealthguide.org/healthfiles or contact a Public Health Nurse.

Snowboarding

According to the BC Injury Prevention Centre, a recent study from Vancouver Hospital & Health Sciences Centre shows that snowboarders are **four** times more likely to hurt their spinal cords than skiers are. Many of these very serious injuries occur during jumps of more than 2 meters.



How do I help my child to be injury-free?

Four steps to be injury-free:

- ◆ **Get training.** Pre-season exercise gets you in shape. Learn basic manoeuvres from an instructor so that you stay in control.
- ◆ **Know your Abilities and Experience.** Ski and snowboard with a friend. Always stay in sight of each other in case of an emergency.
- ◆ **Know you Physical Environment.** Be aware. Know snow conditions.
- ◆ **Know your attitude.** A positive mental attitude will help you look for hazards, stay in-bounds and choose the best run.



CALENDAR REMINDERS



Tuesday, January 23	Kindergarten French Immersion Info Mtg 6:30
Friday, January 26	Hot Lunch
Friday, January 26	Carnaval
Friday, February 2	Early French Immersion Application Deadline
Friday, February 9	Hot Lunch
Monday, February 12	Family Day – No School
Friday, February 23	Non-Instructional Day – No School
Friday, March 2	Late French Immersion Application Deadline
March 19 - 30	Spring Break
Tuesday, April 2	School Re-Opens