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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On **Friday, November 10th** we will be holding our annual Remembrance Day Assembly. The assembly will begin at approximately **10:45 am**. Students will be reminded that this is a solemn learning occasion and as a result, there should be no applause or unnecessary noise. Over the years, I have always been very proud of how students have shown respect and honor to the many Canadians, past and present, who serve our country. Thank you to Mr. Stuart and Mr. Hrabovski for organizing the assembly!



Each student will receive a poppy to wear at this assembly **and we will be collecting donations for the Poppy Fund** on the day of the assembly.

The annual **Remembrance Day Ceremony at Memorial Park** will take place on **Saturday, November 11th at 10:20 am**. It will involve a parade from the Legion Hall to the Cenotaph in the park where a ceremony will take place. One of our students, **Olivia from Div. 5**, will represent Ladner Elementary by laying a wreath during the proceedings.

SCHOOL INFO & REMINDERS

Halloween Parade



Our Halloween costume Parade was held Tuesday, Oct. 31st in the afternoon. Thanks to the children who participated! We had a fun time walking through each other's classrooms to show off our costumes and show appreciation for others. Thank you to Mme Jacobs for organizing and Mme Edge for leading the parade.

Lost and Found



Our Lost and Found areas are already very full. If your child is missing a jacket, shoes etc, please feel free to stop by the school and have a look. Our Primary Lost and Found is located at the end of the Main hall right next to the doors that exit to the Primary undercover area. Our Intermediate Lost and Found is located at the bottom of the stairs located closer to our school library. All unclaimed articles will be bagged and donated to charity at the end of December.

Staffing Updates



It is my pleasure to let you know that Ms. Adrienne Ferguson and Ms. Natasha Pearce have joined our Learning Support Team here at Ladner Elementary! They have already begun getting to know students and supporting them in their learning. They are both very excited about joining our community and I know the students they will be supporting will benefit greatly from their time working together.

Parent Connect



Parent Connect

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Thank you to everyone who logged onto Parent Connect to update your contact information and approve your annual permissions (if these are not complete your child will not be able to go on walking field trips, have their photos taken at school etc)! Please take some time to ensure all of these are done by following the steps below. Last year the district updated Parent Connect to allow parents to use the email address the school has on file for you to log in. Here is this link: (Please ensure that your browser allows for pop ups on this site). Note for MAC users: Please use Firefox or Google Chrome...do not use Safari.

<https://cimsweb.deltasd.bc.ca/schoolconnect/parentsignore.aspx>

Please log onto Parent Connect using your email address and password (if you have forgotten your password click on "forgot my password" and your password will be emailed to you). You will need to do this for each of your children attending Ladner Elementary School.

Under the “Basic” tab you should update Demographic Information (phone numbers, email addresses and emergency contacts). Click on the “Select” button to the left of the line you need to update and make updates on the right side of the screen.

To add Emergency Release information click on the light blue button “**Emergency/Out of Prov/Other Contacts.**” Click on the “Select” button on the left side of the screen and add contact on the right side of the screen. Add no more than 3 names using *type ER-Emergency Release* and add 1 name using *type OP-Out Of Province Contact*. Please note that an Emergency Release is different than an Emergency Contact. In the event of an emergency, we are only permitted to release students to people who are listed in the Emergency Release section of Parent Connect.

Once you have completed your changes/additions to your child’s Demographic and Emergency Release information click on the “**Bulletin**” tab on the screen and give your consent/permission to **ALL** of the following:

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| ❖ Demographic Information up-to-date | Walking Field Trip |
| ❖ Emergency Release Information up-to-date | Fruit and Veggie Permission |
| ❖ Mac Computer Permission form | Outside Media Consent form |
| ❖ Photographs/Video/Website Consent | |

Google Apps for Education (GAFE)

- ❖ While you are making sure the information described above is all up to date, make sure you have given permission for your child to work with the Google Apps for Education (GAFE). This year, we have added a number of chromebooks to our technology inventory. In order for students to get everything from these devices using the GAFE technology is important. Before students can work with GAFE though, parent permission is required so please take the time to ensure that this is completed as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please let Mr. McCallum know.

These forms show on two screens, once you have **SAVED** the first three the other one will show. Repeat for all children attending Ladner Elementary School.

When logged onto Parent Connect, please read the rules about outside media in schools. If you do **NOT** want your child involved with outside media activities, please print off the form to fill out.

Please take a few minutes to complete all of these important forms as soon as possible. Thanks!

Dressing for the Weather



Although we enjoyed some wonderful fall weather and many warm sunny days, fall is now truly upon us. As the temperature continues to dip, it is important that the students come dressed in outerwear appropriate for the cold, wet and wind. Here, on the West Coast, rain is just a fact of life. On most days, students will be going outside at recess and lunchtime. It is only in the case of **extremely poor** weather, that we designate the recess and/or lunch hour as an “in day”, which means that students are to stay inside and play quietly in their classrooms rather than venture outdoors. *We refrain from doing this unless absolutely necessary, as the children need the opportunity to get out in the fresh air* and be physically active before heading back into the classroom.

Not only do students need to be dressed warmly enough to enjoy themselves outside at recess and lunch, but having warm clothing is also essential in the event of an emergency or unexpected situation requiring a building evacuation. Many students are still coming to school without jackets, wearing shorts and hoodies ... even on the coldest, rainiest of days. Please ensure your children come to school dressed accordingly for being outside at recess and lunchtime (e.g. boots and a coat). Because our field also gets quite mucky and wet at this time of year, packing an extra pair of socks and pants into your child’s backpack is also suggested.



Snow Days



If it snows, will there be school? The short answer is...YES! During extreme winter weather conditions, including heavy snowfalls, all schools in the Delta School District will remain OPEN, if at all possible. It is very rare that schools would be closed due to weather conditions or other circumstances. Schools may have a delayed opening to allow schools and routes to schools to be made safer for the arrival of students. Any closure or delayed opening will be decided by 6:30 a.m. and will be announced on the district website at: web.deltasd.bc.ca **To keep phone lines clear, we ask that you please refrain from phoning the school to check that we are open.**

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. 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 is the responsibility of each family. Should you choose to keep your child home, please call the office and leave a message reporting your child's absence.

Fragrance-Free Environment



We remind you that Ladner Elementary is a fragrance-free zone. We have a number of people here who have severe reactions to fragrances. Please, for the safety of our school community, refrain from wearing scents when visiting the school or from sending your children to school wearing products that are heavily scented. Thank you so much for your cooperation!

Do You Bring Your Pet to School?



We know that many families enjoy walking the family dog when they accompany their children to and from school. At Ladner Elementary, **we request that all pets are kept well 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 on the grass field well away from the entrances and exits.**

Please clean up after your pet

PAC NEWS

PAC Meeting



Our next PAC meeting will be held 6:00 p.m. November 16th in the Staffroom. Babysitting will be provided. This 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. Please join us, even if you have never been to a PAC meeting before!

DELTA SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Report Card Changes

Dear Families of Grade 4 to 7 students,

In British Columbia we have a new curriculum that is in full implementation in Grades K-9. This curriculum maintains a strong focus on building the core skills of literacy and numeracy, while placing more emphasis on skill development, deeper learning and increased student independence.

With this shift in Curriculum comes a related shift in how we assess students and communicate that learning to parents. Last year, our school district piloted a new report card (CSL: Communicating Student Learning template) with approximately 250 Elementary Teachers, including three at Ladner Elementary. This year, that CSL format will be used by all elementary classrooms in Delta.

During last year's pilot we solicited feedback a number of ways. From this feedback we learned that:

- parents see value in specific and concrete information about their child's learning
- students value the learning process more when we comment on the process itself
- communication should be learning-focused and provide clear next steps

As part of this work of aligning reporting with new curriculum, this year we will begin using achievement indicators (**Not Yet Meeting, Partially Meeting, Meeting, and Excelling**) rather than letter grades. These indicators will be used for each of the three terms, as well as the final year-end evaluation of student learning. Similar achievement indicators are widely used across the province, including on provincial assessments and grade-level standards produced by the Ministry of Education.

These achievement indicators align better with the direction of the new curriculum, match a number of provincial standards and provide clear communication about student learning in relation to grade-level expectations.

Please see the Delta School District flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information about the changes in report cards. Please contact me if you have any questions.



Communicating Student Learning

NEW REPORT CARDS

WHY A NEW REPORT CARD?

This new template was developed for a number of reasons:

- BC Curriculum has changed to be more competency (ability/skills) focused
- Many Delta teachers feel current report card doesn't align with new teaching practices
- Research tells us that student learning increases when given written comments about what they are able to do and what they need to focus on next—rather than percentages and letters.

HOW WAS THIS TEMPLATE DEVELOPED?

A team of 40+ Delta teachers, school administrators and district staff met over the spring of 2016 to examine a range of report card templates from other BC districts and to build one that aligns with what we know about student learning and the new BC Curriculum. In 2016/17 the template was piloted in 60%+ of our elementary classrooms. Throughout the year we collected feedback from parents, teachers and school administrators, and used this feedback to make changes for this year.

WHAT IS THE SAME AS PREVIOUS REPORT CARDS?

We know that literacy and numeracy (math) are important skills for student success in school and life. The template provides evaluative information (the rating scales) and written comments on specific (abilities) skills within literacy (reading, writing, listening and speaking) and math (understanding, problem solving, reasoning and communicating).

WHAT IS NEW?

Student Perspective: the template opens with thoughts from your student about where they are in their learning, and where they want to grow.

Learning Strands: the remainder of the template is built around three 'Learning Strands' (Health and Well-being, Investigate and Explore, Design and Create). These 3 Strands capture the important skills of the BC Curriculum and give parents information about how their student is doing at developing these skills.

WHERE ARE THE SUBJECT AREAS?

Outside of literacy and math, the rest of the school subjects are also discussed in the 'Learning Strands'. Parents can expect information about their child's learning in science, social studies, art education, etc from either the evaluation scales or the comments under each strand. Designing the report card this way focuses on the important skills in each subject area, while allowing teachers to combine subjects in order go deeper into different topics where appropriate

WHERE ARE THE LETTER GRADES IN GRADE 4-7?

Letter grades are no longer present on terms 1, 2 and 3, and have been replaced with an achievement indicator scale (Not Yet Meeting, Partially Meeting, Meeting and Excelling). These achievement indicators align better with the direction of the new curriculum, matches the scale used on a number of provincial assessments and provides clear communication about student learning in relation to grade-level expectations.

For 2017-18, individual schools have the choice to determine whether student final evaluations will be communicated with achievement indicators or letter grades. Whichever format is used, year-end final evaluations are not an average of the achievement indicators from terms 1-3, but are based on evidence of student learning consistently demonstrated over the course of the year.

MESSAGES FROM YOUR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

If your child has a serious health condition that may require emergency care or medication, contact the school as soon as possible. Please keep the school informed of any changes in your child's medication or health status. Special forms are available at the school office.

The Fraser Health recommends that all children be immunized against the following communicable diseases.

- A booster for DTP (Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, and Polio) and Chicken Pox/MMR is recommended in Kindergarten. Only a single vaccine MMRV is required. Call the health unit or doctor to have this done **ASAP**.
- Grade 6 students are eligible to receive the following immunizations: Hepatitis B (if unimmunized), Meningococcal C, and Chicken Pox booster. Grade six girls will be receiving 2 doses of the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine this year.

Hearing and vision screening will be done on kindergarten students during the school year by our health unit aide.

Headlice is an ongoing concern. Please check your child's head weekly. Information sheets on the treatment of head lice are available at the health unit and the Fraser Health Web site.

The flu vaccine will be available in Nov. **Free vaccine is offered to people aged 2 to 5, over 65, or anyone of any age with chronic medical conditions.** The flu mist vaccine (no more needles) is available for children 2 to 17 years of age.

For more information on school health issues check the Fraser Health web site. (Google Fraser Health, Click Your health then School Health)

Thank you for helping to make your school a **HEALTHY SCHOOL!**



Flu Season Is Coming



What can parents do?

1. Arrange for your family to have an annual flu shot if your child has a chronic health condition (call the Health Unit for more information).
2. Prevent illness by maintaining good health habits...frequent hand washing, eat a variety of foods, exercise and get enough sleep.
3. Recognize flu symptoms—stuffy nose, cough, sore chest, fever, chills, muscle and joint pains. Vomiting and diarrhea are not usual symptoms of Influenza but may be seen in young children.
4. Keep your child at home away from others and treat the symptoms with bed rest, plenty of fluids and acetaminophen (i.e. Tylenol) for fever and aches.
5. Call you doctor if your child has a rash, high fever, ear ache, severe vomiting and/or diarrhea.

If the school finds it necessary to send your child home because of illness, please make sure you have made alternate arrangements when you are not available. Inform the school of these arrangements.

Helping Kids Build Physical Activity into Their Daily Routine



Helping kids build physical activity into their daily routine helps to create a pattern that may very well stay with them for the rest of their lives.

Research shows that physical activity:

- Builds strong bones and strengthens muscles
- Maintains flexibility
- Achieves a healthy weight
- Promotes a good posture and balance
- Improves fitness
- Improves physical self-esteem
- Increases relaxation
- Enhances healthy growth & development
- Helps children to meet new friends



Lice

Head lice do exist in our school as it does in most schools. In fact, some lower mainland schools are dealing with it in epidemic proportions. Head lice are parasites that only infect human scalps. They are spread by head to head contact but do not cause disease. However, they do “cost” families in terms of having to buy and spend time on treatment, generate frustration, unnecessary embarrassment and sometimes education time lost. Here are some “facts of lice”:



- Having lice does not mean a lack of cleanliness. Lice love clean human hair!
- Lice do not jump or fly
- Lice bites make the scalp itchy
- Nits are lice eggs, which are attached to the hair, close to the scalp. They are as tiny as dandruff or about 1/3 the size of a sesame seed
- You can't get rid of nits by brushing, or with a hair dryer
- After the head lice hatch, the shell of the nit stays stuck to the hair. If it is more than 12 mm (1/2 inch) away from the scalp, it is probably empty
- Lice are spread by head-to-head contact and by sharing brushes, hats, or other items that come in contact with the head
- Head lice are common where children play or work closely together
- **Lice do not cause disease....they just bug us!**

How to prevent lice/the spread of lice?

- Routinely check your child for lice even if he/she is not scratching their head
- Check your child for lice if a friend/classmate has head lice
- Teach your child to not share hats, brushes, helmets, hair barrettes and towels
- Keep long hair tied back
- If you discover that your child has lice, it is important that you notify the school. This way, we can send a notice home with students in your child’s class, advising their parents to also check their children for lice. Your child will not be identified. Confidentiality will be respected, as this can be a sensitive issue for many families.

Please check http://www.fraserhealth.ca/your_health/school_health/head_lice or the HealthLinkbc.ca home page for more information on lice.



CALENDAR REMINDERS

Friday, November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:45
Monday, November 13	Remembrance Day Closure-No school in session
Friday, November 17	Hot Lunch
Friday, November 24	Non-Instructional Day – No school in session
Friday, December 8	Hot Lunch
Tuesday, December 19	Term 1 Report Cards Home
Wednesday, December 20	Christmas Concert: Primary: 1:20 Intermediate: 6:30
Thursday, December 21	Last Day of Classes
Monday, January 8, 2018	School Re-Opens

Parent Support Group – South Delta Child / Youth Mental Health

Strategies, Coping Skills, and Support for Parents

In 6 weekly meetings, parents will learn to:

- Identify warning signs and symptoms of mental health illness
- Handle a child's/youth's unusual behaviours
- Identify critical situations that demand medical or mental health practitioner intervention
- Find their own parenting style to meet their child's/youth's special needs
- Understand and accept new family dynamics
- Deal with painful emotions in a healthy way
- Self-care
- Set healthy boundaries

Offered to South Delta parents at no charge for November / December.
Sponsored by the Delta Division of Family Practice*.

When: Thursday Nov 16 – Thursday Dec 21, 6:00-8:00 pm

Where: Ladner Pioneer Library, 4683 - 51st Street, Ladner

Seats are limited. To reserve your place and/or to find out more information please contact the professional counselor at:

SDeltaPSG@gmail.com

** Presented by the Delta Local Action Team, part of the BC Child & Youth Mental Health and Substance Use Collaborative; a partnership of Doctors of BC and the Government of British Columbia.*



SMOKING CESSATION WORKSHOP

Tuesday, November 14, 2:30 pm - 4 pm

Nicotine from smoking is more addictive than heroin and cocaine.
If you want to quit smoking, the hardest thing to do is to try and quit by yourself.
If you are thinking of quitting, plan to attend the "Quit Now" workshop led by a trained health educator who will help you assess your readiness, make a plan and QUIT!

Delta Libraries in partnership with **Fraser Health** and **Quit Now** is hosting a free workshop on smoking cessation to help you become smoke free by this winter.

Learn about:

Impact of smoking on your health ♦ Cessation strategies - how to start a quit attempt ♦ Nicotine Replacement Therapy - the different types and how to use them ♦ Resources for quitting, such as free coaching, and other programs ♦ Quitting smoking can be very challenging, but it CAN be done!

Join us to find out more! Registration is required. Please contact your local library.



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