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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy Holidays! With December upon us, I would like to take the opportunity that the season brings to say THANK YOU to our very supportive community, for all your help so far this year. Your contribution, no matter how small, combines with everyone else's to make a HUGE difference for the students here at Ladner Elementary. I hope that December is a wonderful month for all of you!



*On behalf of the entire Ladner Elementary staff I would like to wish our community a very Merry Christmas and holiday season! I hope you all enjoy time with family and friends. I also want to wish everyone all the best for a happy and healthy 2020!*

## SCHOOL INFO & REMINDERS

### Term 1 Report Cards



On **Wednesday Dec. 18**, their first, formal report card for the current school year will be posted onto Parent Connect for you to view. This is an exciting time for children and parents, a time to offer encouragement and support as well as a time to set realistic goals. As you sit down to discuss your child's report card with him/her, keep in mind the following questions.

- **At what type of work does my child excel?** All children have strengths and it is important to look at areas of excellence as well as areas requiring attention. Celebrate your child's successes.
- **What type of work is most challenging for my child?** Areas of challenge provide children with opportunities to demonstrate perseverance, diligence, and determination, virtues that we want to foster in our children.
- **What is my child's attitude towards learning?** Attitude is a key ingredient to success. While we need to help children be realistic about what they can achieve, everyone does better with a winning attitude.
- **How can I support my child in his/her learning?** While a variety of homework activities may be assigned on any given night, use the report card to determine which subject area might require extra attention. This will provide a focus for those evenings when your child says, "But I don't have any homework." Regular practice with reading, spelling, or basic math facts will make a difference over time.
- **What goal(s) can we set together for the next term?** Together, with your child, choose something to work on and then make a plan for how to achieve the goal.

Thank you for your positive partnership with us in helping your child to succeed at school. If you have questions about how you can support your child in their learning, contact their classroom teacher. Together we can make a difference.

## Christmas Concert



Our students and staff are hard at work in preparation for the upcoming Christmas Concerts: This year's Christmas Concerts are two separate events: a Primary Concert, and a Band & Intermediate Concert.

Thursday, December 19th – Primary Christmas Concert at 1:20 pm

Thursday, December 19th – Intermediate Christmas Concert at 6:30 pm

**Both concerts will take place in the school gym.** Parents and other family members are invited to attend the performances. However, given the number of families in our school (over 300), we are asking that parents limit the number of family members who attend the concert. Seats are available on a first come, first serve basis and there will be no reserved seating. We will be having a dress rehearsal before the concert day and offer that as another opportunity for parents and other family members to enjoy the performances. The dates and times of the dress rehearsals will be posted on the website and sent out in a

group email. Please note that the gym doors will not be open until 30 minutes before show time as last minute preparations will be occurring until that point. If you wish to arrive earlier than that, please line-up outside the west gym doors facing our parking lot. The gym will not be accessible through the school.

### Annual Ladner Elementary Food Drive



Our Student Leadership Committee is organizing the school’s annual food drive for **Deltassist**. This year our drive will be running until **December 13<sup>th</sup>**. The most useful contributions include grocery staples such as: pasta, fruit juices, canned fish and meat, cereals, rice and peanut butter. **(Please do not send food that has expired).**

Donations of soap, shampoo and toothpaste are also needed. Due to health regulations, we cannot accept home canned goods. If you are able to help out, please have your child bring their contribution to their classroom. We are working together to exceed last year’s goal. If we collect 1200 items our students will earn an extra recess. Thank you in advance for making this annual event a huge success!

### Weather Information 2018-19

#### 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.

### Dressing for the Weather

Although we enjoyed some wonderful fall weather and many warm sunny days, winter 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.



This is a reminder to all parents and other visitors to please remember to sign in at the office when visiting or volunteering in the school for any reason (meeting, lunch program, morning reading, etc.) Not only is this important in terms of ensuring that all of our students are safe, it is also important in terms of ensuring that **you are safe and accounted for** in the event of an emergency.

### Volleyball Season



On November 18 and 21 our Grade 6 and 7 Volleyball teams wrapped up their seasons with tournaments at Sacred Heart (grade 6) and DSS (grade 7). Both teams worked hard and improved over the season. They also represented our school very well and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship! Thank you to Mme Spargo, Mme Lydster, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Wortley for coaching these enthusiastic groups of students!

### Lost & Found



Please check the two “Lost and Found” areas the next time you are in the school. They contain many clothing and miscellaneous items. *Any unclaimed items will be donated to the clothing bank before we leave for Christmas Break.* To prevent items from being lost (and not found!), please identify your child’s clothing with his/her name on the label.

### PAC NEWS

#### PAC Meeting



The next PAC meeting will take place at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 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!

### SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION

#### French Immersion Applications for the 2020/2021 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 online as of January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. Parent Information events will be held on the dates below:

**Early French Immersion (Kindergarten entry) – Wednesday, December 4th, 2019 6:30 pm  
@ South Delta Secondary in Tsawwassen**

**Late French Immersion (Grade 6 entry) – Wednesday, January 29<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 6:30 pm  
@ South Delta Secondary in Tsawwassen**

#### **APPLICATION DEADLINES ARE:**

**Early French Immersion online application for Kindergarten will be available on the Delta School District website on Monday January 6th, 2020 at 8am**

**Application deadline for Early French Immersion is Saturday January 25th, 2020 at 4:00 pm**

**Late French Immersion online application will be available on the Delta School district website on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 8:00 am.**

**Application deadline for Late Immersion is Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 4:00 pm.**





## 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 your 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](http://www.bchealthguide.org/healthfiles) or contact a Public Health Nurse.

## Children and Tobacco Smoke

**How does tobacco smoke affect my child's health?**

Children exposed to second hand tobacco smoke are more likely to suffer from:

- ◆ Tonsillitis
- ◆ Ear infections
- ◆ Sore eyes, noses and throats
- ◆ Coughs, wheezes and asthma
- ◆ Chest infections
- ◆ Deaths or injuries in the house



**Did you know that:**

- ◆ Spending 24 hours in a smoker's home is like smoking 3 cigarettes?
- ◆ Spending 1 hour in a smoker's car is like smoking 3 cigarettes?
- ◆ National Non Smoking Week is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January.

**What can I do to help keep my child from starting to smoke?**

- ◆ Make your home and car smoke free spaces
- ◆ Talk about tobacco with your child.



### Why does My Health

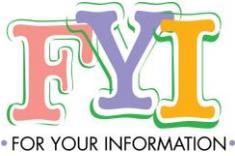
#### My Community matter to me?8

Do your kids have safe places to play? Is work stressing you out? Do you know your neighbours? Do you have enough transportation options in your community? All of these things affect your health and well-being. Your participation will influence your community's priorities in improving population health.

If you are over the age of 18 and believe in the importance of the *My Health My Community*, please complete the following online survey, share your commitment with the people in your life – friends, family members, neighbours and co-workers and encourage them to take part.

It's easy to be a champion for *My Health My Community* – start by telling your family, friends and colleagues about the survey and why you've chosen to participate.

<https://www.myhealthmycommunity.org/survey.aspx>



## CALENDAR REMINDERS



Friday, December 6	Hot Lunch
Thursday, December 12	Popcorn Day
Wednesday, December 18	First Term Report Cards posted
Thursday, December 19	Christmas Concert: Primary 1:20 pm, Int: 6:30 pm
Friday, December 20	Pyjama and Movie Day
Friday, December 20	Last Day before Winter Vacation
Monday, January 6	School Reopens
Thursday, January 9	Popcorn Day
Thursday, January 16	PAC meeting, 6:15 pm
Friday, January 17	Hot Lunch
Friday, January 24	Pro-D Day – No school