



# LadnerLink

## Ladner Elementary School

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Ladner Families,

Happy New Year to you and your families! We wish you all good health and happiness in 2021! The building is alive with laughter and good spirits after such a well deserved break. With everyone so rested, we look forward to a term of continued learning, kindness and respect. Please remember to conduct the Daily Health Check before sending your child to school each day. We appreciate your continued efforts to make our school a healthy place to learn.



The start of a new year is an opportune time to consider what we are grateful for and set new goals. A focus at our school this month will be educating our students about racism and what we can do to embrace diversity. There may be conversations worth having with your children as well. As we welcome in the new, we have a few people to introduce: Stephanie Matheson is our new Vice Principal and may be teaching your child PE in the gym; Laura Axon has returned and will be teaching Division 8; Mr. Richards continues to teach Division 7 during Mr Hrabovski's absence. We also extend a big welcome to the families who have recently joined our Ladner Elementary Community. We look forward to seeing you outside, over zoom and eventually back in the school one day. Please be sure to check our school website for information and special events.

### SCHOOL INFO & REMINDERS

#### Kindergarten Registration



In order to keep traffic to the school low, we will be using MyED BC for parents to register their Kindergarten student and/or students already accepted into the French Immersion program. The online district registration will be open for one week in February (16-23), where families can use the online registration system. It will allow you to upload copies of the needed documents as well as demographic information. Please visit the Delta School District website for more information [www.deltasd.bc.ca](http://www.deltasd.bc.ca) or call 604-952-5340

This registration is only for those Kindergarten students who are in-catchment to our school, or have been accepted into French Immersion program. The process for anyone who would like to go to an out of catchment school will have to complete an online application starting February 1<sup>st</sup> and before March 5<sup>th</sup> to be eligible to attend an out of catchment school. During the week of February 16-23 you will register your Kindergarten student at Ladner Elementary (your in-catchment school). There will also be pdf instructions available on the district website closer to February.

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. Care card, medical and emergency contact information.

This year the Ministry is being extremely strict about registering students without the proper documentation. Please ensure that you provide all proper documentation at the time of registration.

### French Immersion Applications for the 2021/2022 School Year



#### What is Early French Immersion?



The major goal of Delta's French Immersion program is to provide the opportunity for non-Francophone students to become functionally **bilingual** in English and French. This is a Kindergarten to Grade 12 program.

You can find more information about Delta's French Immersion Programs at:  
[www.deltasd.bc.ca/programs/french-immersion/](http://www.deltasd.bc.ca/programs/french-immersion/)

## Early French Immersion Dates and Deadlines

Early French Immersion Online Application will be available starting: **January 4, 2021 at 8:00am**

Early French Immersion application questions or concerns:

Starting Monday, Jan 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 please direct questions or concerns about your application to Gwenaëlle Oger-Black, French Programs Coordinator, [gogerblack@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:gogerblack@deltasd.bc.ca)

Early French Immersion **Deadline: Jan 23, 2021 4:00pm**

Early French Immersion results: **Feb 9th, 2020, 4:00pm**

You should have been contacted with your application results by this date. Please direct questions or concerns about your application to [gogerblack@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:gogerblack@deltasd.bc.ca)

## Early French Immersion Attendance Areas

**Ecole Ladner Elementary** is the attendance area school for students in the catchment areas of Hawthorne, Holly, Ladner, Port Guichon or Neilson Grove Elementary Schools.

*Grandfathering will be considered for those who already have siblings in the "old" attendance area school.*

## Application Priorities

If applications exceed space available, six priorities are used to select students:

1. Students living in Delta or attending a Delta school **within** the immersion school's French program attendance area, and **who have siblings** in the District's French Immersion program.
2. Students living in Delta or attending a Delta school **within** the immersion school's French program attendance area, and **who do not have siblings** in the District's French Immersion program.
3. Students living in Delta or attending a Delta school **outside** the immersion school's French program attendance area, and **who have siblings** in the District's French Immersion program.
4. Students living in Delta or attending a Delta school **outside** the immersion school's French program attendance area, and **who do not have siblings** in the District's French Immersion program.
5. Students living **outside** Delta and not attending a Delta school, **who have siblings** in the District's French Immersion program.
6. Students living **outside** Delta and not attending a Delta school, **who do not have siblings** in the District's French Immersion program.

## **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:

<b>Radio</b>	<b>Television</b>
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.**

### Before and After School on the Playground



Before school, supervision of students on the playground begins at 8:25 a.m. Therefore children should not arrive at school prior to that time. When students arrive at school, they are reminded to go directly to their class line. We are encouraging students to stay off the playground before and after school. We have worked so hard to keep our cohorts only together and if all students are on the playground, in random groups, it defeats these efforts.

### Adult Crossing Guard Needed



We are currently looking to hire an Adult Crossing Guard. This is a paid position between the hours of 8:20 am – 8:50 am and 2:40 pm and 3:10 pm. Please email or call Mme Carleton if you are interested. Her email is: [tcarletongaines@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:tcarletongaines@deltasd.bc.ca)

### 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.

### MESSAGES FROM OUR COMMUNITY

#### KAL Tire Supporting our LE Community



As a part of Kal Tire's initiative to support our community, all LE staff and families will receive the following from Kal Tire Ladner:

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| Free tire rotation    | Free Brake Inspection       | Free Air Ups                          |
| Free tire inspections | Free Wheel Alignment Checks | Free VIP Discounting on all Purchases |

## PAC NEWS

### PAC Meeting



Our next PAC meeting will be held at 6:15 p.m. January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to attend virtually. Our PAC does a wonderful job enhancing the learning opportunities for our school in many different ways. Please consider being an active member of this very important school committee! For full list of fundraisers, visit our PAC online website at <https://ladner.hotlunches.net> Got questions, email us [lepacinfo@gmail.com](mailto:lepacinfo@gmail.com)

### PAC Projects

Happy New Year! We have some exciting projects happening this year and we need your support. Below are the highlights. See the attachment for more information.

- Spiritwear is back!
- Playground Fundraiser - Buy a Local Savings Business Card for only \$20.00
- Pink Shirt Design Contest!
- Ongoing Bottle Drive for the Playground
- Next PAC meeting via Zoom on January 20th

Thank you from the Ladner Elementary PAC

To learn more about the PAC & upcoming events, please LIKE our [Facebook page](#) / [Instagram](#)

## MESSAGES FROM YOUR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE



# 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.



## CALENDAR REMINDERS



Friday, January 15	Black Shirt Friday
Wednesday, January 20	PAC Meeting, 6:15 pm – via Zoom
Friday, January 22	Non-Instructional Day – No School
Saturday, January 23	Early French Immersion Application Deadline
Friday, January 29	Spirit Day - Fancy Mask Day
February 3 & 4	Teacher Conferences – Early Dismissal 1:50 pm
Friday, February 12	Spirit Day - Favourite Furry Friend Day
Monday, February 15	Family Day Holiday-No School
Wednesday, February 17	PAC Meeting, 6:15 pm – via Zoom
Friday, February 26	Non-Instructional Day – No School
Wednesday, March 9	Term 2 Reports Posted On-line
March 15 - 26	Spring Break
Monday, March 29	School Re-Opens