



Beach Grove Elementary School

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In the Grove

The Newsletter of Beach Grove Elementary School

March 9, 2018

Events Calendar

March:

- 13- Hoop Shoot @ SDSS
- 14- Term 2 reports home
- 16- Last day Prior to Spring Break

April:

- 3- Return from Spring Break
- 5- Track Practice begins @7:45
- 6- Walk to School
- 6- Half Marathon Begins
- 11- PAC mtg @ 6:30pm
- 13- Fun Lunch
- 20- Pro D Day (school not in session)
- 28- PAC Adult Social - See below

Reminder:

Clocks move ahead by one hour this weekend!

February / March Birthdays

Happy birthday to these students who celebrate a birthday in February and March:

Charlie G, Barbara S, Lloyd W, Jackson P, Sophia P, Liliana T, Erina P, Carys L, Sophia D, Declan S, Ruby W, Emily B, Joshua M, Katrina S, Eridan R, Sienna H, Brandon T, Mason D, Brayden A, Everly S, Sophie C.
Ronak M, Ty M, Anna D, Jason B, Adam B, Ruby H, Aidan T, Matthew C, Sam G, Finton S, Vincent G, Chantelle I, Isabella D, Irene C, Lukas H, Tangkwa I, Bailey S, Cole L, Leo Y, Oscar M, Sawyer T, Alyssa B, Frankie D, Preston H, Ruby F, Kana L.

Principals Message

As we look towards the beginning of March teachers are beginning to think about report cards, our basketball season has come to a close and hopefully some warmer and drier weather is on the way. In Basketball our students were great sportsman and role models as they played through their games and they have developed their skills showing good team play. Our grade 5, 6, and 7's have the opportunity to take part in the school Hoop Shoot contest which will culminate in teams of 3 moving on to the district event on March 13th at South Delta Secondary. Practices for Hoop Shoot will begin soon and be held over the lunch hour.

On another note our Kindergarten registration took place earlier this month on Wednesday, February 21st. At this point, we do have enough students to have at least 2 kindergarten classes. Any parents who missed Kindergarten registration are asked to phone the school immediately. The better informed we are, the more likely we will be to meet the needs of the community.

Report Cards Home next Week

Our teachers and staff have worked hard to create report cards that describe your child's progress during the last term. We hope you find the information helpful and that it initiates some conversation with your child. Here are some suggested topics:

- What are some strengths in the report card that we can celebrate ?
- What does the report card indicate needs attention ?
- What needs to happen to address those things ?
- Qualities that lead to success in life are often mentioned in the report card. What does it say about respect, cooperation, persistence, responsibility, and initiative ?

As always, if you have questions or concerns about your child's progress, please call the school to arrange an appointment with the classroom teacher.

In Late April we will be hosting our Student led Conferences as another way for you to see what your child has been up to at school. **Please sign and return the Report Card Envelope to your child's teacher as soon as possible. The report card is to be kept by you for future reference.**

Delta Police Department - Our community Partners

Seeing uniformed police officers walking around the school grounds can sometimes raise anxiety levels and leave people wondering if something is wrong.

The Delta Police Department's "Adopt a School" program is intended to help foster positive relationships between police and the school community, and challenge assumptions that police only show up when there's "trouble".

In addition to the long established School Liaison Officer program, this fall the DPD launched the "Adopt a School" program, where patrol officers who work in the area will be dropping by from time to time (typically in the mornings), as their schedule permits (you may have noticed a couple of Delta's finest on site earlier this week).

In addition to stopping by to say hello and chat with kids and parents, officers having a more visible presence at school also helps with traffic safety.

Drop off and pickup times can cause congestion. Parents slowing down to drop off kids can sometimes be distracted, or make poor driving decisions, and students rushing to join their classmates may not be paying careful attention. Throw in gloomy skies and rainy weather, and a few impatient drivers caught in the congestion, and we've got less than ideal conditions.

Increased police presence can help keep kids safe (and drivers on their best behaviour!

A few reminders on avoiding congestion and making sure students are safe when it comes to drop-off and pick-up times:

Follow the rules of the road and use good judgement.

U-turns are especially dangerous (particularly in cross walks) due to congestion and reduced visibility.

If you want to walk your child to class, make sure you are safely and legally parked. Don't leave your vehicle unattended in "no-parking" or "drop off only" areas, and be sure you are not blocking anyone's driveway.

Pre-plan your daily trips. Ensure that your children are fully dressed with their book bags and projects are within easy reach, once you stop at the school, say quick goodbyes and remind your children to exit promptly.

Do not stop in the middle of the road to drop your child off. This is unsafe for your child and causes traffic congestion.

Use the crosswalk.

If you can, walk to school. If you must drive park a little farther away and walk the rest of the way. It is safest if we can reduce vehicle traffic right near the school.

So, if you notice Delta Police Officers at school, feel free to stop and say hello.

PARENTS AS PARTNERS:

Dealing with angry children:

suggestions for parents

It can be alarming to us to notice that a child has reacted with anger or aggression. Many of our children are too quick to retaliate (using verbal aggression, kicking, hitting or pushing) when things are not going their way. Dealing with this anger is something we can learn to do. In helping our children to find ways to deal with difficult situations, we are helping them to develop both satisfying relationships with others and personal happiness.

Talk about it: When you see your child respond with anger or aggression, TALK about it; Deal with the action rather than the person. "I am not pleased with what you did." rather than "I am not pleased with you." Explain why the action was an unacceptable response; Consistently reinforce the message "people are not for hitting, kicking or hurting."

Suggest Alternatives: Ask "What else could you have done?", Walk away; Count to ten; Ask a grown-up for help; Tell the person not to call you a name.

Practice or role-play difficult situations:

Many situations in which children respond aggressively happen because children are unsure of how to approach a situation like sharing, taking turns, or joining in. Isolate the situation which likely led to the problem. Very often confrontation happens when children first start to learn a social skill like sharing or joining in. The right words and the correct behaviour in the situation can be practised. Role-play or practice both the incorrect and the appropriate responses. Discuss the child's feelings in each situation.

Watch for "early warning signs" Name calling should never be taken lightly as it may lead to a more serious situation. Role-play to practice various responses to situations involving name-calling. Ask your children to tell you whenever they are having problems with name-calling.

Discuss "bullying" with your children:

Bullying can often be "silent" violence and can involve both physical and emotional abuse of the victim. The message that has to be given to our children is that "the only way to stop a bully is to tell a grown-up who will listen to you and help you. Bullying is spread by silence and fear. Talking about it can help to stop it.

Track and Field

Track and Field will be in full swing for students in grade 4-7 beginning the first week back from Spring Break. As usual we expect to have a wonderful turnout for our practices. During the weeks in April students will be working through all the track events and then will be assigned to events for the upcoming Regional and District meets. If your child does wish to be involved in track please watch for the permission form which will come home in the first weeks of practices. **We do expect students to be at practices if they are planning to attend the track meets.**

Here are some dates to remember:

Practices: Monday/ Thursday - 7:45am

Regional Meet - Wednesday, May 9 @ South Delta Secondary

District Meet - Thursday, May 17 @ South Delta Secondary

Thank you to our staff for their time and effort with this big activity.

BEACH GROVE ELEMENTARY ADULT SOCIAL - EVERYONE WELCOME - invite your friends and family

Ticket sales start today Friday, March 9th - only available through HotLunch site

***Purchase your tickets by April 6th to win an early bird prize (\$100 value)**

To volunteer or donate an item for the silent auction, please speak with a member of the PAC or email us at bge.pac@gmail.com

Beach Grove Half Marathon

Once again this year we are planning to do our Beach Grove Half Marathon. Student in grades 2 - 7 will be out each Monday, Wednesday and Friday to run a kilometre on the dyke. Our runs will be held at 11:50 on those days and parents are very welcome to join us. Most student will be running as part of their DPA (Daily Physical Activity) but for those students who want to receive a t-shirt and medal at the end the cost will be \$26. More information will be coming home next week.



Spell-a-thon a Great Success

Our Beach Grove Spell-a-thon fundraiser was a great success and brought in over \$8800 to add to our playground fund ! A big congratulations to all classes and to Mrs. Vaughan's grade 2 class for collecting the most pledges at just over \$1350! Thank you to all students who worked so hard to practice their words and collect pledges. Everyone did an amazing job ! Thank you also to all those who supported our students by pledging and the teachers and volunteers who make this event possible! Well done everyone ! To see each class's total, visit the PAC website at: beachgrovepac.weebly.com

Thank you again for your support !

Your PAC

Beach Grove Elementary School Carnival

Friday, May 11th from 5pm - 8pm
BBQ, Games, Cake Walk, Bake Sale and more!
More info to come (and requests for volunteers!).

Please Save the Date!



**Sincerely,
Rick Hall, Principal
and the staff at Beach Grove**