



Beach Grove Elementary School
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In the Grove

The Newsletter of Beach Grove Elementary School

January 6, 2017

Events Calendar

January:

- 3- Back to school
- 11- PAC Mtg 6:30 pm
- 13- Fun Lunch
- 27- Dufflebag Theatre @ 9:00am

February:

- 6- Non catchment applications can be submitted
- 22- Kindergarten registration @ 9:00 am - 12 noon
- 22 Ready, Set, Learn @ 9:00am

Principals Message

A belated Happy New Year and welcome back to our second school term. I would like to take this opportunity to express a sincere thank you to our many thoughtful students and parents who sent their best wishes to the Beach Grove staff during the Christmas Season. Your support means a great deal to all of us.

Beach Grove staff is planning a productive and stimulating program of learning and extra curricular activities for our students. As always our cultural events and special activities are listed in the weekly calendar and in each newsletter. Newsletters are sent out via email every second week as a way to keep you better informed as to what is happening at school and in our community. We continue to use parent emails as a way of connecting with our families regarding many activities going on. If we do not have your email please be sure to get yourself added to the mailing list by going onto Parent Connect and adding the necessary information. Newsletters and other school information can also be accessed by visiting the school web page.

Report card envelopes are to be signed and returned to the school. The typed comments can be kept at home for your records. Please return the envelopes to your child's



Kindergarten Registration

Registration for next year's Kindergarten classes will take place on Wednesday, February 22 between 9:00 and noon. Parents are asked to bring with them proof of residency (rental or purchase agreement or current property tax assessment), immunization records, and an original birth certificate or passport (parents as well). Also, please remember to bring Doctor's name, phone number, and Care Card Number as well as Emergency Contact Information for your child. At this point, it is not certain how many K classes we will have for the 2017/2018 school year. For this reason, parents are reminded to come to the school on, or as soon after, February 22 as possible. Registrations are not accepted before this date.

Non-catchment forms available from the school office

School Choice legislation enables parents to apply to any Delta school. However, there are procedures in place that protect spaces for catchment area students in their home school. If you know of any families who would like their child(ren) to attend Beach Grove next year but do not live in our catchment area, please pass this information on to them.

NON-CATCHMENT AND NON-DISTRICT APPLICATIONS MAY BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED ON -LINE AT <http://web.deltasd.bc.ca/content/schools/studentregistrations> as of Monday, February 6 starting at 8:30am on-line at the school board office.

Non catchment forms are also available from the school office for the 2017/2018 school year. The earliest these completed forms can be submitted is February 6th. This is for all grades 1-7, these forms are to be submitted to the requested school. **For kindergarten students these forms are to be given to the catchment area school. Kindergarten registration also happens at the catchment area school.** If you have any questions/concerns about this process, please email or call Mr. Hall or Mrs. Adam.

Parent Reminders

Parents in the building

During the fall terms, we expect an increase in the number of parents entering the building first thing in the morning to speak with teachers, help young children with coats and boots, and generally hanging around outside of classrooms. While we understand your desire to make sure your child is organized we need to acknowledge that, as we move into term 2, children need to be self sufficient in getting organized and ready to start their day. Students are able to be ready on their own after recess and lunch and, if needed, teachers are there to help out. To this end, it would be appreciated if parents would leave their children at the door of the school to enter with classmates. This will allow teachers to be able to move quickly into morning routines and also help us ensure our hallways are safe. Obviously if there are immediate concerns that need to be dealt with then we understand; however, this should be a rare occurrence. If you need to be in the building, please come in the front door and sign in at the office. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher via email or phone or stop by the office and speak with myself for anything we might be able to help out with. Thank you for your understanding.

Students and cell phones:

We recognize that parents are wanting to be able to contact their child when a concern arises. As a result students are bringing cell phones to school in ever growing numbers. If your children are bringing cell phones to school please remind them that once at school the devices should be powered down and stored in the bottom of their backpacks in the coat area. Students should not be using cell phones at school unless for a specific purpose as outlined by their classroom teachers.

School Ground Supervision:

Just a reminder that while children are at school it is the expectation that they are under school staff supervision. Supervision on the grounds begins at 8:30 am prior to the start of school and ends at 3:15 at the end of the school day. If you are dropping your child(ren) off in the morning please remind them that they must be on the school grounds while waiting for the bell to ring in the morning. It is far too difficult for our school staff to monitor the park areas around the school. Your support in helping keep all our students safe is appreciated. Finally, if you need to collect your child during the school day please remember to, if possible, let the classroom teacher know in advance. When picking up your child always come to the office to have your child called out of class.

Lost and Found

Next week we will be collecting up our lost and found and sending it out to charity. The lost and found is in the hallway in front of the library. Please ask your child to come down and take a look for any of their misplaced items. Teachers walked their classes past prior to the holiday break. You may also want to come and check it out. Lost and found will be bag up on **Wednesday, January 18**. Feel free to stop by the office, pick up a guest pass and take a look.

Parents as Partners

Profile of a successful student

A successful student is not necessarily one who gets good marks but one who is working to potential.

A successful student will demonstrate the following characteristics:

- attends regularly
- arrives punctually to school and classes
- has complete notebooks and all necessary supplies for class work and homework
- has established a homework routine
- is healthy, ready and able to work – well nourished and well rested
- is attentive in the classroom
- participates in classroom discussions and activities
- works in an organized and efficient manner in the classroom
- completes work missed when absent
- requests and budgets time for extra help when needed
- gets involved in school activities which encourages a sense of belonging and recognition
- has realistic self-expectations and acceptance of capabilities and limitations
- begins to take responsibility for own work, e.g. balancing work and play time, using planners
- gets support from family
- gets encouragement from friends

Ready, Set, Learn

The Ministry of Education initiative called "Ready, Set, Learn" is intended to foster relationships between 3 year olds and the public education system. It is the goal of the Ministry to create "ties" between youngsters and the school that they will be attending in a few short years. To that end, our school has organized a "Ready, Set, Learn" opportunity for the 3 and 4 year-old future students in our neighbourhood. Beach Grove has chosen **Wednesday, February 22, from 9:00 – 10:30 am** as our date to welcome these preschoolers into our **school**. Please encourage friends and family who live in the Beach Grove catchment to attend this session with their 3 and 4 year old preschooler.

Sincerely,

Rick Hall,
Principal

and the Beach Grove staff