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In the Grove

The Newsletter of Beach Grove Elementary School

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Events Calendar

February:

5- Non catchment applications can be submitted
7- Grade 6/7 Skiing @ Cypress
9- Walk and Roll to School
13- Late French Immersion Parent Meeting @ Cliff Drive
14- Grade 6/7 Skiing @ Cypress
16- Fun Lunch
21- Kindergarten registration @ 9:00 am - 12 noon
21 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 classroom teacher ASAP.

Flu and Cold season is here !

As we are into that season of flu and colds I need to take this opportunity to ask that you not send your child to school when they are feeling under the weather. Lately we have had many students come to school feeling unwell and needing to go home. As we have several students in our school community who can not afford to become ill due to other health concerns and teachers who are susceptible to all the illness that comes into the school we ask that you keep your child at home in these situations. We appreciate your support with this.

Kindergarten Registration 2018/19 & Ready Set Learn Event

Kindergarten registration for September 2018 at Beach Grove Elementary begins Wednesday, February 21 starting at 9:00am. This is scheduled on the same day as our Ready, Set, Learn event and we invite you to join us with your preschooler in the gym at 9:15 am. Ms. Karen Masters, a retired Beach Grove Kindergarten teacher will be doing a sing-a-long with the children. Mrs. West-Sells and Mrs. Hansen, our kindergarten teachers will also talk to parents about preparing their child for kindergarten.

A child may be registered to attend kindergarten in September 2018 if his or her fifth birthday occurs on or before December 31, 2018.

Please bring the following documentation when you come to register:

- Child's birth certificate or passport (**registration will not be approved until proof of birthdate is received**)
- Proof of citizenship for both the parent and the student (Canadian birth certificate, citizenship card, passport, landed immigrant document, permanent resident card).
- Record of Immunization, care card, medical and emergency contact.
- Appropriate proof of residency (rental or purchase agreement or current property tax assessment).

At this point, it is not certain how many K classes we will have for the 2018/2019 school year. For this reason , parents are reminded to come to the school on, or as soon after, February 21 as possible. Registrations are not accepted before this date.

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. You may want to come and check it out. Lost and found will be bagged up on **Wednesday, January 17**. Feel free to stop by the office, pick up a guest pass and take a look.

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 5 starting at 8:30am on-line at the school board office.

Non catchment forms are also available from the school office for the 2018/2019 school year. The earliest these completed forms can be submitted is February 5th. 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 in the case of Beach Grove the date is Wednesday, February 21.** If you have any questions/concerns about this process, please email or call Mr. Hall or Mrs. Adam.

PARENTS AS PARTNERS:

How to Help Improve Your Child's Thinking Skills

If we want our children to think for themselves, it is not enough to simply tell them, "Put on your thinking cap." We must help them learn to assess, evaluate and see relationships between events and ideas. Here's what parents can do to boost thinking skills:

- Encourage children to ask questions about the world around them.
- Listen actively and respond seriously, but without judgment, to the questions they raise.
- When reading together, ask children to imagine what will happen next in the story.
- When kids express feelings, ask why they feel that way.
- Ask children to find facts to support their opinions.
- Use television and other forms of entertainment as the basis for family discussions.
- Use daily activities as occasions for learning, let children estimate cost and time and guess at how things work.
- Ask kids what questions their teachers are raising in school.

Student Drop off and Pick-up Reminder

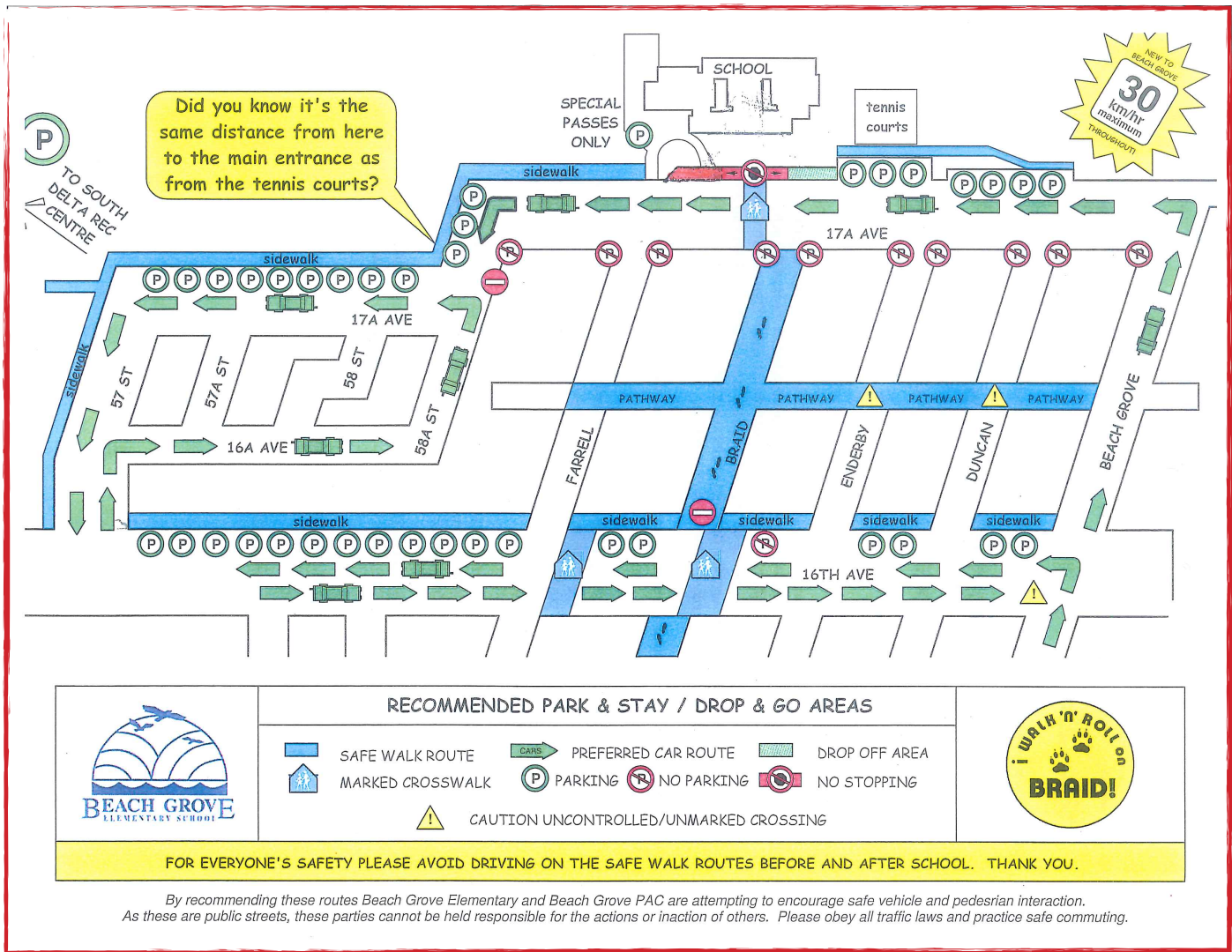
Parents are reminded that there are specific procedures in place for student drop off and pick up at Beach Grove. The school driveway is closed to all vehicles except daycare and school busses and handicapped vehicles.

The high traffic that exists around our school in the thirty minutes before school begins and the 30 minutes after classes are dismissed causes us great concern.

Please keep the following rules in mind:

- Whenever possible, please encourage your child to **walk or bike to school**;
- **If you must** drive your child to school, please be reminded that there is **no longer parking permitted along 17A avenue** between the hours of 8:00a.m. and 3:30p.m. **This area is for drop off and pick up only** during those times.
- Please pull over safely to drop off students. Do not double park or let students jump out of the vehicle in the middle of the street. This puts children and drivers in danger.
- Please also remember to follow the safe route to school (See map below). There are two safe options as follows.
 - Drivers are asked to drive north on Beach Grove Road and west on 17A ave
 - or drive along 58A, turning west on 17A.
- **Drivers are reminded that Braid Ave is a safe route for pedestrians, bikes, scooters, and rollerblades. Please do not drive and park on Braid Ave before and after school.**
- Finally, SLOW DOWN! The speed limit for all of Beach Grove is 30 Km/h. Be aware and respectful of our young crossing guards who are guiding students across the street. Crossing guards are on duty from 8:30 a.m. until 8:45a.m. and from 3:00p.m. until 3:15p.m.

These guidelines are in place to create a safe environment for your children. We thank you for your support !



Sincerely,
Rick Hall, Principal

and the staff at Beach Grove