



Beach Grove Elementary School
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In the Grove

The Newsletter of Beach Grove Elementary School

September 8, 2017

Events Calendar

September:

5- First day back to school -

Dismissal 12:18

11- Band Rental Night 7 PM

13- PAC Mtg 6:30 PM

20- Meet the Teacher 6 PM

22- Non- Instructional Day

27- Individual student photos

28- Terry Fox Run

October:

9- Thanksgiving

20- Non-Instructional Day

25/26- Parent /Teacher

Interviews - student dismissal

Newsletters

Newsletters such as this one are just one of the ways that we communicate with our school community. Newsletters will be paperless and placed on the school website. Parents will be notified via an email from the school. I will endeavour to put a newsletter out twice per month.

Please be sure that your info is up to date using Parent Connect.

Also, if you need a paper copy please let us know at the office.

Bell Times:

8:45 Warning bell

8:50 Morning classes begin

10:30-10:45 Recess

12:18-1:18 Lunch break

1:13 Warning bell

1:18 Afternoon classes begin

2:58 School dismissal

Principals Message

On behalf of the Beach Grove staff, I would like to welcome back those families who are returning to Beach Grove and extend a special welcome to the students who will be attending the school for the first time. We hope that all of you will soon feel that you are an important part of this special community. We look forward to getting to know your children, to meeting all of you, and our staff invites you to take an active role in the school community.

I am looking forward to my second year as principal of Beach Grove and working with this great community. We as a school work hard to build a culture of high achievement, respectful relationships and joy in learning and working together. I would like to let you know that my door is always open if you have a concern that you need to discuss with me, if you are just looking for information or guidance, or if you are just wanting to say 'HI'.

Organizing Classes

Student placement in classes is based upon decisions made by teachers and administrators, taking into account the needs of the child and parent concerns. All staff take the job of student assignments very seriously. Teachers and administrators meet as a group (last year's teachers, next year's teacher, Learning Assistance teacher, counsellor) and spend literally hours working to create classes based on the individual needs of children. Ability, workable instructional groups, exposure to a variety of teaching styles, social groups, and additional pertinent information from parents or from any other services involved with the child are all taken into consideration. We do our best to get it right for all our students. If you have a concern please do not hesitate to connect with me for a discussion around these decisions. Remember that, as always, we will have many combined classes. As children move through the elementary grades, they will probably be in a combined class many times. The placement of students in combined classes is often a concern for parents. However, the research that has been completed indicates that children do just as well in these classes as they do in a "straight" grade class. The teacher's knowledge of the curriculum and their skills help all children be successful. All this being said I will tell you that with the new class organization guidelines it has been a challenge putting our groupings together this year. We needed to take into account smaller regulated class sizes as well as individual student make-up.

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.**

If your children will be absent:

To ensure that your children get to school safely, Mrs. Adam will call home each morning to check on the whereabouts of absent children whose parents have not notified the school office. Please contact the school ahead of time to let us know if your child will not be attending or will be late that day. This can be done by:

- Sending a note to the office with a sibling or neighbour;
- Leaving a message on the school answering machine at 604-943-0108 available 24 hours;
- Email our Admin assistant; **cadam@deltasd.bc.ca** or Principal; **rhall@deltasd.bc.ca**

Please, USING PARENT CONNECT, make sure that all phone numbers we have for you, your spouse, or other emergency contacts for your child(ren) are **current** and **up-to-date**. The inability to contact an adult in any type of emergency, medical or otherwise, can be very distressing for your child. Kindergarten parents will get sign on information in the next few weeks. If there are any problems please call the office for assistance.

Daily Noon hour Supervisors Needed

Are you interested in being employed by the Delta School District as a casual Supervision Assistant? This position is responsible for monitoring student behaviour and safety and for enforcing school rules and policies during our lunch break 12:18-1:18 p.m. Please email Mr. Hall at rhall@deltasd.bc.ca if you are interested or need further information.

Important Information- Update Parent Connect!!

All parents need to go on-line each year to update their demographic/emergency release information. We rely on this contact information when trying to keep parents informed and need it to be accurate. As well, each year permission forms need to be reviewed and approved. All forms are **approved electronically** through parent connect and NO PAPER COPIES NEED TO BE RETURNED. To access parent connect go to:

<https://cimsweb.deltasd.bc.ca/schoolconnect/parentsignore.aspx>

You can also access parent connect through our school website (the Parents tab) and then on the right hand side you will find the link for Parent Connect.

TIP FOR SIGNING INTO PARENT CONNECT: Your email address is now being used to sign into parent connect that you have provided the school instead of your child's PEN. If you have never signed on before or are new to our school and do not know your password, or you have already been on the system and just forgot your password, you can ask the system to email you the password by clicking on **Forgot your Password**. Passwords are sent to the parent email addresses defined on the child's student record. To have the password emailed to you, click on the "Forgot My Password" link next to the Password box.

PLEASE HAVE ALL UPDATES AND FORMS APPROVAL COMPLETED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NOT LATER THEN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH .

If you have any problems signing into parent connect, etc. please email Mrs. Adam at cadam@deltasd.bc.ca or call the school at 604-943-0108.

Help Us Keep Students SAFE

1. Supervision of students before & after school

Parents are reminded that supervision of students on the playground begins at 8:30 a.m. and therefore children should not arrive at school prior to that time. After school, students can wait safely supervised until 3:15 in the Primary undercover area while drivers take the time to park legally and off the recommended walking routes. Parents should review with their children what to do if they are delayed so children know to come to the office to check with Mrs. Adam or ask to use the phone.

All students should have left the school property by 3:30 p.m. unless involved in a supervised activity.

2. Visitor Sign-in

Parents, guardians and all other visitors are asked to enter the school using the main entrance and to check in at the office. Please do not proceed directly to a classroom. All visitors are asked to sign-in and wear a "visitor" identification badge while in the school. This is for the safety of our students, staff, and visitors and identifies our visitors as belonging to our school community. It is important that students, parents and staff feel safe in our building, and that the school is not readily accessible to strangers. Aside from the daily security of our building, we are required to account for each and every child and adult who is in our school during a fire drill, emergency preparation drill, earthquake drill and lockdowns. Your cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated.

Pedestrian Safety

Walking to school is a great way for students to stay healthy, learn to navigate their neighbourhood safely and meet new friends. It also reduces traffic in school zones which increases road safety for walkers and cyclists approaching the school.

Parents and children must be familiar with traffic safety rules. For children, simply speaking about traffic safety does not lead to safer behaviours. Walking with children and negotiating neighbourhood streets with them, while explaining how to make safe choices provides an experience and opportunity to develop traffic safety awareness. This is an ideal way for young children to practice pedestrian safe skills. Parents and caregivers can teach children these skills and create opportunities for them to demonstrate that they understand and know how to walk safely. Note: It is crucial for parents to model safe pedestrian behaviours. Children will do what you do, so always ensure you make safe choices.

For children, the most obvious journeys for learning to be a safe pedestrian are the ones made to and from school each day. Many parents for a variety of reasons, choose to drive their children to school. Unfortunately, this denies children the experience of learning to cross roads safely. It also creates danger for other children, who are walking and cycling in the neighbourhood.

For parents who must drive, they might consider parking safely away from the school site to walk the last few blocks to school with their children.

Reminders

- **Please do not park or drop off your children in the front parking lot area of the school. This is designated for daycare and emergency vehicles only. The back parking lot is designated for staff only.**
- **Remember to follow the safe routes to school map (posted in our front window and a copy is being sent home shortly with your youngest/only child). Braid is a walking to school street only (no drivers or parking).**

Medical Info.

If your child has a serious medical condition or requires school staff to give him/her medication that we have not been informed of or of any medical changes or updates please contact the school office to update our existing records or to provide us with new information.

Calendar Change

Due to a conflict with SDSS and their Meet the Teacher Night we will be altering our date as follows:
Meet the Teacher Night will be held -

Wednesday, September 20th @ 6 PM

Student Accident Insurance

The district would like to draw your attention to Optional Student Accident Insurance that is again available to all students registered with the Delta School district. This Insurance is inexpensive and provides three different options.

Parents are reminded that the District's Insurance coverage **does not** include coverage for students who have been injured in an accident.

Please take a moment to determine if the insurance offered by IAP Kids Plus Accident Insurance Meets the needs of your family. We do have paper copies in the office.

You can learn more by: Visiting the IAP website: kids_plus.ca

Pack-it Back Lunches

We are trying very hard to promote Zero Waste at Beach Grove and in the Delta School District. As you may no our classrooms no longer have garbage cans but recycling bins out in each of our hallways. We are encouraging our students to use recyclable containers and to 'pack back' those containers or any garbage or leftovers from recess and lunch.

We as a district are strongly encouraging litter less lunches. By packing lunches in re-usable containers and not including items that have disposal packaging we can have a very positive impact on the environment. If an item is not re-usable then it should at least be recyclable.

Lets make the lunch box popular again! If we start teaching our people now then a mend set of recycling will be entrenched for them into their later lives.

Fun Lunch

Our first fun lunch date is set for Friday, October 13th. Your PAC is excited to bring FUN LUNCHES back again this year. Orders are submitted on line and your PAC will be sending an email out soon to sign up for Fun Lunch.

Using Our WITS



At Beach Grove we are learning to use our 'WITS' when confronted with a difficult social situation. This is an evidence-based program that can help our students navigate the sometimes challenging social issues that can occur in a multitude of settings.

Although WITS is being taught at school, parents play a crucial role, teaching children to use WITS beyond the school walls. To find out more about the WITS program, and access materials on such things as peer conflict, how to talk to your child about it and how to support WITS at home and at school go to www.witsprogram.ca

Please consider using the above language with your younger children at home as an early start to developing conflict resolution.

Parent Advisory Group (PAC)

All parents with children in the school are members of our PAC. This parent group supports the school in many ways and meets regularly on the second Wednesday of each month. It is a great opportunity to become involved in the school and keep up to date on what is going on.

Next PAC meeting:
Wednesday, September 13 @ 6:30pm

Sincerely,

Rick Hall, Principal

and the staff at Beach Grove

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017– 2018

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Schools Open	Tuesday, September 5
Meet the Teacher Night	Wednesday, September 20
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Friday, September 22
Individual Student Photo day	Wednesday, September 27
Terry Fox Run	Thursday, September 28
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 9
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Friday, October 20
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Monday, October 23
Individual Student Photo Retake day	Wednesday, October 25
Parent/Teacher Interviews – dismissal at 1:58 p.m.	Wednesday, October 25
Parent/Teacher Interviews – dismissal at 1:58 p.m.	Thursday, October 26
Remembrance Day Assembly	Friday, November 10
Remembrance Day (Statutory holiday)	Monday, November 13
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Friday, November 24
Term One Reports home	Wednesday, December 20
Schools Close for Winter Vacation	Thursday, December 21
Winter Vacation Period	December 22 – January 7
Schools Reopen after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 8
Family Day	Monday, February 12
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Friday, February 23
Term Two Reports home	Wednesday, March 14
Spring Vacation Period (<i>includes Good Friday and Easter Monday</i>)	Monday, March 19 – Monday, April 2
Schools Reopen	Tuesday, April 3
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Friday, April 20
Student Led Conferences – dismissal at 1:58 p.m.	Wednesday, April 25
Student Led Conferences – dismissal at 1:58 p.m.	Thursday, April 26
Tsawwassen Zone Track & Field Meet	Wednesday, May 9
District Track Meet	Thursday, May 17
Non-Instructional Day(District Wide- day in lieu of Aug. 29 Pro-D)	Friday, May 18
Victoria Day	Monday, May 21
Fun Day	Friday, June 8
Grade Seven Celebration	Wednesday, June 27
Term 3 & Final Reports home & Last Day for Students	Thursday, June 28
Administrative Day & Schools Close	Friday, June 29

DAILY SCHEDULE:

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Warning bell: 8:45 a.m.
 Morning classes begin: 8:50 a.m.
 Recess: 10:30-10:45 a.m.
 Lunch begins: 12:18 p.m.
 Warning bell: 1:13 p.m.
 Afternoon classes begin: 1:18 p.m.
 Dismissal 2:58 p.m

INSTRUCTIONAL TIME SUMMARY:

Days in Session: 188
 Hours of Instruction in School Week: Kindergarten- Grade 7: 24.42 hrs.
 Number of Days of Instruction: 180
 Minutes of Instruction in School Day: Kindergarten- Grade 7: 293 min.
 Number of Non-Instructional Days: 7 (District Wide)