



## Beach Grove Elementary School

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# In the Grove

The Newsletter of Beach Grove Elementary School

## Events Calendar

### September:

24- Individual student photos

27- Terry Fox Run- 2pm

### October:

3- Parent Math Night  
6:30pm

8- Thanksgiving

19- Non-Instructional Day

22- Non-Instructional Day

23- Speed Control Cultural Group Assembly 11am

24- Photo Retakes

24/25- Parent /Teacher Interviews - student dismissal at 1:58 p.m.

September 21, 2018

## Start - Up

Our school organization for the 2018/19 school year is now complete. We appreciate everyone's understanding in supporting your child and our staff as we transitioned into the new classes these past weeks. Enrollment this year puts our school population at 299 students in 14 divisions. Our staffing is now complete and students seem to have settled in nicely. Our first assembly earlier this week was a success and we were all reminded of expectations such as respect, safety and achieving our personal best. We hope the transition back to school has been a relatively easy one for you. We are glad to see all those happy, smiling faces but know that getting into the new routines can be challenging for all of us, even the principal.....

## Visitor Sign-In

To avoid having strangers in the hallways of the school we request that all parents and visitors report to the office via the front door and if you are picking up a child we will call them to come and meet you. Parents and visitors are requested to sign in at the office and wear a visitors tag while they are in the school. These tags must be returned to the office upon your departure. Parents are encouraged to wait outside of the school in a predetermined location for their children. This allows teachers to organize and dismiss the class in an orderly fashion. Parent bringing lunches or other school items to the school are requested to leave these items at the office. Students will be called down at recess or lunch to retrieve them.



## Terry Fox Run

Our annual Terry Fox run will be held on the afternoon of Thursday, September 27th at 2 pm. All students are encouraged to bring a Toonie for Terry. In the coming week students will learn about Terry Fox and his run as well as his fight with cancer and the movement that he began over 30



### September Reminders

- Most students should arrive at school between 8:30a.m. and 8:45a.m. Supervision of play areas begins at 8:30a.m. All students should know the procedure for lining up with their classes after the first bell and then being escorted into the school by a staff member.
- Students who ride bicycles, scooters or skateboards to school must dismount once they reach school property and **walk their vehicle across the playground**. As well all in-line skates must be taken off prior to entering the school.
- Students must remain on the school property at recess and lunch. The only exception is students who are going home for lunch. Generally students are not permitted to go to the home of another student or go to any neighbourhood stores during the lunch hour without a note from home.
- We remind students that if they choose to bring expensive toys and games to school, we cannot be responsible for any damage or loss that may occur. Since students do not have locks and lockers, there is no safe place to leave these items, and back packs and desks are sometimes tempting places for other students to look. If you want to make sure that something stays safe and in good condition, it is probably a better idea to keep it at home! **Electronics such as iPods and games systems are not permitted at school at all, unless otherwise indicated by the classroom teacher for class projects, as they are not only a temptation for theft, they are also a distraction to school work.**
- Finally, if it is necessary for your child to bring a cell phone to school for emergency purposes while walking to and from school, then please remind him or her that the phone must be turned off and stored away upon arrival to the school grounds. If you need to get in contact with your children, please call the school office and we will help out.

### Delta Continuing Education

Check out what is being offered during the fall here:

**Browse Continuing Ed on-line now for Fall catalogue information and more:**

**<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/programs/continuing-education>**

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### **Dogs on the playground**

It is important that all dogs be kept on a leash while around the school and on the playground. Many of our younger students are very small and not yet comfortable with dogs. The dogs should be kept back from the student lineups in order that we avoid any mishaps between dogs and our students. Please take care to be considerate of those students who might not feel safe with dogs around. Finally, thank you to those of you who are making such a great effort at leashing dogs up at the fence.

### **Medical Information Update**

Please remember to come into the office and update any medical information for your children. This includes updating any dated medicines your child may have at school such as epi-pens. This information is important to your child's well being while here at school so it is important to us to have current information. Mrs. Adam has already sent Information to those families that we are aware of but if there is any new health concerns please notify her of these.

### **Update Parent Connect**

As requested in the last newsletter please be sure to update Parent Connect with any current information. This includes signing off on such things as Walking Field trip Permission forms. This must be done by all parents every new school year. We appreciate your action on these matters.

**Sincerely,**

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

## Student Drop off and Pick-up

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 !

