



Beach Grove Elementary School

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In the Grove

The Newsletter of Beach Grove Elementary School

February 1, 2019

Events Calendar

February:

- 4- Non catchment applications can be submitted starting at 8:30am
- 11- Dufflebag Theatre 11:15
- 12- Kindergarten registration @ 9:00 am - 12 noon
- 12- Ready, Set, Learn @ 9:30am
- 13- PAC mtg 6:30pm
- 15- Pro D Day
- 18 Family Day Stat
- 21- Grade 7 Parent Mtg @ SDSS
- 22- Fun Lunch
- 27- Pink Shirt Day

March

- 8- Fun Lunch
- 13- Term 2 reports home
- BC lions Assembly @1:30
- 15- Last day Prior to Spring Break

Late French Immersion

Application Forms for 2019/2020 enrolment are available on line here: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/programs/french-immersion/> and should be done electronically.

Late French Immersion - Registration deadline:

Fri., February 12, 2019 at 4pm

Principals Message

As we move into the heart of the winter months we are finding ourselves bogged down with colds and flus. This past couple of weeks has been particularly challenging with many students as well as staff absent with various types of bugs. In light of this I encourage you to take extra care of yourselves with precautions such as hand washing and to pay careful attention to your child's demeanour prior to sending them off to school. If they look pale, feverish, or are struggling with coughs and sniffles please assess their ability to be at school. We appreciate your attention to this.

On a more positive note term 2 is well under way with many learning experiences planned for our students. Basketball season is underway with our grade 6/7 students looking forward to taking part in that. Finally, classroom teachers should have sent home copies of term 2 previews to help you keep up with what is going on in your child's classroom.

Kindergarten Registration 2019/20 & Ready Set Learn Event

Kindergarten registration for September 2019 at Beach Grove Elementary begins Tuesday, February 12 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 9:30 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. Zahn, our kindergarten teachers will also talk to parents about preparing their child for kindergarten.

A child may be registered to attend kindergarten in September 2019 if his or her fifth birthday occurs on or before December 31, 2019.

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 2019/2020 school year. For this reason, parents are reminded to come to the school on, or as soon after, February 12 as possible. Registrations are not accepted before this date.

Ready, Set, Learn

The Ministry of Education initiative called “Ready, Set, Learn” is intended to foster relationships between 3 and 4 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 **Tuesday, February 12, from 9:30 – 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.

Basketball Season in full Swing

The Basketball season for our grade 6 and 7 students is now underway. Students in grade 6 and 7 are practicing as a team and are involved in games against our neighbouring schools. Thank you to our teacher coaches including Ms. Klassen, Ms. M Hardy and Ms. S. Hardy, Mrs. Bonikowsky and Mrs. O’Brien. We also appreciate our parent drivers who support us in getting students to and from our away games. This is a great opportunity for students to begin to learn the basics of the game in an enjoyable, low stress environment. All grade 6 and 7 students are welcome to take part.

Practices:

Grade 6/7 Boys on Tuesday at lunch and
Grade 6/7 Girls on Thursday @ Lunch

Games:

Grade 6 Boys/Girls on Thursdays
Grade 7 Boys/Girls on Tuesdays

PARENTS AS PARTNERS:

Barbara Coloroso writes in her book The Bully, the Bullied, and the Bystander the top ten ways to keep your friends. I list them here in order that you may talk to your children in an attempt to reinforce the idea of friendship.

- Show them kindness and respect
- Stick up for them
- Be supportive when your friends need help or advice
- Tell the truth but be kind about it
- If you hurt a friend say your sorry
- If a friend hurts you and apologizes, accept the apology
- If you make a promise keep it
- Put some effort into your friendships; otherwise your friends might feel neglected
- Don’t try to change your friends – accept them for who they are
- Treat your friends the way you want them to treat you

And one more thing: Always be thankful for your friends !

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 for K - 7 students MAY BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED ON-LINE as of Monday, February 4 starting at 8:30am AT :

<http://web.deltasd.bc.ca/content/schools/studentregistrations>

If you have any questions/concerns about this process, please email or call Mr. Hall or Mrs. Adam.

Braid Road Concerns

Below, I have once again attached information regarding Pick-up and Drop-off as well as Safe Routes to school. With this information in mind I would like to bring to the attention of those who use Braid Road as the safe route to school some recent concerns that I have been notified about.

While Braid street is the designated Safe Pedestrian route and we do encourage parents and students to use this route whenever possible we must also remember that Braid remains a street not a walking trail. Home owners on Braid do need to get in and out of their driveways and at times must do so during school times. I have had upset homeowners who have told me stories of parents and children who refuse to move to the side of the road, give drivers nasty looks, and bang on their cars as they are making their way down Braid street.

It is imperative that while we expect and encourage the drivers to be safe and move slowly, we also, as pedestrians, need to be walking to the side of the street, to be safe and courteous. Please understand the frustration those homeowners must feel when they are unable to travel by vehicle down their own street.

If we are going to keep students safe we must share the road in a safe and respectful manner !

Student Drop off and Pick-up Reminder con't

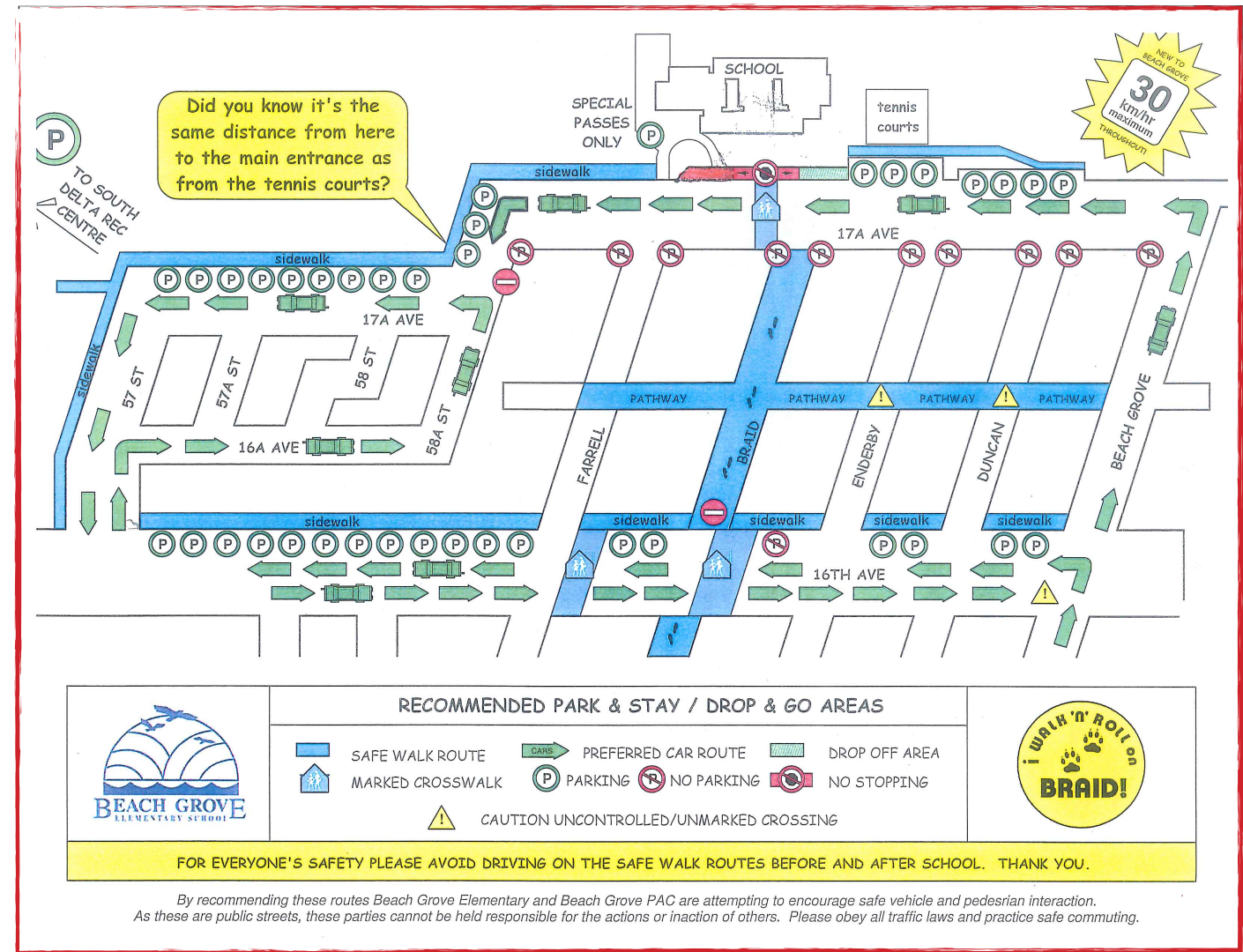
Parents are reminded that there are specific procedures in place for student drop off and pick up at Beach Grove. The school driveway is closed to all vehicles except daycare and school busses and handicapped vehicles.

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