

PEBBLE HILL TRADITIONAL ELEMENTARY

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Calendar:

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- Sept. 18 Band Rental
Night 7-8 p.m.
- Sept. 20 **Open House**
6-7 p.m.
- Sept. 22 Pro-D Day
School Closed
- Sept. 25 **School Photos**
- Sept. 27 PH PAC Meeting
7 p.m.
- Sept. 28 Red & White Day
or Casual Day
Hot Lunch
Terry Fox Run
- Sept. 29 Orange Shirt Day
- Oct. 9 Thanksgiving
School Closed
- Oct. 12 Cross Country
Challenge
(Gr. 3 and 4)
- Oct. 18 Parent/Teacher
Conferences
2 p.m. dismissal
PH PAC Meeting
7 p.m.
- Oct. 19 Parent/Teacher
Conferences
2 p.m. dismissal
- Oct. 20 District Pro-D
School Closed
- Oct. 23 District Pro-D
School Closed

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PANTHERS EXPECTATIONS		UNIFORMS	HALLWAYS	PLAYGROUND	CLASSROOM	WASHROOMS
RESPECT	Wear proper uniform pieces Take care of your uniform	Quiet in hallways Respond to adult greetings	Listen to staff Be a good friend/include others	Listen to others Be kind and helpful Take care of your property and others' too Be polite	Respect the privacy of others Flush the toilet	
INTEGRITY "Do the right thing"	Wearing all parts of the uniform	Walk at all times Enjoy displays without touching	Be Honest Be Fair Make good choices	Be honest Accept responsibility for your actions Show good sportsmanship	Leave the bathroom clean Intended purposes	
DEMONSTRATE SAFETY	Wear proper foot wear for various activities	Walk Maintain personal space	Put your garbage in garbage can Hands and feet to self/ respect others be safe	Walk Hands and feet to self	Report accidents or messes Wash your hands	
EXCELLENCE	Be prepared for the day Take pride in your uniform	Greet adults	Be a good sport Be kind to others Line up	Be prepared for class Be a role model for others	Return to the classroom quickly when finished	

Panthers **R**espect **I**ntegrity **D**emonstrate **S**afety **E**xcellence Delta School District
Inspired Learning

Principal's Message

I would like to welcome everyone back to school. I am new to this district and school. I have spent most of the past fifteen years as a Vice Principal and Principal in the West Vancouver School District. Prior to that I was a teacher and Vice Principal in the Boundary School District. I have been fortunate to have worked at both elementary and secondary schools in my career and am excited to be at a traditional elementary school in the Delta District.

I have an open door policy and am happy to meet and talk with parents and students. I encourage parents and students to introduce yourselves to me. I have a lot of names and faces to learn so please don't hesitate to refresh my memory as to your name each time we meet for the first while.

Our first assembly focused on Uniforms and Playground from the Panther Pride rubric. (The Panther Pride poster at the top of the newsletter.)

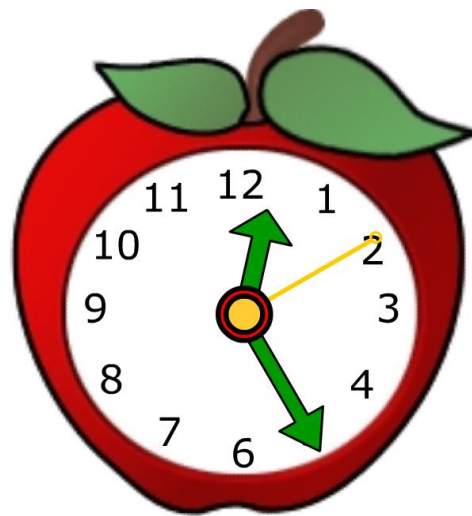
Class Organization

Placing students in classes is a complex task that is taken seriously by all staff. Many hours were spent making sure that classes are created based on the individual needs of children. The teachers and administrators take into account the needs of the child as well as parent concerns. Also taken into account are student ability, workable instructional groups, exposure to a variety of teaching styles, social groups, and information from any other services. This is a very important process that requires much time and thought to be done right. We are glad to have moved into new classes and have noticed that students are settling in and enjoying getting to know their new classmates and teachers.

School Schedule

Our bell schedule is as follows:

8:55 a.m.	First Bell
9:00 a.m.	Classes Start
10:40-10:55 a.m.	Recess
12:20-1:12 p.m.	Lunch
3:00 p.m.	Dismissal



Lunch Hour

Just a reminder that all schools in Delta will be recycling organics - this means food waste and food-spoiled paper products. In order to reduce the amount of organic waste, and waste in general, we are still working towards **Litterless Lunches**. Do the best you can to send food with less packaging and more recyclable or reusable containers. If you are dropping off a special or forgotten lunch at school, please leave it with the front office and we will get the lunch to your child. It is disruptive for parents to go to their child's class during instructional time, even to just tuck something into their backpack. At 12:20 students will stay inside to eat their lunch. At 12:35 the bell will ring for students to go outside. Students will then return to class at 1:12 p.m. to begin our afternoon.

Open House

On **Wednesday, September 20** from **6-7 p.m.** we will be having an Open House. This is a chance for you to come and meet your child's classroom teacher(s). Please remember that due to the nature of the evening, as well as our time restrictions,

teachers will not be able to speak to parents about individual student progress. It is also a chance to meet with other families in our school community.

We will be having individual Parent/Teacher conferences on October 18 and 19. Parents will be able to talk to teachers about their child's progress in greater detail at that time. We look forward to seeing parents/guardians on the 20th of September.

If Your Child is Absent

In order to ensure that your children get to school safely we phone home each morning to check on those students who are absent from school and whose parents have not notified the school. Please make sure to contact the school to let us know if your child will be late or absent. You can do this by:

- sending a signed note to the office
- leaving a message on the **school's answering machine at 604-943-0228**
Please leave your child's name, teacher, division and date of absence.
- email our admin. Assistant, Ms. Crawford, at ccrawford@deltasd.bc.ca



Staff Parking Lot

Just a reminder that our **staff parking lot is off limits to parents** except for our two winners of the PAC parking spots. Even when doing volunteer work in the school it's important that we leave room for staff members that may be coming and going throughout the day. Thank you for your assistance with this.

The roundabout area is for drop off and pick up **ONLY**. **Please DO NOT park in the roundabout area** at the front of the school. If your child is too young to walk to and from the roundabout please park on the street and walk your child to and from his/her classroom.

We encourage everyone to arrive to school on time. It helps to be able to arrive early and calmly line up and get ready for the day. If you are running behind, please don't feel the need to speed. We would rather you be late than put yourself and others at risk. **Even 30km/hour can be too fast during the busiest traffic times (before & after school) especially if it's raining.**

Parent Connect

A link to Parent Connect can be found in the parent section on our school website. We encourage you to sign in using your email rather than PEN number. **Please make sure that all phone numbers for you and all your emergency contacts are up to date.** In an emergency it can be very distressing especially for young students if we are unable to contact you. If you need assistance, please contact the office. Please see below for important information on **ONLINE FORMS** that **MUST** be filled in on Parent Connect. With walking field trips already planned and fruits and veggies at the school it is important that these consent forms are completed asap and no later than **September 30th.**

Accessing Parent Connect

1. Open your web browser (e.g. Internet Explorer, Firefox) and go to district website at:
<http://web.deltasd.bc.ca/content/resources/forparents/parentconnect>
2. On the displayed page, there are two options for accessing Parent Connect
 - a. Using the student's Provincial Education Number (PEN)
 - b. Using your email account as defined on the student's record (we recommend 'option b')
3. We suggest that you bookmark the Parent Connect option of your choice (or both) and add it to your 'Favorites' for quicker access in the future.

Common problems trying to sign in are:

- Accidentally mixing up one child's PEN or password with another child's PEN or password
- entering a wrong postal code or email address; this may be due to you accidentally typing it in wrong or,
- perhaps the school accidentally entered it wrong in the student system; if this happens please check with the school to ensure the email and/or postal code against your name are correct
- Caps lock is on

Terry Fox Run

We will be holding our Terry Fox Run on Thursday, September 28, at 1:30 p.m. Please send any donations to your child's class. Parents are welcome to join us for the run and we could use the help of a few parents. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Mrs. McLeod at bmcleod@deltasd.bc.ca by Thurs. Sept. 21.

Noon Hour Supervisors

Pebble Hill is currently hiring additional lunch hour supervisors to fill in when our supervisors are absent. Noon hour supervisors work from 12:20 - 1:20 each day and supervise the students eating as well as play time outside. Please contact Mrs. Hopkinson if you are interested in being considered. Please note that you will likely be assigned to an area of the playground separate from your child(ren).

Staff List 2017-2018

Office staff:

Mrs. Hopkinson Principal

Ms. Crawford Administrative Assistant

Teaching staff:

<u>Div</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
1	6/7	Mr. Henderson
2	6/7	Ms. Hay
3	5/6	Ms. Hardy
4	4/5	Mrs. Brown
5	4/5	Ms. Melville
6	4	Mrs. Guichon
7	3	Mrs. Davidson/Mrs. Martin
8	2/3	Mrs. MacLennan
9	2	Mrs. Lappin/Mrs. Craven
10	1/2	Mrs. Campbell
11	K/1	Mrs. Chan
12	K/1	Ms. Collier

Learning Support Mrs. Jakubec

LA/Int'l/ ELL/Gifted Ms. Van De Kop

Music Mrs. Saip

Librarian Mrs. McLeod

Psychologist Mrs. Chalus

Outreach Counselling Ms. Farnden

Mainstream Support Ms. Lum

Speech Pathologist Ms. Scozzafava

Support Staff:

Education Assistants Mrs. Carrier/ Mrs. Hickey/ Ms. Smith/ Mrs. Cotter

Custodian Mr. Prestele

Noon Hour Supervisors: Ms. Martins/ Ms. Munoz/ Ms Bowyer