

PEBBLE HILL TRADITIONAL ELEMENTARY

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Calendar:

- Feb. 19 Pro-D Day (no school)
- Feb. 22 Pro-D Day (no school)
- Feb. 23 Kindergarten Registration
- Feb. 24 **Pink Shirt Day**
Gr. 7 Parent Night SDSS at 7pm
- Feb. 25 Hot Lunch/
Casual Kids Can Move
- Feb. 29 Skiing- Gr. 6/7
- March 3 Kids Can Move
- March 10 **Report Cards Home**
- March 11 Last Day of School for Spring Break
- March 29 First Day Back

Principal's Message:

'What would happen to student participation if we focus on generating questions?'

Open and Closed Questions

Closed Questions...

- When...?
- Where...?
- Who...?
- How Many...?



Open Questions...

- What if...?
- How did...?
- Why did...?
- What would happen if...?
- What might...?
- How would you feel if...?
- What do you think...?



After surveying our students we found that many students still require teacher direction in terms of identifying Open and Closed questions. They still require support in generating questions and

often are more comfortable asking closed questions requiring a single answer. We want our students to understand the value of good questioning and be critical of the information they read or hear. Asking good questions leads to deeper understanding. We will begin by exploring and providing opportunities to use open and closed questions. Once students can categorize and understand when to use open and closed questions we can move to building strategies for generating and using these questions to further their learning.

At home you can help foster a culture of questioning by: asking open ended questions and encouraging your child to think about what he/she has read, seen or heard. Discuss that information is often presented with a bias. Students must be able to critically sift through all the information that comes their way. The world around us is rapidly changing and research has shown that the ability to ask insightful questions will be important to help your child develop the skills necessary to embrace jobs that have yet to be invented.



Pink Shirt Day

Wednesday, February 24th is Pink Shirt Day. On this day students wear pink to symbolize that we will not tolerate bullying anywhere. Along with other activities during school time, our **PAC will be set up out front of the school handing out pink treats and pink balloons** to our students after school. **Please remember to WEAR PINK on Wednesday, February 24th.**



Basketball Season:

Basketball season is well underway. Our Grade 6 and 7 boys and girls have been practicing hard and started our after school games last week. We have a student from SDSS: Matt Sarkissian coaching our Gr. 7 Boys. We have Mrs. Hay and coaching our grade 6 boys and Mrs. Saip coaching our Gr. 6/7 Girls. Thank you so much to all our coaches for volunteering their time.

The District's Annual **Hoop Shoot** event will be taking place on March 8th at SDSS. Pebble Hill Traditional will be holding our own Hoop Shoot finals during on February 25th. Finalists from our own event will attend the evening event on March 8th. Hoop Shoot is open to all students in Grade 5, 6 & 7.



Kindergarten Registration

Our Kindergarten registration will take place at Pebble Hill Traditional on February 23rd between 9:00am and Noon.

(**Applications for **new** students in grades 1-7 are due on or before 4:00 pm on March 4, 2016)



Staff Parking Lot

Recently we have been running out of parking spaces for our staff and some have had to park on the street. Parking spots have then come available after the morning bell. 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.

BUILDING STUDENT SUCCESS
BC's redesigned curriculum

Please join Delta School District staff to find out:

Why change?
What remains the same?
What is new?

The curriculum in BC is being redesigned to better meet the needs of students in today's interconnected world.

Also, engage in conversations about Classroom Assessment and Reporting Student Learning.

4 FREE
parent information meetings are being held:

SOUTH DELTA SECONDARY APRIL 21, 2016 6:30pm - 8:00pm	NORTH DELTA SECONDARY APRIL 28, 2016 6:30pm - 8:00pm
LADNER ELEMENTARY MAY 3, 2016 6:30pm - 8:00pm	SUNSHINE HILLS ELEMENTARY MAY 5, 2016 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Please register in advance at:
<https://deltalearns.ca/curriculumparentnights>

Delta School District
improving learning

Please Mark your calendar for this important parent information night regarding the revised BC curriculum. I know many of you have been asking for information about what the new curriculum looks like, how it is different than our current curriculum and how this will impact your child's learning? Hopefully this session will help to answer those questions. The session for the south zone elementary schools will take place at Ladner Elementary on May 3, 2016 from 6:30-8:00pm. I hope you are able to make it there.



We have been very fortunate to have one of our former teachers, now author, Vanessa Morrell come to do an author visit at our school. She read from her book *Herbie Has a Fall, An Owlet Story*.

Something is missing in Owl's life. She wants owlets to love and soon three very different owlets are hatched. She teaches them all she knows but can't stop her mischievous son getting into big trouble.

Herbie Has a Fall, An Owlet Story by Vanessa Morrell is available at Amazon.ca and Friesenpress.com bookstore or order using the email below. The author: Vanessa Morrell is a

retired former teacher from Pebble Hill and Cliff Drive Elementary. Vanessa's experience in the classroom and raising her own children gives her wisdom and insight in her writing. Her passion is to touch children's lives with unconditional love and give them in story form the tools to flourish and grow to adulthood. Illustrations by Shayan: He's been drawing since he was born, and loves creating fun characters for everyone to enjoy! Contact information: Email: morrell@telus.net



Please Help to Keep Our Playground Clean

We have noticed an increase in the amount of dog waste being left on the playground and playing fields. Our children play in these areas and needless to say we don't want them stepping in feces. If you do bring your pet to school please make sure you have bags and that you keep watch so you can pick up their waste.