

PEBBLE HILL TRADITIONAL ELEMENTARY

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Calendar:

Jan. 19/26	Yoga
Jan 21	Jersey Day
Jan. 28	Hot Lunch/Casual Day
Feb. 1	Skiing-Gr. 6/7
Feb. 2	Carol Fullerton Math Session
Feb. 4	Traditional School Applications due Author Visit Kids Can Move
Feb. 5	District Closure
Feb. 8	Family Day
Feb. 9	Skiing-Gr. 6/7
Feb. 11	Kids Can Move
Feb. 15	Ready Set Learn-9:30am Skiing- Gr. 6/7
Feb. 17	Student Led Conferences- 2 pm Dismissal Flash Mob (gr. 4-7)
Feb. 18	Student Led Conferences- 2 pm Dismissal
Feb. 19	Pro-D Day
Feb. 22	Pro-D Day
Feb. 23	Kindergarten Registration (Gr. 3-7)

Principal's Message:



Happy New Year and welcome back. I hope you found time to get some much needed rest and family time. This next term is always busy as we work hard to achieve our goals. Our inquiry question for 2015/2016 is:

What would happen to student participation if we focused on generating more questions?

According to the Ministry of Education in BC, in order “to maintain high achievement, BC must transform its education system to one that better **engages** students in their own learning and fosters the skills and competencies students will need to succeed”

We know that as students “stop questioning, they simultaneously become less engaged in school” (Berger, p. 45). Ultimately, we aim to promote success and a passion for lifelong learning. We aim to create a culture where thinking and questioning are valued. We hope to transform the types of questions being asked by both teachers and students so we get better at “asking questions that probe, push, and help uncover students’ thinking” (Ritchart, 2012). We decided to focus on questioning as a means to begin looking at how this fosters engagement for our learners as well as a means to make student thinking/understanding visible.

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://deltaleams.ca/curriculumparentnights>

Delta School District
 Regional 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.



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten applications for Pebble Hill Traditional School are due on or before 4:00 pm on February 4th, 2016. Once applications are in we will then contact families to offer registration. Our Kindergarten registration will take place at Pebble Hill Traditional on February 23rd.

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

Ready Set Learn

On **February 15rd at 9:30 am in the library**, all three and four year old children and their parents/ caregivers are welcome to join us for a morning of fun and learning. Ready, Set, Learn is designed to connect families with their local school and other local community agencies. The preschool aged children participate in fun activities while parents and caregivers learn how to support young children's learning and development.





Third Annual Flash Mob

On **Wednesday, February 17th** we will be participating in Vancouver Giant's Annual Flash Mob promoting acceptance and anti-bullying. During the Vancouver Giant's game there will be guest speakers and musicians talking about acceptance and anti-bullying. Then, along with 40 other lower mainland schools, we will break out into our Flash Mob routine. All students in grades 4-7 have been invited to attend. Students and teachers have been working hard to learn our dance routine. It's perfect timing as we lead up to Pink Shirt Day.



Pink Shirt Day

Wednesday, February 25th is Pink Shirt Day. On this day students wear pink to symbolize that we will not tolerate bullying anywhere. Between now and February 24th we are giving out pink hearts for random acts of kindness. You will begin see these pink hearts around our school and at the front entrance. **Please remember to WEAR PINK on Wednesday February 24th.**



Parking/Drop Off & Pick Up

Thank you for all your help in making our traffic areas safe for students. Just a reminder that the **Staff Parking lot is closed to drop off and pick up** and that our **round-a-bout area is a no parking zone**. Constable Atkinson has been out to visit and wanted reminders to go out about: vehicles speeding, **people parking illegally across the street on 52A St.** **(makes it very tight and difficult to see pedestrians)**, as well as vehicles parking on the street close to the entrance of the school (blocks view of pedestrians). Please don't feel the need to rush or cut corners to be here on time. Although we encourage punctuality, we would rather have everyone here safe. Thanks again for all your support in this area.


**KEEP
CALM
AND
GET GOOD
GRADES**

Getting Better Grades In School

Terry Small is Canada's #1 study skills expert and will be coming to do a seminar for parents and students in Grade 4-12 on **Wednesday, February 17th, 2016, 7:00-8:30 pm at Delta Manor Education Centre** in Ladner. He will teach study skill strategies and study secrets to help students get better grades, and gain self-confidence. To register phone: Delta Continuing Education at **(604) 940-5550**.

www.terysmall.com



FREE, parent information session

KEEPING YOUR KIDS SAFE ONLINE

Kids and teens are the primary producers of web content; however, there are real risks when children/teens are online.

- Cyberbullying.
- Sexual predators.
- Identity thieves and con artists are all threats to our children in the online world.

The Delta School District and Delta District Parent Advisory Council invite all parents to attend a FREE, evening educational session regarding online safety and children.

Two evenings of the same presentation are being held to better accommodate families. The sessions will be presented by The White Hatter of the award winning organization Personal Protection Systems Inc.

Learn how to keep your children safe online.

SEAQUAM SECONDARY
Monday, February 15th
6:30 p.m.

SOUTH DELTA SECONDARY
Tuesday, February 16th
6:30 p.m.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
and presentations run from 7-9 p.m.

 DELTA DPAC

 Delta School District
Inspired Learning

I know many parents are asking how to keep our kids safe online. There are two sessions happening in February on this topic.

One session takes place at English Bluff:

Raising Children in a Digital Age - Deborah MacNamara

Digital devices provide kids with the capacity to connect with each other like never before. No longer confined by geography, classroom walls or home, they have unprecedented access to a constant stream of friends, information and entertainment. While our kids emerge as savvy inhabitants of this digital world, parents are left to monitor, negotiate, and police their child's online interactions and activities.

Thursday February 11th, 2016

7-9pm

English Bluff Library

The other session is being put on by the Delta School District. You can see the details on this poster (Keeping Our Kids Safe Online).

