

# PEBBLE HILL TRADITIONAL ELEMENTARY

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## Calendar:

- Jan. 28 Used Book Sale Fundraiser**
- Jan. 29 Hot Lunch/Casual Day
- Feb. 3 Ready Set Learn**
- Feb. 6 Traditional School Kindergarten Applications due**
- Feb. 9 Family Day (no school)
- Feb. 13 Jump Rope For Heart/Goodie Bag
- Feb. 18 Student Led Conferences- **2 pm Dismissal**  
Flash Mob- Vancouver Giants (gr. 4-7)  
**SDSS Gr. 7 Parent Meeting-7pm**
- Feb. 19 Student Led Conferences- **2 pm Dismissal**
- Feb. 20 Pro-D Day (no school)
- Feb. 23 Kindergarten Registration
- Feb. 25 Field Hockey (Gr. 3-7)  
**Pink Shirt Day**
- Feb. 26 Hot Lunch/Casual

## 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 set in our 2014/2015 School Growth Plan is:

*'Does the implementation of S.E.L strategies/activities increase the resiliency of Pebble Hill students by improving students' abilities to solve problems, cope with challenges, and bounce back from disappointments?'*

We have many strategies in place to help students increase resiliency. Each month we have a different focus along with assemblies highlighting this focus. We also have afternoon announcements where our student speakers provide strategies and raise awareness. For the month of November and leading up to Christmas our focus was on being 'Ready to Learn'. For January we have been focusing on 'Calm Down' strategies. Knowing how to deal with anger, frustration, and anxiety are key life skills that help with such things as: getting along with others, continuing to reach for our goals despite set backs, taking on challenges and overcoming fears; all of which can impact learning. These calm down strategies are crucial in helping with our February focus which is 'Solving Problems Peacefully'.

We are very excited to now have our 'Panther Den' set up and running. This is a space for students to come when they need an alternate learning environment to finish work or to calm down. It is also a space to come and learn S.E.L. (Social Emotional Learning) strategies specific to a student's needs.



## Donations Needed:

On **January 28th** we will be having a **Used Book Sale**. Money raised from the sale will go toward sponsoring a classroom for our school in **Tekera, Uganda**. We need donations of used books to sell. If you have any unwanted children's books please consider donating them for this fundraiser. Books can be dropped off at your child's classroom until Friday, January 23rd. Please make sure books

are in good condition. The Book Sale will be open for parents before school at 8:30am and after school until 3:30pm on January 28th. As well, students will have an opportunity during lunch to purchase books. All books will be priced at \$1. It is a great way to discard surplus books and to support students in Uganda, Africa. Your donations and support are much appreciated.

On **Friday, February 13th** the Me to We/Green Team will also be having a **Valentine Goodie Bag Sale**. Again, money raised for this event will go toward our school in Tekera, Uganda.



## Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten applications for Pebble Hill Traditional School are due on or before 4:00 pm on February 6th, 2015. 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 1, 2015)

## Ready Set Learn

On **February 3rd 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.





## Jump Rope For Heart

On **February 13th** we will be holding our Jump Rope For Heart Event. Supporting kids' health for more than 30 years, the Heart and Stroke Jump Rope for Heart program encourages kids to get active by skipping rope while they collect pledges for heart disease and stroke research. Information about this event and how your child can participate will be coming home after a presentation at our school assembly on January 30th.



## Third Annual Flash Mob

On **Wednesday, February 18th** we will be participating in Vancouver Giant's Third 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. Along with other activities during school time, our PAC will be set up out front of the school handing out pink cupcakes and pink balloons to our students after school. **Please remember to WEAR PINK on Wednesday, February 25th.**





## 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 18th, 2015, 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**.



## Parking/Drop Off & Pick Up

Thank you for all your help in making our traffic areas safe for students. As many of you know our School Liaison Officer, Constable Atkinson, came to review our traffic zones. He was pleased to see the Staff Parking lot closed to drop off and pick up as well as enforcing our round-a-bout area as a no parking zone. He did, however, highlight some areas of concern: 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 yellow line close to the entrance to 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.

