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Monday October 17th, 2011

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Monday, October 17 <sup>th</sup>	• Comfort kits need at the school
Monday, October 17 <sup>th</sup>	• PAC Meeting 7:00 PM, Library
Wednesday, October 19 <sup>th</sup>	• Parent Teacher Conferences <b>CANCELLED</b>
Thursday, October 20 <sup>th</sup>	• <b>NO</b> early dismissal
Friday, October 21 <sup>st</sup>	• Non-Instructional Day - No school for students
Monday, October 24 <sup>th</sup>	• PAC InnisBrook money collected • Comfort Kits past due
Friday, October 28 <sup>th</sup>	• Spooktacular 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Tuesday, October 31 <sup>st</sup> – Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>	• Div 2 at the Aquarium
Wednesday, November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	• Family Photo Night @ 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Thursday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	• In the school library
Thursday, November 10 <sup>th</sup>	• Remembrance Day Assembly time?
Friday, November 11 <sup>th</sup>	• Remembrance Day – No school
Wednesday, November 16 <sup>th</sup>	• Saleema Noon with parents
Friday, November 25 <sup>th</sup>	• Non-Instructional Day – No school for students

*Dear Parents and Guardians,*

*The staff of Pebble Hill Traditional have been working hard over this first month to help the students become familiar with the expectations of a new grade; to meet the learning needs of your child and to support me in my new role as their principal. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the PAC for all the work they have done in the last month. They have been busy fundraising as well as organizing comfort kits and ensuring your voice is considered in my decision making process.*

*If you have not had the chance to speak to me on the playground or visit me in the office please make a point of doing so. As I get to know more parents I will continue to develop a better understanding of our community. In closing it is great to see so many students walking to school and coming prepared for the weather with rain jackets, rubber boots and umbrellas.*

## **Spooktacular**

Promises to be bigger and better than ever! Already there are many volunteers at work to ensure another fabulous event for our kids. If you would like to support your school please volunteer to bake goodies for the Cake Walk, help out before or during the actual event or donate prizes. Bring the family and have a great time **Friday October 28<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm**



## TERRY FOX RUN

The Terry Fox run held on Wednesday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. The students ran through Deffinbacker Park in the spirit of Terry Fox and completed as many laps as they were capable. We raised \$898 to help find a cure for cancer. Well done, Panthers!

I would like to thank the PHT community for their support and sharing Terry's dream.

## UNIFORMS



There will be a Uniform Consignment Sale held alongside Spooktacular on October 28<sup>th</sup>. This is a wonderful opportunity to consign and purchase gently used uniform pieces. Consignment forms and more information will be coming home with students next week. Feel free to contact Leslie Dowler at [phtuniform@gmail.com](mailto:phtuniform@gmail.com) if you have any uniform related questions throughout the year. We plan to hold a second sale in the

Spring and will be visited by Neat Uniforms towards the end of the school year.

Our uniform committee has been busy. You may have participated in the survey that was sent out to determine your knowledge of and satisfaction with our school uniform. If you did not get a chance to complete the survey and would like to do so, please contact Leslie Dowler. Please check your PAC newsletter for more information.

## PLANNERS

If you have not already done so please send a cheque for \$8 per child to the office.



## APPLE SAUCE at PHT





**PAC**  
 Parents are invited to the second meeting in the library at 7:30PM on October 17th.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Family photo night will be on the evenings of November 2<sup>nd</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5pm – 9pm with Life Touch Photography.



**WANT TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON?**

Did you open all the emails you received from the school in September? We hope to reduce the clutter in your inbox and ensure you get to the most important messages.

Improvements in our technology will now enable us to send out one email per family rather than one per child.

Please review both **my newsletters** and the **PAC newsletters** for dates and events. More information will be available on our school website <http://ph.deltasd.bc.ca/home> as I learn to navigate and edit the web content.

We will try and limit school email to one a week and the subject line will indicate both the sender and focus. Suggestions for effective communication are welcome.

**HALLOWEEN POEMS FROM DIV 4**

*Spooky Night*

*I'm going to be a ghost because I like it the most.*

*I saw a scary cat it was wearing a hat.*

*The moon is full it looks like a bull*

*by Aiden*



**Halloween Night**

**It's Halloween night,  
 The moon is round and bright.**

**I saw something white. It gave me a Fright. Is it ghost?  
 It was high in the sky**

**Uh-oh goodbye**

**by Meagan Kearey**



Choir begins Monday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. Students still interested who haven't signed up may still do so.

**BAND**

Band will now meet Mondays at 2:45 – 3:30 pm.

**HEALTH & SAFETY**



Please find nutritional substitutes for peanuts and help keep our students safe.

## PACK IT LIGHT. WEAR IT LIGHT.

The BCCA is reinforcing the “**Pack it Light. Wear it Right**” backpack safety program. The BCCA is making an appeal to you to help get the “safe backpack” message out and is offering a range of free materials for use with students, parents and teachers. These posters and handouts are designed to help students choose the right type of backpack, distribute the weight properly to avoid injury, and recognize when they are simply carrying too much weight for their growing bodies. Materials are available at <http://www.bcchiro.com/backpacksafety/>



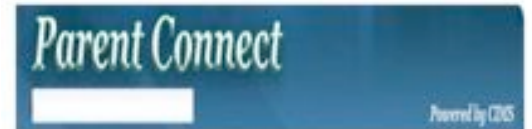
## THE POWER OF ONE ASSEMBLY



The message was clear for students. They can help to reduce bullying in their community.

It is important that both teachers and parents help the children understand the difference between behaviours that are inconsiderate and unkind and those that constitute bullying.

The Power of One poster will be put up in the hall. Students who believe that they have the Power of One are encouraged to sign it.



### PARENT CONNECT

Access to Parent Connect is easy. Once on the Internet, parents type in the Parent Connect address: <https://cimsweb.deltasd.bc.ca/schoolconnect/parentsion.aspx>.

The **User Name** is your child's Personal Education Number (PEN), a 9-digit number assigned by the Ministry of Education which is located on the student's report card. Parent Connect allows you to view the student's demographics and make changes to the work/cell phone numbers, email addresses, emergency contact, doctor phone numbers, emergency release and out of province contact names and phone numbers.

**We ask that you add these names if you haven't done so in order that our Emergency Preparedness Committee can have up-to-date information in case of an earthquake.** If parents notice errors or omissions in the address information they should contact the school office with proper documentation.

The **Password** is a predetermined scrambled password that was sent home to your under separate cover. If you can't remember your password, there is a “Can't Remember Password” button on the Parent Connect screen for you to use.

The **Postal Code** is the postal code of the parent/guardian signing in (each parent/guardian living at a different address will have their own account).

## **ARE NEWSLETTERS WORTHWHILE?**

I was pleased to receive some useful feedback on the structure of my first newsletter and hope to incorporate it into this and future newsletters. There will be more pictures of your children. Do not be concerned if there is no direct relationship between the picture and accompanying article – increased readership is my goal.

The winner of the first newsletter contest is Raeya Dosanjh in Mrs. Scott's class. Please come to the office for your prize.

To gauge my readership level, I am going to continue my newsletter contest. To be entered into a draw for a prize for this month, copy the quote onto a slip of paper, write your child's name on the back, and drop the paper into the box by the office. Anyone who includes the author of the quote will have a second chance in the draw.

"When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves."

## **COMMUNICATION**

**I believe a strong team comprised of parents and teachers is the best way to ensure students' success.**

### **EMAIL**

Although email is immediate and quick for the sender, it is not always the best means of communication. Please talk to your individual classroom teachers about their own preferences. I welcome email for basic queries.

### **CONVERSATIONS**

If you have anything that requires discussion, please arrange to meet with us. Phone or face-to-face conversations are always superior to email in this regard.

### **ADDITIONAL NOON HOUR SUPERVISORS**

I would like to welcome Mrs. J McIvenna and Mrs. N Khan who will be helping with noon hour supervision.