

# PEBBLE HILL TRADITIONAL ELEMENTARY

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Monday, September 12, 2011

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Wednesday, September 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grade 5/6 Crossing Guard Training</li></ul>
Wednesday, September 21 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Power of One Antibullying Assembly</li></ul>
Wednesday, September 21 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Family Photo Night</li></ul>
Thursday, September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	
Monday, September 26 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Non-Instructional Day - No school for students</li></ul>
Wednesday, September 28 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Terry Fox Run</li></ul>
Tuesday, October 4 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grade 6 Hepatitis B shots 11:00 am – 12:00 pm</li></ul>
Wednesday, October 5 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Individual Photos</li></ul>
Monday, October 10 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thanksgiving</li></ul>

*Dear Parents and Students:*

*I would like to thank you for the very warm welcome I have received at Pebble Hill Traditional School. It has been a wonderful beginning to*



*a new school year with so many bright smiling faces complemented by a week of summer weather. I have had a chance to meet many of you and look forward to forging relationships with staff, parents and students. I believe I can better serve the community as my knowledge and understanding of your needs develops. Please feel welcome to drop by my office to chat. If you have any difficulty contacting me, speak to Mrs. Nowzek and she will arrange a time for us to meet.*

*One of the ways that the students have demonstrated their pride in attending Pebble Hill Traditional School is by keeping our extensive school grounds clean. More importantly, the students are remembering to make eye contact when greeting adults. I am pleased to see such responsible behaviour. With the students settling into their new classes and school routine, I feel the tone is very positive. We look forward to a great year!*



# NEW STAFF Welcome

While most of the staff is returning from last year, there are a few new faces. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to the following new members:

- Mr. S Clay – Grade 6/7
- Mrs. Collier - Kindergarten
- Ms. J Quelch –Grade 1/2  
-Grade 3/4
- Mrs. J Anderson – Education Assistant

## TERRY FOX RUN

PH will be participating in the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Terry Fox National School Run Day on Wed. Sept. 28. We will be gathering in Terry's name to help in the fight against cancer by raising money for cancer research.

Beginning Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> students will be collecting donations. If a student brings in a donation of \$5 or more his/her name will be entered in a draw for a chance to win one of two t-shirts from the Terry Fox Foundation. Donations of \$20 or more will receive a tax receipt from the Terry Fox Foundation.

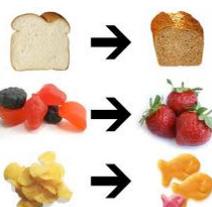
I would like to thank the PH community for their support and sharing Terry's dream.

## UNIFORMS

All students have been attending Pebble Hill Traditional in their school uniforms. The PAC is looking to establish a uniform committee. Please check your PAC newsletter for more information.

## REVERSE LUNCH

For those who are new to Pebble Hill Traditional, we operate on what is referred to as a reverse lunch. The students play



then eat. We will continue with reverse lunch with a slight adjustment. The student will be staggered in their return to eat their lunch.

The Primary students will come in at the regular time 12:47 while the Intermediate students will have 5 more minutes to play and will return to their classes at 12:52.

## PLANNERS

School planners will be handed out on Monday. Please do not send in money for them at this time. More information will follow.

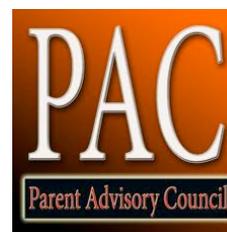


## STRIKE ACTION - Please see note from district

"Many parents have shared concerns regarding pending strike action by teachers. For the Superintendent's message in this regard please visit the District website at [www.deltasd.bc.ca](http://www.deltasd.bc.ca)."

## PAC

Parents are invited to the first meeting in the library at 7:30PM on September



20<sup>th</sup>. An important package will be sent home in your child's backpack on Friday September 16<sup>th</sup> outlining this year's PAC initiatives.

## SAVE THE DATE

"Family photo night will be on the evenings of September 21<sup>st</sup> and September 22<sup>nd</sup> with Life Touch Photography.



## HEALTH & SAFETY

Two related items – students with nut allergies and registering your child for medical alert membership



## SCHOOL WIDE MEDICAL ALERT

Several of our students have life-threatening allergies to peanuts, nuts (cashews, almonds, walnuts, pistachios, brazil nuts, pecans, macadamias), and sesame seeds. Exposure to even tiny amounts of nut particles – residue on a desk, a book, a door handle, computer keyboard, or a drinking fountain – may be enough to trigger a reaction. Please help us create a safe environment for them by keeping foods containing nuts, peanuts, and sesame seeds at home. Several companies are now making nut-free snacks and we encourage you to look for these new products when shopping. Other names for peanuts and other nuts include: Arachide, Arachis Oil, Beer Nuts, Goober Nuts, Goober Peas, Ground Nuts, Kernels, Mandelonas, Nut Meats, Valencias, Anacardium Nuts, Calisson, Marzipan, Pinon, Queensland Nut (macadamia). Label reading is the key to sending safe, nut free foods to school. Please do your part to ensure our school environment is a safe one for all of our students. THANK YOU!

## MediAlert's No Child Without Program is at Our School

The **No Child Without** program offers a free MediAlert membership to students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 up to their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis then you should consider a MediAlert membership through this program. MediAlert is your child's voice in an emergency,

MediAlert membership;

- Gives emergency first responders immediate access to your child's medical information on their MediAlert bracelet or necklet
- Enables first responders to quickly obtain up to date medical information by means of the child's Electronic Health Record through the **24 Hour Emergency Hotline**.
- Communicates with the parent or emergency contact upon activation of the **Hotline**
- Allows free updates of the child's medical record as needed

MediAlert identification can alert school staff, friends, coaches and others about your child's medical condition should an emergency occur.

For further information come to the office for a brochure or go to [www.nochildwithout.ca](http://www.nochildwithout.ca).

To register your child you will need a **No Child Without** brochure from the office.

If your child is already part of the **No Child Without** program and there have been changes to his/her medical condition, medications or emergency contact information, call MediAlert at 1-866-679-3220 to update your child's file.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Delta Community Literacy Committee is a co-sponsor for the South Delta Baby Fair: Great Expectations

**Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> at Ladner Community Centre – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm – see flyer for more details**

This information fair is a one stop shop for new parents and parents of infants/toddlers. The Delta Literacy Committee is hosting a literacy corner to give parents-to-be, new parents and parents of infant/toddlers information on how they can support their baby's early learning. There will be a demonstration of a Parent Child Mother Goose Group and a book café for babies!! Grandparents

and caregivers are welcome too. Please spread the word about this great event for South Delta. Please note a similar event is

planned for North Delta in February.

## THE POWER OF ONE ASSEMBLY

The Power of One is stark and specific. It is meant as a communication performance, not as an entertainment piece. The message of the show is that every child has the power of one, the power to report and deal with bullying when they see it. The show is developed around the use of colors, masks, and boxes. Combined in strategic fashion, these theatrical devices create vivid imagery that helps children remember the show and its message. You can view a video clip of the Power of One at [www.sorenbennick.com](http://www.sorenbennick.com).

## ARE NEWSLETTERS WORTHWHILE?

Newsletters are designed to communicate with families. If the information that is included is not relevant or the newsletters are not read, my time and the valuable aspect of school home communication are both lost. I value both your and my time. If you have any suggestion that would make newsletters more effective, please do not hesitate to share them with me. To gauge my readership level, I have included a quote below. To be entered into a draw for a prize 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.

*"Personally, I am always ready to learn but I do not always like to be taught."*



## ADDITIONAL "NOON HOUR SUPERVISOR

### REQUIRED

We are in need of an additional noon hour supervisor at Pebble Hill Traditional School. If you would like to contribute to ensuring a safe and caring environment please apply. Student supervision duties are from 12:10 to 1:10. This includes both classroom and playground supervision duties. Training is provided. More detailed job descriptions and applications are available at the school office. Please see Mr. McGrory if you are interested.