

PEBBLE HILL TRADITIONAL ELEMENTARY

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Calendar:

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- Dec. 7 Winter Carnival
5 – 8pm
 - Dec. 10 Band and Choir
performances at
1:30 and 6:30 p.m.
 - Dec. 12 Gingerbread Day
Red and Green
Day
 - Dec. 17 Dress rehearsal for
Christmas
Concerts (Students
in costume – not a
viewing time for
parents)
 - Dec. 18 Christmas Concert
1:30 and 6:30 p.m.
 - Dec. 19 Report Cards
available online
 - Dec. 20 Hot Lunch
 - Dec. 21 P.J. Day
Last day of classes
 - Jan. 7 Classes resume

Principal's Message

Our annual school plan for the 2018-2019 school year is focused on literacy. As we reviewed the FSA data from previous years and had discussions as a staff, we noticed that students were struggling with reading comprehension and inferential thinking from reading materials. Our question of inquiry this year is, “Can we increase student reading comprehension through the use of effective literacy instruction involving thinking routines and self-assessment?”

Thinking routines are strategies that we have been using for the past few years. Our Coordinator of Inquiry, Mrs. Martin, has been demonstrating various thinking routines in classes, and many of the strategies are now embedded in the regular teaching. For those of you new to the school, the Coordinator of Inquiry works with staff to help improve teaching and learning in the classroom. She often goes into classes and models a teaching strategy, co-teaches with teachers or provides feedback on their teaching. She also meets with teachers to discuss what areas teachers want to improve on in their teaching and then helps them achieve their goals. The idea is that no matter what level we are in our education and experience, we always have the opportunity to continue to learn and improve in what we do.

Remembrance Day Assembly

Our Remembrance Day Assembly was on Friday, November 10. It was a powerful performance and I was very



proud of the students who stood in front of their peers to share poems, sing and speak. The students in the audience were respectful and also made me proud.

Report Cards

Report Cards will be loaded onto Parent Connect on December 19th. We have been using Parent Connect for the past year for all field trip forms. It is just as easy to access the report cards as it is to sign permission for the field trips. Login to Parent Connect and click on the “**Folder**” tab. On the left hand side of the webpage you will see a column of “**View**” buttons. Click the “**View**” button beside the report card you want to see, and it will open up as a PDF. (There may be a slightly different process depending on your personal device and PDF reader you have installed). *The most recent report card will always be displayed at the top.* If your child has attended Pebble Hill previously or any other Delta schools, all previous report cards, are also viewable from here. If your child has an I.E.P., or A.I.P. or a report from the SLP teacher, these will also be available to view online.

An email will go home to families on the 19th, reminding you to look for your child’s report card.

Halloween Parade

On October 31, our Kindergarten and Grade 1 students lead the school on a parade through the classes and into the gymnasium where everyone did the “Monster Mash” then returned to their classes for individual class festivities. It was a great experience and so many creative and thoughtful costumes. A big thank you to the parents who came in and decorated the gym and hallway for Halloween day.



CSTADS

Our school has been chosen to take part in Health Canada’s 2018/2019 Canadian Student Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs survey (CSTADS). CSTADS asks students questions about tobacco, alcohol, cannabis, and other drug use; bullying; and sleep behavior. In British Columbia the survey will be implemented by the University of Victoria and the University of Waterloo.

On January 22, 2019, students in grade 7 with parental permission will take part in the survey. The school will receive school-specific results and a \$100 honorarium by participating in the survey.

Please visit the project at cstads.ca for more information or call 1-888-665-4680.

Please note, that the permission forms will go home via parent connect and will be a ‘negative permission system’. We assume all students will complete the survey unless we receive word from a parent that they want their child excluded from the survey. Forms will be on parent connect until early January.

Food Drive

Students are encouraged to bring in non-perishable canned or packaged food items December 5—13 for our school's annual food drive. The food will be picked up by Deltassist on December 14 and included in their annual Christmas Hamper Program. They expect to hand out 650 hampers this year families in the Delta community. Please check that the items you donate are well within their expiry date. We cannot donate items that are near or past their expiration date. If you are planning to come to the Band/Choir Concert on December 10th, please bring an item for our food drive.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success for the Library. We sold over \$5000 worth of items. The library receives money from Scholastic for hosting the book fair. The sales allow the library to purchase materials needed for students and staff. Thank you for your support of the Book Fair.

Reading Link Challenge



The Reading Link Challenge for interested students in Grades 4 & 5 has begun! Students have signed their books out and are making their way through as many books as they want. There will be lunch meetings once a week in the new year for the reading link group. More information regarding an author visit and our school challenge will be announced in 2019. There is a great variety of books this year: *A Boy Called BAT* by Elana K. Arnold, *Stella by Starlight* by Sharon M. Draper, *Howard Wallace, P.I.* by Casey Lyall, *Ungifted* by Gordon Korman, *The World According to Humphrey* by Betty G Birney, and *The Land of Forgotten Girls* by Erin Entrada Kelly.

From Your Parent Advisory Council



The PAC has been busy! Thank you to all that joined us for the "Creating Successful Students" chat with Kari Marken. We had a full house in the library and I think it's safe to say that we all learned a couple of tips or tricks. If you'd like to view the presentation or access the resources, you can find them on the [Parent Speaker Night](#) section of the school website. Please email pac.pht@gmail.com if you have topic ideas for future speakers.

We are working fast and furiously to plan for the first annual Winter Carnival. The Winter Carnival is on December 7 from 5-8pm and will be a night to remember for your kids. There will be games to play, pizza and cotton candy to eat (while supplies last), a cake walk to win, and vendors to shop at. Sounds like the big man in red coat may even

be making an appearance! Wear your “ugly” holiday sweater to receive an entry to win a Turkey from Newman's Fine Foods. We're still looking for volunteers to help on the day of the event and donations for the cake walk and prizes. Please sign up [here](#) if you can help! There is no cost to attend the Carnival but the games and dinner will have a fee.

We were pleasantly surprised that over 30 families were represented at our PAC meeting in October. Your attendance allows us to understand the needs of our community and promotes bi-directional communication between the school and the parents. Thank you for coming out to the meeting. We hope to see even more parents for our January meeting. The date is still TBA but will be announced through the school email and on social media.

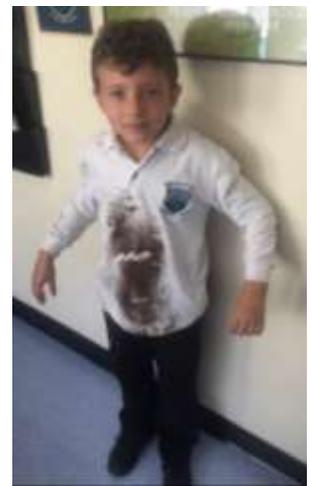
Please follow us on social media! It's a great way to keep up with what's going on at the school. You can find us on Instagram (pebblehillpac), twitter (@pebblehillPAC) and on Facebook (Pebble Hill Traditional PAC).

Hope to see you all on December 7 from 5-8pm at the Winter Carnival!

Join the Pebble Hill Traditional PAC page on Facebook , twitter @PebbleHillPAC and an Instagram account as PebbleHillPAC.

Dress for the Weather

We have had an amazing autumn. The weather has been beautiful, often sunny and has allowed our students to be outside during break times without being soaked by the rain. As we approach winter we do anticipate harsher weather conditions, so please make sure your children are dressed appropriately to go and play outside. It is hard on the students to remain indoors all day, but it is also hard on students to go outside in rainy or snowy weather without proper footwear and rainwear. For our younger students, please send an extra set of clothes and let's save them phoning home after recess and lunch, requesting dry clothes be brought to school.



Lost and Found

Don't forget to stop by the lost and found bin near the gymnasium to claim any of your child's missing items of clothing. Many unclaimed items will be donated to charity on Thursday, December 20. If there are Pebble Hill Crested wear items in the lost and found, Mrs. Hopkinson will take them home and clean them and donate them to the PAC.

Dropping off your Child's Lunch?

We have a counter at the front office for parents who need to drop off their child's lunch. We have a student deliver the lunches to the classrooms just before the lunch bell. Please do not go to your child's classroom to deliver their lunch to them, this can be disruptive to the learning in the classroom.

SDSS Friday Night Heights

The South Delta Senior Girls Volleyball program presents Friday Night Heights. This program is designed for girls in Grades 6 and 7 (and athletically inclined Grade 5's) who are interested in improving their skills in preparation for the competitive volleyball leagues of High School and Club Volleyball. The program consists of 8 Friday night sessions of 1½ hours in length. Each session will include skill development followed by a variety of fun and competitive games designed for the younger athlete. The sessions will run Fridays beginning December 14, 4:30--- 6:00. (Dec.14, 21, Jan.11, 18, Feb.01, 15, 22, Mar.01)

The SDSS Girls Volleyball Coaches will run each session with players from this year's Junior & Senior Teams. The price for the program is \$110 which includes all training, equipment and a T--- shirt. All sessions occur at SDSS. If interested please e--- mail dburgess@deltasd.bc.ca ASAP with the following information (cheques made out to SDSS or cash will be collected at the first session).

Player name:

Phone number:

Email::

Elementary School:

Adult T--- shirt size (if youth t--- shirt please specify):

