

PEBBLE HILL TRADITIONAL ELEMENTARY

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Calendar:

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- April 26 World Book Day
Dress as your favourite book character
- May 1 Assembly: How Raven Stole the Sun
- May 3 Choir to festival
- May 7 Panorama photo and class photos
- May 8 Regional Track Meet at SDSS
- May 10 Divs 4,5,8,9,10,11
Mary Poppins
- May 16 District Track Meet
- May 17 Non-Instructional Day
- May 20 Victoria Day: Holiday
- May 29 Div 3 Law Courts
- May 30 Casual Day
Hot Lunch Day
Div 2 Law Courts
- May 31 Div 1 Law Courts

From Your Parent Advisory Council

The adult social is this **Saturday night, April 27**. There are a few tickets remaining if anyone has made a last minute decision to attend the event. Please check at the Pebble Hill office if you still want to purchase a ticket.

For any parents with other commitments that want to come to this event later, tickets will be available at the door for \$20 after 9:00 pm or can be purchased in advance for a 9:00 pm entry from Laura Sanders or Christina Hewlett.

Thank you to the parents who volunteered their time to produce the beautiful ceramic dishes that will be auctioned off at the social. Using the finger and hand prints of close to 100 students to produce a piece of art requires patience and a team of parents.



Interested in volunteering with the PAC? It's a great opportunity to give back to the school. We have a number of vacancies on the executive for the 2019-2020 year. Check your email for more Information in the coming weeks or reach out to pac.pht@gmail.com for more information.

Thank you for supporting the Purdy's fundraiser. We sold \$725.55 worth of chocolate and made a profit of \$181.39, which comes back to the PAC.

Message from the Principal

Many of you have probably noticed some work that has happened at Pebble Hill over the past few months. We are getting a paint upgrade and it is looking beautiful. The school has a more modern feel to it.



This past week, the grounds crew put an actual long jump pit on our school grounds. We have the starting board, the fenced sand pit and a flat surface leading up to the long jump pit. We appreciate the work they did and our students now get to use a proper space to practice their jumps.



I would like to thank Mrs. White for her beautiful balloon display that she created for the school for Easter. It added festivity to the entrance of the school.



Student Learning Survey

Parents of students in grades 4 and 7 are asked to complete the Student Learning Survey. Students in grades 4 and 7 have been completing this survey at school, and there is a survey specifically for parents to provide feedback to the school. Initially the survey was open until April 15, but has been extended to May 3 if there are any parents of a grade 4 or 7 student who still want to complete the survey.

Parents may access the survey from the following website:

www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm. Use the “Direct Access” box on the bottom right of the page. You may complete the survey for each child in grade 4 or 7 – think about your individual child and experiences as you answer the questions.

Currently we have 25% response rate from the parents in our school. The survey is only available until May 3, so please take the time to complete it soon.

Planning for Next Year:

At this time of year, we spend a lot of time preparing for the next school year. We take into consideration many factors when assigning students to a classroom. We always try to place students where we feel they will have the greatest success. If you have information about your child that you would like us to consider, please:

- let Mrs. Hopkinson know in writing by May 21, 2019. Keep in mind that your letter or email will likely be shared with teachers when placements meetings are held.
- make sure your requests are made for educational purposes. Please avoid requesting placements with individual teachers or with your child’s best friends. Students are asked to provide us with a list of five friends so that we can make sure each student has at least a friend in their class the following year.
- make sure to submit your requests in writing, preferably email. A conversation with a classroom teacher not a substitute for a request.

Many of our classes are combined classes - more than one grade. Most students will experience several combined classes throughout their elementary years.

We do our best to meet requests; however, there is no guarantee to meet all requests.

Message for Dog Owners

The school playgrounds and surrounding fields are designated for children. Dog feces on the school grounds are a continuing issue for us. We encourage all pet owners to pick up after their pets, or take their pets to a designated dog park. I know many of our families with pets are responsible and we appreciate your diligence. Please encourage everyone to pick up after their pet.

Reading Link

The Reading Link challenge for the district was held on April 12. The students gathered in the gymnasium and answered questions about the books on the reading list. The students had a fun time, and many of our intermediate students had the opportunity to watch the competition. A big thank you to Mrs. McLeod for organizing the reading link challenge and encouraging the students along the way.

FREE INFO NIGHT WITH DR. LAPOINTE: PARENTING THE CHILD WITH ANXIETY

MAY 1 @ 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM SOUTH DELTA SECONDARY

PARENTING THE CHILD WITH ANXIETY: Supporting Children Struggling with Anxiety

The purpose of this workshop is to provide a framework for parents who are working to support and nurture a child who is struggling with anxiety.

Anxiety comes in many shapes and sizes, and manifests differently for younger children than it does for older children and adults.

Participants will learn about the different forms of anxiety that are commonly diagnosed in children (including Separation Anxiety, Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, Phobias, Generalized Anxiety Disorder, Social Anxiety and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, among others).

We will work to understand what unites these different expressions of worry and how to best support the child feeling overwhelmed by such worry so that participants leave with a better sense of how to help put a child's worry monster to rest.

For more information about the session, please contact Tricia Gibson

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ABOUT DR. VANESSA LAPOINTE

Dr. Vanessa Lapointe is a mom, registered psychologist, parenting educator, best-selling author, international speaker, and a regularly invited media guest.

Founder and director of The Wishing Star Lapointe Developmental Clinic, she has been supporting families and children for almost 20 years, and has previous experience in community mental health and the school system.

While navigating the journey of parenting her own two children, including the restructuring of her family through divorce, Dr. Vanessa has been challenged to grow herself up. Rather than hiding behind the glossy façade, she acknowledges how much she is in the muck of it just like everyone else. From this awakened place she journeyed along a path which has profoundly changed her family and had a significant influence on her speaking and practice.