

# PEBBLE HILL TRADITIONAL ELEMENTARY

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## Calendar:

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June 26 Year End Assembly

June 27 Grade 7 Assembly  
Dismissal 10:30

In September:

Sep 3 First day of School  
Dismissal 12:00

Sep 18 Individual Photos  
Open House

Sep 19 Talk Like a Pirate  
Day

Sep 20 Professional  
Development Day

Sep 26 Casual Day  
Hot Lunch  
Terry Fox Run

Sep 27 Boundary Bay Run

## Message from Mrs. Hopkinson

It is our final week of school, and I am sitting in my office typing my final message in the newsletter. I have had an amazing time at Pebble Hill and feel I have developed positive relationships with the students, staff and parent community. A part of me is very sad to be leaving such a caring school community.

When I head out onto the playground during recess and lunch, I am greeted with smiles, hugs and excited chatter from the students. Next year as I work out of an office, it is the fun I have with the students that I will miss the most. I have been blessed to work with such a dynamic and caring group of students, thank you to each and every one of them.

I would like to thank the entire school community for making the last two years a memorable experience. The PAC has been a delight to work with and I appreciate the dedication that I see in the parents who organize fundraisers, attend PAC meetings, work for the Hot Lunch program and the parents/grandparents who drive and volunteer on field trips and in the classroom.

The staff at this school are exceptional. Every teacher has worked on personal goals on how to improve their practice and are always seeking ways to make the learning experience better for the students. They really are a dedicated group, and that includes the EAs, Ms. Crawford, and Mr. Prestele, our custodian.

Thank you to everyone for an amazing two years. I will miss you all.

Mrs. Hopkinson

## Year End Assembly (Grades 4-7)

On Wednesday, June 26 after the recess break, our students will gather for the final school wide assembly of the year. This year, Pebble Hill Staff are not selecting students for “top achievement” awards. The staff has discussed the challenges of selecting students for awards and feels strongly that it does not align with the current B.C. Curriculum. The current curriculum expects our teachers to meet every child where they are at, and move them forward in their learning. All students work hard and are on their own journey towards academic success. We are an inclusion-focused staff and believe that every child has potential and should not be put in a position of feeling badly because they are not awarded recognition for achieving academically.

On Wednesday, our staff will recognize students in grades 4-7 in the school who participated in various sports activities, volunteer opportunities around the school and those who were in choir and band. In addition, we will recognize the students who worked hard academically – and persevered to do their best regardless of their academic standing. This is a more inclusive recognition which reflects our beliefs as educators which is that every child can achieve.

One of the highlights of the year end assembly is the photo slide show. We will reflect back on the year as we watch pictures from the various events that have happened at Pebble Hill. It has been a busy year, with many activities and fun for each of the students.

## Grade 7 Assembly

On Thursday, June 27 at 9:00 am, the students and staff will gather in the gymnasium to recognize our Grade 7 students who are moving on to the High School next year. Families of the Grade 7 students are invited to come and join us. Part of this assembly is the traditional claiming of the benches by our Grade 6 students, Valedictory Speeches and remarks from the Principal. We anticipate the assembly starting as close to 9:00 am as we can, and being finished close to 10:15. Students will return to their classrooms for final goodbye’s and then will be dismissed around 10:30 am.

## Noon Hour Supervisors

Pebble Hill is in need of additional lunch hour supervisors for September. Noon hour supervisors work from 12:15 - 1:15 each day and supervise the students eating as well as play time outside. Please contact Mrs. Alkema ([alkema@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:alkema@deltasd.bc.ca)) if you are interested in being considered. Please note that you will likely be assigned to an area of the playground separate from your child(ren).

## Sports Day

Thank you to the parents who helped out on sports day. It was a fun, entertaining day and the students had a great time. I am very proud of the grade 7 students who planned, organized and ran the day. The team cheers were entertaining, which are created and run by the grade 6 students.

## Will You Be Moving?

If you are planning on moving and will not be attending Pebble Hill Traditional next year, please make sure to let the office know. Please send a note to the office if this applies to you. Thank you to all of the families who have already let us know!

## School Supply Lists

School Supply lists for 2019-2020 will be available online later this week and orders can be done directly through Staples: <https://ph.deltasd.bc.ca/student-life/supplies/>

## FVRL Summer Reading Club 2019

Imagine the possibilities! Dream and discover endless possibilities all summer when you join FVRL's 2019 Summer Reading Club. There is a club for everyone!

- **Read To Me (0 to Preschool)** Share stories, record reading, collect stickers, win prizes and get a medal.
- **Kids (grades K to 6)** Collect a reading record, enter prize draws, come to fun shows and earn a medal. Just read every day!
- **Teens (grades 7 to 12)** Read. Record. Repeat. It begins when you pick up an SRC reading record. Includes chances to win fantastic prizes.
- **Adults** Take home a reading record and mark your reading to enter prize draws. The more you read, the more chances to win.

*How do I join?* Sign up starts June 21 and continues throughout the summer. Visit your favourite [FVRL location](#) to join.

*How does it work?* You and your family members can pick up a reading record at your local library! Record every day that you read for fifteen minutes or more! You can read at home, in the library, on a beach, anywhere! Once you have recorded seven days of reading, come back to the library for stickers and prizes!

## School Calendar for 2019-2020

The calendar for the 2019-2020 school year is posted on our website. As new events are scheduled, they will be posted on the web calendar so please check back regularly.

<https://ph.deltasd.bc.ca/events-calendar>

<b>2019/2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS</b>	
Days in Session	188
<b>Hours of Instruction in School Week</b>	<b>Kindergarten—Grade 7: 24.42 hrs.</b>
Number of Days of Instruction <b>Minutes of Instruction in School Day</b>	181 <b>Kindergarten—Grade 7: 293 min.</b>
Number of Non-Instructional Days	6 (District Wide)
Schools Open	Tuesday, September 3
Individual Photos and Open House	Wednesday, September 18
International Talk Like a Pirate Day	Thursday, September 19
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Friday, September 20
Terry Fox Run	Thursday, September 26
Boundary Bay Cross Country Run	Friday, September 27
Thanksgiving Day – Statutory Holiday	Monday, October 14
Parent Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal 2:00 pm)	Wednesday, October 23 Thursday, October 24
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Friday, October 25
Individual Photo Retakes	Wednesday, October 30
Remembrance Day Assembly	Friday, November 8
Remembrance Day – Statutory Holiday	Monday, November 11
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Monday, November 25
Term 1 Report Cards Available Online	Wednesday, December 18
Last Day of School before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 20
Winter Vacation Period	December 23 – January 3
Schools Reopen after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 6
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Friday, January 24
Family Day – Statutory Holiday	Monday, February 17
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Friday, February 28
Term 2 Report Cards Available Online	Wednesday, March 11
Spring Vacation Period	March 16 – March 27
Schools Reopen	Monday, March 30
Good Friday – Statutory Holiday	Friday, April 10
Easter Monday – Statutory Holiday	Monday, April 13
Student Lead Conferences (Early Dismissal 2:00 pm)	Wednesday, April 22 Thursday, April 23
Regional Track Meet	Wednesday, May 6
Alternate Day for Regional Track Meet	Friday, May 8
Panorama and Class / Group Photos	Wednesday, May 13
District Track Meet	Thursday, May 14
Non-Instructional Day (in lieu of August Pro-D)	Friday, May 15
Victoria Day – Statutory Holiday	Monday, May 18
Sports Day	Friday, June 19
Last Day for Students Term 3 Report Cards Available Online	Thursday, June 25
Schools Closed / Administrative Day	Friday, June 26