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NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message



I am not sure about all of you, but I am hoping that the Groundhog tells us it is going to be a short winter, and brings on summer a little bit early. With all of us distancing, it would be great to get back outside, get some vitamin D from the sun and just enjoy this beautiful province.

As we transition through the term, I wanted to remind everyone of our current school goal and the progress we have been making. Here at Cliff Drive, we have continued to make student wellness a focus, as well as trying to look at and reflect on our own personal learning. Our current goal asks: "Will teaching students to make their learning visible, improve their growth mindset and help build resiliency?" By modelling, and demonstrating our own goal setting strategies and using specific learning targets, we are hoping students will be able to note directly what the purpose of their lesson is, and how they are going to achieve these goals.

As professionals, the staff have been working hard developing their skills by participating in professional development conversations on Pro-D days and having district supports come in to enhance our practice and provide practical strategies for us to better support and meet the needs of all students.

Throughout the year, even though we find ourselves maybe a little tired from the pandemic, we want to ensure students are continuing to engage with their learning and are provided with meaningful and authentic learning experiences. Through our development, we feel that we will be able to better target the needs of all students and we look forward to seeing their growth.

February is a short, yet busy month. There is many events that take place and lots of excitement that comes, as we move into the second half of the school year. Enjoy the journey that this time has taken you on, and remember to spend time on you and your families mental wellness.

Mr. P. Klassen

Daily Health Check

It is important that every day, you are discussing with your child about their health. It is important to monitor this and have a back-up plan, just in case your child becomes ill at school and needs to go home.



At Cliff Drive we are being as cautious and careful as possible. Please ensure you are monitoring your child's health daily. If your child needs to stay home, please

know they will not be penalized for the work they miss and will have an opportunity to catch up.

If you require a different translation of the Daily Health Check, or would like more information about the ministry health and safety guidelines, please visit this website: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/childcare-schools/schools>.

Masks



I wanted to reach out and say thank you to all families, as we have noticed a huge increase of students wearing and bringing their masks, since returning from Winter break. This is an ongoing concern, and something we still need to make sure we are on top of, so please continue to send your child with multiple masks every day or even extras to leave here at school.

Monthly Connection Activity



Thank you parents and families for contributing to January's connectedness activity. I can see everyone is continuing to try and maintain their health and get out and exercise, even on these cold winter days. Personally, my family is still going strong and we are working on strengthening our bodies through daily stretching and mindful breathing. Here is hoping it brings some more

balance!

February is a very busy month and also the shortest month. During this time, we have many events that happen and it would be great to see what you are up to. As there are many holidays (Lunar New Year, Groundhog Day, Valentines Day and Family Day, etc...) we would love to see how you celebrate or partake in one of those moments. Please take a photo of your family celebrating one of these events, or others and share it.

When you have your photo, please e-mail it to Mr. Klassen at pklassen@deltaschools.ca and we will put it on the school website. Happy Celebrations!

Student Learning Surveys

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.



The Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 4 and 7, and is still available to parents/guardians/caregivers of students in grade 4 and 7, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link without an anonymous logon code, by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the Results section.

The e-survey site will be open until April 30th.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Klassen at pklassen@deltaschools.ca

Late French Immersion Information



For all families in late French immersion or for those interested in late French immersion next year, there will be a parent info night on January 26th and January 27th at 6:30pm, and will consist of information and question and answers over zoom. Please register for the session here: [**https://forms.gle/GkfMQ1PPU3UXQcYK6**](https://forms.gle/GkfMQ1PPU3UXQcYK6)

If you are looking at applying for late French immersion, the applications are online and begin Jan. 4, 2022, with a presentation available on the district website Jan. 19, 2021. The deadline for the applications is Feb. 12, 2022 and families will be notified of placement on March 30th, 2022.

Also, if you are looking to participate in a weekly fun French challenge, where you can win prizes, please visit the following link and complete the weekly activity (the activity will change weekly, but the link will stay the same):

[**https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1RwMWgp456QvxFYdgE_8CJkIZkZy_V26xpf2QSEG-0ck/edit#slide=id.gb9ad68f582_0_10**](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1RwMWgp456QvxFYdgE_8CJkIZkZy_V26xpf2QSEG-0ck/edit#slide=id.gb9ad68f582_0_10)

Jump Rope for Heart

Here at Cliff Drive we have decided to fundraise again for Jump Rope for Heart. Please help us surpass our goals to support those in need. All fundraising will be done online this year, through the Jump Rope for Heart website; [**www.jumpropeforheart.ca**](http://www.jumpropeforheart.ca) Let's work on creating healthy brains and healthy hearts by getting active, drinking more water, and spending less time on screens. I know together we can support one another to stay healthy and make a difference for those in need.



Beware Fire Hydrant When Parking on 12th



We are asking all families who drive and park on 12th avenue, to make sure that they are not parking in front of the fire hydrant. We know that this is a drop off spot, and that at times spaces are limited, but it is extremely important we do not block this in case of an emergency. We are asking all families to follow the rules of the road and to keep everyone safe. We have talked with our school liaison officer, as well as the Delta police and they will do their best to continue to monitor this area, to ensure all rules are followed.

PAC Fund Raisers

There are two fundraisers happening right now at Cliff Drive. The parents have organized (1) Mr. Cooper’s Meat Pies and (2) Serious Soups for families to purchase and order from. The deadline is a very quick turn around, as of February 2, and we need families to go on to their Munch A Lunch accounts and order what you want. I have attached some photos to see what is available, and they are also on the school website if you are looking for more information. Thank you PAC for keeping us well fed and for providing this great opportunity for us.



Hot Lunch

Hot Lunch is coming back! On Munch a Lunch, it will open for Feb. 6 and we are providing two dates this term. The first Hot Lunch day will be Feb. 25 and the second will be March 11. Please support our PAC and skip packing a lunch for the day and sign up for some delicious Hot Lunch!

Play All Day



Cliff Drive is excited to partake in its first ever Play All Day, on February 11th. This is a day where students will come to school and will play games within their classes, with their friends and teachers. This is in support of teaching students how to work during unstructured times, to facilitate engaging new conversations and building social skills with their peers and ultimately having fun with one another at school. We encourage families to send games this day with their kids that they can take turns and play with their peers!

February is Black History Month

Delta School District is proud to celebrate Black History Month. The Learning Services team has curated various resources to help our staff and students celebrate, honour, explore and learn about Black History over the next few weeks and beyond. Please visit the district’s website to access these resources, which include articles, videos and webcasts.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Jan. 31 - Feb. 11 | Young Actors Project - School Wide |
| Feb. 11 | Play All Day |
| Feb. 14 - 17 | Jump Rope for Heart Jumping Event |
| Feb. 14 | Kindergarten Registration Opens Up |
| Feb. 14 | Spirit Day - Dress in Red, Pink and White |
| Feb. 16 | PAC Meeting 7pm |
| Feb. 18 | Pro-D Day (No School) |
| Feb. 21 | Family Day (No School) |
| Feb. 23 | Anti-Bullying Awareness Day - Pink Shirt Day |
| Feb. 25 | Hot Lunch |