

# Chalmers Elementary Newsletter

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## Important Dates to Remember:

Apr. 6	Div. 9 – CTV Weather School (All Day)
Apr. 6	Div. 17 & 18 – Delta Gymnastics (Morning)
Apr. 6	Hot Lunch Day (Little Caesar's Pizza)
Apr. 7	April Sharing Assembly at 11:00 am
Apr. 11	Div. 6 – Watershed Park (Morning)
Apr. 13	Div. 7 – Metro Vancouver Watershed (All Day)
Apr. 14	Good Friday (No School)
Apr. 17	Easter Monday (No School)
Apr. 18 to Apr. 21	School-Wide Zumba Classes
Apr. 18 to Apr. 21	Earth Week Activities
Apr. 19	Math Celebration at Richardson Elementary
Apr. 25	Div. 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, & 9 – Play "Annie" at Seaquam Secondary (Afternoon)
Apr. 27	Delta Trade and Technical Career Fair at Sungod Arena
Apr. 27	Div. 13, 14, & 15 – Forces in Motion Workshop
Apr. 28	Class and Panorama Photos
May 3	Fruit and Veggie Program Delivery Day (Mini Peppers)
May 3	Div. 15 & 16 – Burns Bog (Morning)
May 5	May Sharing Assembly at 11:00 am
May 5	District Emergency Preparedness Drill with Student Release at 1:45 pm
May 8	Grade 6 Immunizations
May 10	Regional Track Meet at NDSS (All Day)
May 12	Regional Track Meet at NDSS (All Day) (Rainout Day)
May 18	District Track Meet at SDSS (All Day)

## Dear Parents:

Welcome Back! We hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable Spring Break. We are all set for an exciting and busy last term of the year. Activities such as Starting with Stories, the District and Regional Track Meets, Chalmers Challenge (Sports Day), Chalmers Family Fun Night, Grade 7 Farewell activities, and many other school events will prove to be memorable learning experiences for our students. So, buckle up everyone, the final term is sure to be a fun ride!

One of the main tasks that we focus on at this time of year is to begin planning for the next school year, both in terms of school enrolment and staffing. To help plan properly, we would ask that families inform the school as early as possible if your child will not be returning to Chalmers in September 2017. It is important that our enrolment numbers be as accurate as possible at each grade level so that staffing can meet the needs of our school population and we can have the smoothest possible school opening in September. If you will be leaving our community, notifications of your plans in writing would be appreciated. Also, if you have neighbours moving into the area, encourage them to register as soon as possible to ensure attendance at Chalmers for September.

*Mr. K. Levenstein*  
Principal

*Mr. T. Weber*  
Vice Principal



# Ready, Set, Learn Ready, Set, Learn

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1:15pm to 2:45pm

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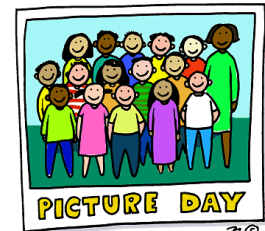
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## Class Photos:

Mountainwest Photography returns to Chalmers on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> for class photos. All families will receive a complimentary copy of their child's class photo to add to your family's album. Mark this date on your calendar.



## School-Wide Medical Alert:



Several of our student have life-threatening allergies to eggs, peanuts, nuts (cashews, almonds, walnuts, pistachios, Brazil nuts, pecans, macadamias), and sesame seeds. Exposure to even tiny amounts of egg or nut particles – residue on a desk, a book, a door handle, a 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 eggs, nuts, peanuts, and sesame seeds at home.

Please do your part to ensure our school environment is a safe one for all our students. We thank you for your support with this matter.

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### Lost and Found:

This is just a reminder that students and parents have until the last Friday at 2:45 pm of every school month to claim lost and found clothing items. Clothing items not claimed after 2:45 pm on the last Friday of every school month will be donated to charity.



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### Track and Field:



Track and field season will soon be underway. As in previous years, all intermediate students will have the opportunity to practice all the events they are able to participate in. Our Grade 4 and 5 students will practice track events during their gym classes. Our Grade 6 and 7 students will practice track events through both their gym classes and “extracurricular practices” (practices during non-instructional time). An exact extracurricular practice schedule for our Grade 6 and 7 students will be published on the school website once it is finalized.

The Regional Track Meet will be held on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at North Delta Secondary School. The alternate date (in case of heavy rain) is May 12<sup>th</sup>. **Only those students participating in an event attend the track meet.** Other students **are not to attend** the meet under any other circumstances (e.g. as a spectator, to accompany a sibling, etc.).

To be chosen to represent Chalmers, students must demonstrate:

- Excellent attendance at practices
- Overall positive attitude and responsible behavior
- Good ability in the track event

Top finishers at the Regional Track Meet may be eligible for the District Track Meet (May 18<sup>th</sup> at South Delta Secondary School). The District Track Meet will be held **rain or shine**.

*Please encourage your intermediate aged child to get involved! The opportunity to represent Chalmers Elementary is always a lot of fun, and while we can't always send everyone to the actual meet, we do our best to involve as many of our students as possible.*

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### Earth Week Activities:



This year, Earth Day takes place on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. It is anticipated that nearly six million Canadians will join close to one billion people from over 170 countries in staged events and projects to address local environmental issues. It is expected that nearly every school-aged child in Canada will participate in an Earth Day activity.

At Chalmers Elementary, we are doing our part to raise awareness of environmental issues and reduce our carbon footprint. In celebration of Earth Day, the staff at Chalmers have decided to have an “Earth Week”. Each day during “Earth Week” we will have an activity take place with an environmental focus. These activities include:

- Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> - Lights Out Lunch (Runs for the Week)
- Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> - Dress in Earth Colours Day (Green, Blue, Brown)
- Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> - Litterless Lunch Day
- Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> - Power Down Friday

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### Litterless Lunch Ideas:

Did you know that the average school-aged child who consumes a conventional disposable lunch generates a total of 67 pounds of waste per year!

While it is easy to say, “let’s have a litterless lunch”, how can this be accomplished in a “low impact” way? Here are some suggestions:

- Use a reusable lunch bag or container (not a single use plastic bag or disposable container)
- Pack food in reusable containers (no plastic wrap, foil, plastic bags, or pre-packaged foods)
- Pack beverages in reusable containers like a refillable water bottle or thermos (recyclable containers are acceptable but discouraged)
- Organic waste (apple cores, banana peels, etc.) should be taken home for composting
- Cloth napkins and non-disposable cutlery can be packed if necessary



***Pack a litterless lunch!!***