

Chalmers Elementary Newsletter

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Important Dates to Remember:

Feb. 7	Div. 4 & 5 – HR MacMillan Space Centre
Feb. 8	Grade 6 Late French Immersion Information Meeting from 6:30 – 7:30 pm in the CH Library
Feb. 10	Div. 8 & 9 – Science World
Feb. 10	February Sharing Assembly at 11:00 am
Feb. 7	PAC Toonie Friday Sales – Kernels Popcorn
Feb. 10	Jump Rope for Heart Kick-Off Assembly at 2:00
Feb. 13	Family Day (No School)
Feb. 14	Kindergarten Registration from 9:00 – 12:00 pm
Feb. 24	PRO-D Day (No School)
Feb. 28	Jump Rope for Heart Event (All Day)
Feb. 28	Grade 7 Visit to Burnsvew from 12:30 – 2:50 pm (Orientation and Tour)
Mar. 3	March Sharing Assembly at 11:00 am
Mar. 10	Last Day of School Before Spring Break
Mar. 10	Term Two Report Cards Home
Mar. 11 to Mar. 26	Spring Break!
Mar. 27	School Re-Opens from Spring Break



Dear Parents:

Happy February Chalmers community! February is a very busy and important month as it is the halfway point in the school year. It is hard to believe how quickly we have reached this point in the school year! February also marks the beginning of basketball season for our Grade 6 & 7 students, and the beginning of “Chalmers 14” for our Grade 4 & 5 students. February is also the time of year when Grades 4 & 7 students participate in the Foundation Skills Assessment testing (FSA’s), students and parents participate in student-led conferences, and teachers prepare term two report cards.

February is also a time when, at school, we are doing everything possible to keep Chalmers Elementary a healthy place to work and learn. If your child is sick or exhibiting any flu symptoms, it is extremely important that you keep your child at home until all symptoms have disappeared. Please make sure you call the absentee phone line (available 24 hours a day) at 604-594-0269. Leave your name, your child’s name and division number, and the reason your child will be absent. It’s very important that you phone every day your child is away, to help us know he or she is home safe.

Mr. K. Levenstein
Principal

Mr. T. Weber
Vice Principal

Did You Know:



Groundhog Day is celebrated every year on February 2nd. The legend of Groundhog Day predicting the weather comes from long ago in Europe. According to German folklore, if the sun comes out on Candlemas Day (the precursor to Groundhog Day), the badger will see its shadow and six more weeks of winter will follow. When German settlers came to Pennsylvania they continued the tradition, using groundhogs instead of badgers to predict the weather.

The first official Groundhog Day was celebrated on February 2, 1886 in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. The groundhog used to see if winter will be extended was named, "Punxsutawney Phil".

Phil's fame began to spread and newspapers around the world began to report his predictions. Thousands of fans now make the annual trek to Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania on February 2nd to see whether Phil will see his shadow.

So the question we need to have answered is, what did Punxsutawney Phil predict for 2017? Bundle-up everyone... Phil saw his shadow, meaning we're in for six more weeks of winter.

Late French Immersion Information Evening:

Late French Immersion is available at Chalmers Elementary to a child eligible for grade 6 in September of the year of application.

Parents and students interested in learning about the Delta School District's Late French Immersion Program (grade 6 entry) are invited to attend an important information meeting:

Date: Wednesday, February 8th
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: Chalmers Elementary (Library)
11315 75th Avenue



Note:

- The application deadline for Late French Immersion (grade 6 entry) is **Friday, February 17th at 4:00 pm**
- Completed forms must be delivered to Chalmers Elementary on or before the application deadline

Jump Rope for Heart:



Chalmers students are becoming *Heart Heroes* one skip at a time! Please join us in embracing healthy living and social responsibility by skipping and raising money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Let's work together to make a difference in our school and across the country. Representatives from the Heart and Stroke Foundation will be in attendance at our Jump Rope for Heart kick-off assembly on February 10th at 2:00 pm. Students will bring home a package with information for the fundraising event on Friday, February 10th. Our "skip off" will take place on Tuesday, February 28th. Students who wish to participate in the fundraising aspect of this event are asked to secure pledges from family members, relatives, and close friends. **For safety reasons, we do not encourage students to go "door-to-door" to collect pledges.** Last year, the Chalmers community raised an incredible \$4,000 during our Jump Rope for Heart event. Our goal is to raise even more funds for this worthwhile cause! This year, we are once again dedicating our Jump Rope for Heart event to Grade 6 student Ryan Hughes, who in December 2015 suffered a medical emergency related to his heart condition.

Basketball Season:

It's the beginning of February and basketball season is well underway! This year, the Chalmers basketball program will consist of four teams. The Grade 7 Boys Basketball Team is being coached by Ms. Hay, the Grade 7 Girls Basketball Team is being coached by Mr. Weber, the Grade 6 Boys Basketball Team is being coached by Mr. Clay, and the Grade 6 Girls Basketball Team is being coached by Ms. Shove and Mme Klose. Hats off to the Chalmers staff who have volunteered their time to provide our senior students with this exciting opportunity. Go Stingers Go!



Practices for the four basketball teams are as follows:

Grade 7 Boys:	Mondays and Wednesdays (8:00 – 8:40 am)
Grade 7 Girls:	Wednesdays (2:10 – 3:00 pm) and Thursdays (12:40 – 1:15 pm)
Grade 6 Boys:	Tuesdays (12:40 – 1:15 pm)
Grade 6 Girls:	Tuesdays (8:00 – 8:40 am) and Wednesdays (12:40 – 1:15 pm)

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.

Kindergarten Registration at Chalmers:



Our Kindergarten registration for the 2017-18 school year will take place **from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm on Tuesday, February 14th** for children who will turn five-years-old by December 31, 2017. Please bring the following information with you when you come to register your child(ren):

- An original Canadian birth certificate, Canadian passport, or Permanent Resident Card (for the student **AND** one parent)
- Immunization records
- Care Card
- Proof of residence (current property tax assessment or mortgage agreement documents) or rental agreement

Parents of Kindergarten students are required to register at their catchment area school, but they may pick-up a *Non-Catchment or Non-District Application Form* and take it to the school they wish their child to attend anytime on or after February 6, 2017. The earlier you get your paperwork into the school of your choice the better. ***Please note that applications will not be accepted unless all of the documentation above has been provided.***

YMCA/Steve Nash Youth Basketball Spring League:

North Delta Zone:

- The YMCA/Steve Nash Youth Basketball Spring League is a recreational basketball league (non-scoring, no standings kept) for boys and girls in grades 2 – 9
- The league runs from April 11 – June 18, 2017
- Practices are at North Delta elementary schools in the evenings (Tuesdays or Wednesdays)
- Games are on Friday evenings
- Each player will participate in one practice and one game per week
- The cost is:
 - \$129 per player (if registered prior to February 10th)
 - \$145 per player (if registered from February 11th to March 10th)
 - Financial assistance is available



To volunteer to coach or to register a player phone us at 604-631-5525 or come into the Tong Louie YMCA Monday to Friday from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm