Chalmers Elementary Newsletter

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Important Dates to Remember:

June 4	Welcome to Kindergarten from 1:30 – 3:30 pm
June 5	Hot Lunch Day – Chopped Leaf
June 12	PAC Family Fun Night 4:30 – 8:30pm
June 13	Grade 6 Late French Immersion Open House
June 13	Band Concert from 11:00am – 12pm in the Gym
June 14	Office Monitors and Bee Keepers Pizza Party
June 19	Chalmers Challenge Day (1pm Dismissal)
June 20	PAC Annual General Meeting from 6:30 – 8:30 pm in the Library
June 21	PAC Final Toonie Treat day
June 25	Grade 7 Assembly, Luncheon and Dance
June 27	Term Three Report Cards home
June 27	Last Day of School 10:30am dismissal

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Dear Parents:

It is hard to believe the end of the school year is upon us! I have truly enjoyed my first year working in this community!

On behalf of the staff at Chalmers Elementary, I would like to extend a heartfelt *Thank You* to all of you who work so hard to make Chalmers such an outstanding school. The various contributions of our amazing parent volunteers, either directly through participation on the school's Parent Advisory Council or by volunteering time to support teachers in classrooms, driving for our numerous extracurricular activities, attending school assemblies, and driving for classroom field trips, make a genuine difference in the lives of the staff and students at Chalmers Elementary. Your efforts have made Chalmers a truly wonderful place to work and learn!

Mr. J. McCallum
Principal

Ms. T. Doukas
Vice Principal

Moving:

Please inform the school if your children will not be attending Chalmers Elementary next year. If you know of a family moving into our area, please encourage them to register their children ASAP to secure a placement at Chalmers for the upcoming school year.

Grade 6 Late French Immersion Open House:

Chalmers Elementary will be hosting a Grade 6 Late French Immersion Open House on Thursday, June 13 from 1:30 – 2:45 pm for students who will be starting in the Grade 6 LFI program in September 2019. Some of our Late French Immersion staff are hard at work planning an exciting orientation program for our new Grade 6 LFI students. We look forward to meeting the new Grade 6 LFI students who will be coming from many different North Delta schools!

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.

Parent Advisory Council Annual General Meeting:

The Chalmers Elementary PAC Annual General Meeting will take place on **Thursday, June 20th at 6:30 pm in the library**. The AGM is an opportunity to discuss the PAC budget for the school year, get up to date on PAC activities, and contribute your ideas. We also hold elections for PAC executive positions. All executive positions are considered vacant at election time and are open to any parent of children attending Chalmers. Parent Advisory Council General Meetings are open to all Chalmers parents. Child minding is available.

Chalmers Challenge Day:

Chalmers Challenge Day is **Wednesday, June 19th**. The day's events will kick off with a "Wheels Parade" (decorated bikes, scooters or wagons only). Our Kindergarten to Grade 2 students will participate in the traditional "stations format", and our Grades 3 – 6 students will be participating in multi-aged teams of four students in a Chalmers Challenge Race. Our Grade 7's will run the Chalmers Challenge Day station activities! All students will be assigned a colour (red, blue, green, yellow) and asked to wear a matching article of clothing.

Please note lunch will be from 11:00 am to 11:55 am and students will be dismissed at 1:00 pm. Let's keep our students "sun safe" by ensuring they have a hat, sunscreen and a water bottle for our Chalmers Challenge Day!

We look forward to parents encouraging their children and demonstrating a positive attitude towards all competitors. Come and have fun!

Term Three Report Cards:

Students will be issued their final report cards on the last day of school (June 27th). Report cards will not be distributed beforehand. We will mail report cards to any students who have left for summer holidays prior to the end of the school year.

Grade 7 Year-End Events:

Grade 7 staff have finalized the schedule of events to acknowledge our Grade 7 students as they leave Chalmers and head off to secondary school. We are confident that they will be enjoyable for both parents and students. This year's Grade 7 festivities will spread over two days as follows:

Tuesday, June 25	Grade 7 Farewell Assembly	9:00 – 10:00am
	Luncheon and Dance	11:30 – 2:30pm
Wednesday, June 26	Pool Party and Pizza Lunch At North Delta Outdoor Pool	

The Grade 7 luncheon and dance is a closed event for our Grade 7 students and Grade 7 staff. The Grade 7 farewell assembly is the special assembly where our Grade 7 students are honoured and acknowledged and they receive their leaving certificates. Given the size of our school, seating will be extremely limited for the farewell assembly. As a result, our Grade 7 farewell assembly is only open to our students, staff, and the families of our Grade 7 students. We will be issuing two tickets per Grade 7 family to our farewell assembly. Additional family members without tickets will have to wait until all ticket holders have been seated. If there is extra space, then additional family members will be granted entry based on available space in the gym.

Strong Start Program:

Strong Start is a free Parent Participation Early Learning Program at Chalmers Elementary. You can help your child learn early literacy, social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development through play with carefully selected materials and activities under the guidance of Early Childhood Educator, **Shirose Damji**. The sessions run Monday to Friday during the school year, from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. The program is **designed for children from 0 to 5 years, and their parent/caregiver**, and you are invited to drop-in anytime. For more information, you can contact Ms. Damji directly at the school office by calling **604-594-5437**.

News from the PAC:

- Submitted by PAC Chair Ranita Kajla

Let's end the school year with some fun courtesy of Chalmers PAC:

Thursday, June 6	Last chance Presale after school for Fun Fair Wristband & BBQ food
Wednesday, June 12	4th Annual Family Fun Fair from 4:30pm-8:30pm
Monday, June 17	Staff Appreciation Event -- bring your food item to say thank you to our Chalmers staff!
Wednesday, June 19	All day Sports Day concession including pizza lunch
Thursday, June 20	Annual General Meeting at 6:30pm in the Chalmers Library. Interested in joining the rewarding role of PAC executive? Nomination forms are posted on the bulletin board outside of the office, nominate yourself or someone else!
Friday, June 21	Final Toonie Treat day

Hope to see you all at the 4th Annual Chalmers Elementary Family Fun Fair for an evening of fun and laughs for the whole family! Visit the Marketplace, try your luck at the Cake Walk and Basket Raffle Tables while your children enjoy the thrilling inflatables by Partyworks. Spend the evening with our community partners like Delta Police, Delta Fire, BC Ambulance, Surdel Girls Soccer Club and North Delta Soccer Club. Enjoy some delicious cotton candy, slurpees courtesy of 7-11, popcorn courtesy of A-Team Realty and BBQ by North Delta M&M Meat Shop.

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$10
PRESALE WRISTBANDS

4TH ANNUAL FAMILY FUN FAIR

JUNE 12th, 2019
WEDNESDAY
4:30-8:30

11315 75th Avenue, Delta

Featuring Giant Inflatables from Partyworks!!! Games & Activities
Food & Drinks, Photobooth, Cakewalk, Raffle & Door Prizes, Marketplace
WRISTBANDS FOR UNLIMITED USE OF THE INFLATABLES: $12 AT THE EVENT

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