

Chalmers Elementary Newsletter

11315 75th Avenue, Delta BC V4C 1H8
 School Office: 604-594-5437
 Absentee Line: 604-594-0269
 Principal: Jeff McCallum
 Vice Principal: Tina Doukas
 Admin Assistants: Anna Dougas
 Samantha Towler
 School Website: <http://ch.deltasd.bc.ca>



Issue #: 2

Date: October 9, 2019

Important Dates to Remember:

Oct. 2-4	Grade 7 Outdoor Ed (Camp Jubilee)
Oct. 7	Hot Lunch - Subway
Oct. 14	Thanksgiving (No School)
Oct. 15	Div. 17, 18, 19 at Westham Island Farm
Oct.16	Cross Country Challenge Run (Gr 2-7) – Sunshine Hills Elem
Oct. 17	Div 20 - Rondriso Farms
Oct. 18	Grade 6 Immunizations
Oct. 18	PAC – Halloween Movie Night
Oct. 21	Hot Lunch – Sushi
Oct. 21	Div 21, 22 – Westham Island Farm
Oct. 23	Parent/Teacher Conferences (12:10 pm Dismissal)
Oct. 24	Parent/Teacher Conferences (2:00 pm Dismissal)
Oct. 25	PRO-D Day (No School)
Oct. 31	Halloween Parade (1:30pm)
Nov. 4	Hot Lunch – Greek
Nov. 5	Student Photo Re-Takes
Nov. 8	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day Holiday – School Closed

Dear Parents:

The month of September has come and gone and as we begin October, there is a very productive, positive feeling around our school. Students have clearly settled into their new classes and routines and teachers are already telling me how wonderful their classes are this year. Thanks to all of you for your support and encouragement in getting this year off to a great start!

Our Canadian Thanksgiving is just around the corner! Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks for all the things we have received in our lives over the past year, and to give thanks to those who have helped us along the way.

On behalf of the staff at Chalmers Elementary, I would like to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving. I hope all of you are able to take some time to get together with family and friends and to be grateful for all the positive things in your lives. We all have so much to be thankful for.



Mr. J. McCallum
Principal

Ms. T. Doukas
Vice Principal



Traffic Reminders:

For safety reasons, there is no parent parking or drop-off in the school parking lot from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. The only vehicles that may enter the parking lot during the above mentioned restricted times are buses, licensed daycare vehicles with a current pass, vehicles requiring accessible parking (they must display an appropriate permit), and Chalmers staff. It is also asked that our parents respect municipal traffic laws; particularly those around making U-turns. While I know most of our community practices safe driving it is imperative that everyone follows the rules if we are to keep our children safe.



Electronics at School:

Since our return from summer break, staff and parents have noticed a significant increase in the number of students walking around the building talking on or playing with digital devices. Staff are concerned with a number of issues associated with students bringing electronic devices to school:

- The invasion of privacy that can occur with cell phone video recording or photographing
- The type of music being played on personal listening devices cannot be monitored effectively
- The ability for handheld games to distract students during class time and prevent students from participating in active play on the playground
- The potential for lost or stolen valuables
- The status that seems to be attached to these items has placed unnecessary pressure on other students

For these reasons, we ask that students leave electronics devices at home. If a parent wishes their child to have a cell phone we are requesting that students turn them off while they are at school and leave them stored in the backpack during the day. They may be turned on after school, once the students have exited the building. Parents wishing to communicate with their child during the school day can do so via the office. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Parent Connect – Permission is Required for Every Student

Parent Connect

Powered by CIMS

Even if you think you have already completed these steps, please log on and double-check ...

Please log onto Parent Connect:

[https:// web.deltasd.bc.ca//content/resources/for parents/parentconnect](https://web.deltasd.bc.ca//content/resources/for_parents/parentconnect)

Use your email account (this is the easiest way to get in) and password (if you have forgotten your password click on “forgot my password” and your password will be emailed to you). You must allow for ‘Pop Ups’ on your computer. You can then access all your children at the school. You will need to do this for each of your children attending Chalmers.

Under the “Basic” tab you should update Demographic Information (phone numbers, email addresses and emergency contacts). Click on the “Select” button to the left of the line you need to update and make updates on the right side of the screen.

To add Emergency Release information click on the light blue button “**Emergency/Out of Prov/Other Contacts.**”

Click on the “Select” button on the left side of the screen and add contact on the right side of the screen. Add no more than 3 names using *type ER-Emergency Release* and add 1 name using *type OP-Out Of Province Contact*.

Once you have completed your changes/additions to your child’s Demographic and Emergency Release information click on the “**Bulletin**” tab on the screen and give your consent/permission to **ALL** of the following:

- ❖ Demographic Information up-to-date
- ❖ Emergency Release Information up-to-date
- ❖ Mac Computer Permission form
- ❖ ***Photographs/Video/Website Consent (in addition to returning the signed consent form)***
- ❖ GAFE Permission – (Google Apps for Education)
- Walking Field Trip
- Fruit and Veggie Permission
- Outside Media Consent form

These show on two screens, once you have **SAVED** the first three the other one will show. Repeat for all children attending Chalmers.

When you log on to Parent Connect, please read the rules about outside media in schools. If you do **NOT** want your child involved with outside media activities, please print off the form to fill out.

Please take a few minutes to complete all of these important forms as soon as possible.

Parent/Teacher Conferences:

On **Wednesday, October 23rd**, and **Thursday, October 24th** parents are invited to meet with their child's teacher. The purpose of these early conferences is to provide an opportunity for you to share in your child's education and for the teacher to explain his/her expectations.

Together, you may wish to discuss:

- Goals for your child's learning, defining areas of success and concern
- Homework expectations
- Communication between home and school
- Work habits and attitude towards learning
- Appropriate behavior expectations



To provide time for conferences, students will be dismissed **at 12:10 pm on Wednesday, October 23rd** and **at 2:00 pm on Thursday, October 24th**. All conferences will be booked using the Delta School District's Parent Connect Interview Booking System. Information will be sent home to families soon explaining how to use this online system to book parent/teacher conferences.

It takes a meaningful, learning partnership between home and school to educate a child in today's society. The parent/teacher conferences are a fantastic way to begin that partnership between home and school. The staff at Chalmers thank you for being a part of our community of learners!

The Great BC ShakeOut:



On the afternoon of **Thursday, October 17th**, the staff and students at Chalmers Elementary will participate in The Great BC ShakeOut. During this earthquake drill, our students, along with thousands of other students throughout BC, will practice the drop, cover, and hold procedure we would follow in the event of an actual earthquake. The Great BC

ShakeOut is the largest earthquake drill in Canada.

Medical Alerts and Medication at School

We are required to maintain a safe and efficient procedure for all students who attend school. If your child has a medical condition that requires precautionary treatment or medication at school, and you have not filled out the required "Medical Alert Card" (Form 317-2) and/or the "Request for Administration of Medication at School" form (Form 317-1), please contact the school and complete the required forms. Please have the form completed and signed by your doctor, sign it yourself, and return it to the school as soon as possible. This procedure complies with Board Policy. If there are any questions, please leave a message at the school, and the school will return your call.



Supervision of Students Before and After School



Before school, supervision of students on the playground begins at 8:30 am. Therefore children should not arrive at school prior to that time unless they are participating in a specific, supervised activity (e.g. volleyball team) or have made a pre-arrangement with their teacher to come in for extra help. After school, supervision is provided until 3:15 (2:15pm on Wednesday). If parents/childcare providers are unexpectedly delayed beyond 3:15, students can wait by the office until they are picked up or another arrangement is made. Parents, please review with your children afterschool routines and expectations (e.g. walking home, going to daycare, etc...), so that your child knows ahead of time what to do. A reminder note in the planner works well, too.

Visitor Sign-In

Parents, guardians and all other visitors are asked to enter the school using the main entrance and to check in at the office. **Please do not proceed directly to a classroom.** All visitors are asked to sign-in and wear a “visitor” identification badge while in the school. This is for the safety of our students, staff, and visitors and identifies our visitors as belonging to our school community. It is important that students, parents and staff feel safe in our building, and that the school is not readily accessible to strangers. Aside from the daily security of our building, we are required to account for each and every child and adult who is in our school during a fire drill, emergency preparation drill, earthquake drill and lockdowns –as well as in the event of an actual emergency situation. For this reason, it is also important that you sign-out when leaving. Your cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated.



Dress for the Weather



We are approaching the time of year when it is cooler and can be very rainy. Please ensure your children come to school dressed accordingly for playing outside at recess and lunchtime (e.g. boots and a coat), and perhaps also pack an extra pair of socks and pants into their backpacks for really rainy days! In the case of **extremely poor** weather, a decision will be made by staff to designate the recess and/or lunch hour as an “in day”, which means that students are to stay inside and play quietly in their classrooms rather than venture outdoors. ***We refrain from doing this unless absolutely necessary, as the children need the opportunity to get out in the fresh air*** and be physically active before heading back into the classroom (and besides, rain is just a fact of life of our West Coast climate).

Photo Re-Takes

If you missed our Photo Day or are not happy with the photos you receive, our Photo Retake Day is being held on Tuesday, November 5th.



Delview's Annual Thanks for Giving

Delview Secondary's 27th Annual Thanks For Giving is on Thursday, October 17th this year! Delview students are getting ready to canvass various areas in North Delta with student teams that night so would like you to help out and "Save Your Cans"! Every year, they collect over 10,000 non-perishable food items for the Surrey Food Bank and Deltassist. This is the largest one-day food drive in B.C.! Please help them out and gather together some non-perishable food items and have them ready for students to collect at your homes on the evening of October 17. Delview students will be accepting non-perishable, food items, refundable cans and bottles, and cash donations. Thank you for your continued support.

Halloween Parade:



On **Thursday, October 31st at approximately 1:30 pm**, students are being asked to dress up in their costumes and participate in Chalmers' annual Halloween costume parade. During the parade the students travel through classrooms so their fellow students can enjoy their creative costumes. Parents are welcome to attend and view the students in the gym. Please note, students are not permitted to bring replica weapons of any kind to the school.

Remembrance Day Assembly:

Each November brings a time to remember the sacrifices of our Canadian soldiers, past and present. The Chalmers Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on **Friday, November 8th at 10:45 am in our gym**. Parents are invited to attend this special assembly on this solemn occasion. As part of our Remembrance Day Assembly, we would like to honour members of the Chalmers community who are serving or have served in the military. Please contact the school office if you have a family member who is a current member of the military or a veteran.



Lost and Found:



At Chalmers, lost and found clothing items are stored on a laundry line located in the hallway alongside the gym. The school has the following policy with respect to lost and found clothing items: Students and parents will 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.

Chalmers PAC Happenings:
- Submitted by Ranita Kajla, PAC Chair

Happy Autumn from Chalmers PAC!

Mon, Oct 7	First hot lunch of the year-Subway
Mon, Oct 14	Deadline to order sushi hot lunch for Oct 21
Fri, Oct 18	Halloween Movie night in the Chalmers Gym. Doors open at 5:30pm and movie starts at 6pm. Admission by donation.
Wed, Oct 30	Halloween Toonie Treat day



Here is the registration link for hot lunch, if you are not already registered:
<https://munchalunch.com/schools/Chalmers/>

Welcome to our new Chalmers PAC executive members. Please check out the PAC website to find out who is new to the PAC and which upcoming events you can help out with!

Be Safe When Riding Your Bike

Keep Your Eyes on the Road and Wear a Helmet: *A reminder to parents and students of the importance of bike safety when commuting to and from school.*



Cycling is a fun, healthy & social way to exercise, be independent, and get around!
Students all across Delta School District can be seen every day pedaling to school and home.

Here are some tips and reminders on how to stay safe on your bike.

1. **Wear a helmet.** It goes without saying that wearing a helmet significantly decreases your chance of injury to the brain in the event of a fall or crash... and it's the law.
2. **Be Seen.** Use lights (white = front, red = rear) and reflective clothing, including those that can be seen from the side. Use a light on your helmet - it points wherever you're looking.
3. **Be Aware.** Ride in a straight line and try to be predictable in your movements - effective positioning will help you be seen on the road. Don't use mobile devices or headphones while cycling - stay distraction-free
4. **Lead by example.** One of the best ways to ensure your child is wearing a helmet when they are riding their bike to and from school is for parents to lead by example. When out and about on your bike, be sure to wear a helmet, and communicate proactive cycling safety with your child.

Local cycling not-for-profit HUB CYCLING has some great tips on bike safety: **10 Cycling Tips**
<https://bikehub.ca/resources/10-cycling-safety-tips>

Be Seen at Night

<https://bikehub.ca/sites/default/files/hub-travelsmart-bikelight-giveaway.pdf>



CHALMERS FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

FEATURING:

‘TOY STORY 4’

**Friday October 18, 2019 @ 6pm (doors open at
5:30pm)**

*** Admission by donation* (Recommended \$2 per person)
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE WITH AN ADULT!**

**Concession Available—including fresh popcorn, pizza & more!
**NOW TAKING INTERAC & CREDIT WITH MINIMUM \$5
PURCHASE****



FAMILY SUPPORT INSTITUTE supports FAMILIES

OCTOBER 17, 2019

DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER WITH A DISABILITY?

COME MEET OUR FRASER SOUTH REGIONAL NETWORK COORDINATOR, KAREN AND LEARN MORE ABOUT FSI!

The **Family Support Institute (FSI)** has volunteer Resource Parents (RP's) who will support you by:

- Providing emotional support
- Guiding you to community resources
- Attending meetings with you; taking notes; sharing information afterwards
- Mentoring and coaching on advocacy for you and your family member
- Providing education and workshops
- Sharing successes, celebrating families and more!

Come learn more about FSI's family to family caregiver support, tools and resources for families or even how to become a Resource Parent yourself!

MY Booklet BC, Find Support BC, Transition Timeline are a few of the resources we will share with you and they are all FREE!

FAMILIES ARE THE BEST RESOURCE TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER.

Family Support Institute of BC (FSI) is a provincial not for profit society committed to supporting families who have a family member with a disability.

FSI is unique in Canada and the only grass roots family to family organization that has a broad volunteer base.

FSI supports and services are free to any family.



FAMILY SUPPORT INSTITUTE OF BC

www.familysupportbc.com

Thursday October 17
6:30 – 8:30 pm

Seaquam Secondary - Theatre
11584 Lyon Road - Delta

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

Play Day

Ages: 5-12

Play Day is a single-day camp organized on Professional Days for all Delta School District students from Kindergarten to Grade 7. The day will consist of exciting arts and crafts activities and fun interactive gym games! Participants will have the opportunity to engage with children from around the district while making new friends and having a memorable and fun day off from school!

LOCATION:	North Delta Secondary School (Main entrance)
Address:	11447 82 Avenue Delta, BC V4C 5J6
Date:	Friday, October 25 th , 2019
Time:	9:00am – 3:00pm
COST:	\$40.00
DEADLINE:	Tuesday, October 22 nd , 2019

How to Register:

Please complete ALL sections of the registration form and consent form and return with payment to the secretary of your child’s school before the deadline.
If paying by cheque, please make fess payable to **DELTA SCHOOL DISTRICT**. If paying by cash, please enclose exact change.

We encourage forms to be submitted as soon as possible to secure your child’s enrolment.

Play Day activities may include, but are not limited to:

Arts and Crafts	Games
Puffy Ghost Flying witch	Zombie tag Ghosts, Ghouls, and Goblins Cat and Mouse

All activities are subject to change.

Please make sure to pack a snack, lunch and water bottle!

Pick up and drop off will be at North Delta Secondary School main entrance (address provided above.)

A late pick-up fee may be charged at our discretion.

~ Detach and keep this page for your reference. ~

For more information please contact our team at communitieschools@deltasd.bc.ca

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



**COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP
REGISTRATION AND MEDICAL DISCLOSURE FORM**

Please Complete **BOTH** forms and attach payment.

Play Day – October 25th - NDSS

Student Information

Name:	Grade:	Birth Date:	Sex:
Primary Address:			
City:	Province:	Postal Code:	
Secondary Address: <i>(Optional)</i>			
City:	Province:	Postal Code:	
Swimming Ability (non-swimmer, fair, excellent):			

Parent / Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian's Name:		Email:	
Home Number:	Cell Number:	Work Number:	
Parent/Guardian's Name:		Email:	
Home Number:	Cell Number:	Work Number:	

Medical Information

B.C. MSP Health Number:		
Allergies: <i>(i.e. foods, insect stings, hay fever)</i>		
Reactions to allergies:		
Carries Epi Pen: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Inhaler: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Medical Alert Bracelet: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Medical/Physical conditions that may affect participation in the stated program/activity:		
Prescribed medication(s) taken at this time (name, reason, dosage, storage, potential side effects/treatments of such):		
Additional Comments: <i>(i.e. request for program modifications – can attach additional form if you need more space)</i>		

Emergency Contact Information (Other than Parent/Guardian)

Emergency Contact #1 Name:	Relationship:	Home Phone:	Cell Phone:
Emergency Contact #2 Name:	Relationship:	Home Phone:	Cell Phone:
Name of Physician:		Physician Phone Number:	

Additional Information

How will your child be getting home? i.e. walking alone, picked up by someone (name of person/people picking them up) _____

I consent to have my child's picture used in any social media, or advertisement projects conducted by the Community Schools Partnership for any of their programs. Yes No

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

Acknowledgement of Consent and Risk

Parent/ Guardian who is filling this form: I _____ (Parent/Guardian name printed) hereby give permission for my son/daughter to participate in this program. Should it become necessary for my child to have medical attention, I hereby give the Community Schools Team staff permission to use his/her best judgment in obtaining the best of such service for my child. I understand that any cost will be my responsibility. I also understand that in the event of illness or accident, I will be notified as soon as possible via the emergency contact information listed above.

The qualified staff and volunteers have had their references checked, and have basic training in group management, program planning, first aid, and other relevant skills. While program volunteers and staff will take reasonable steps to prevent injuries to students, some degree of risk is inherent in the nature of these activities and may occur without fault on the part of the student, school board, its employees or community partners, or the facility where the activity is taking place. By allowing your child to participate in these activities you are agreeing that the activities described are suitable for your child, and that there is a risk of injury associated with the activities.

- My child has been informed that he/she is to abide by the rules and regulations, including directions and instructions from the school's and/or service provider's administration, instructors, and supervisors, overall all phases of the programs/activities.
- In the event my child fails to abide by these rules and regulations, disciplinary action may require his/her exclusion from further participation, or that I be contacted to have him/her picked up, unless I have specified other transport arrangements.
- I acknowledge that the supervisors may secure transport to emergency medical services as they deem necessary for my child's immediate health and safety, and that I shall be financially responsible for such services.

I, _____ (Name of parent/guardian) give permission for _____ (Name of student) to participate in the activities described. I understand that my child may be exposed to a risk of injury due to accident while participating in these activities.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

<p>Office Use Only: Reg. Confirmation: X _____ Date: _____ Photocopied <input type="checkbox"/> Input <input type="checkbox"/> Receipt <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> CASH – or – <input type="checkbox"/> CHEQUE Cheque Provider Name: _____ Cheque #: _____</p>
--

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

