

Chalmers Elementary Newsletter

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Important Dates to Remember:

Nov. 1	Div 7 & 8 - Scottsdale Bowling Lanes
Nov. 4	Hot Lunch – Greek
Nov. 5	Student Photo Re-Takes
Nov. 8	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day Holiday – School Closed
Nov. 18	Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs
Nov. 19	WE day
Nov. 25	Pro-D Day (no school for students)
Nov. 28	PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm (Library)
Dec. 6	PAC Holiday Movie Night (5:30pm)
Dec. 13	Term 1 Report Cards
Dec. 16	Hot Lunch
Dec. 19	Christmas Concert - Afternoon Performance (1:30 – 2:35pm)
Dec. 19	Christmas Concert – Evening Performance (6:30 – 7:35pm)
Dec. 20	Last Day of School before Winter Vacation
Dec. 23- Jan. 3	Winter Vacation Period

Dear Parents:

Each November we are reminded of the sacrifices made by Canadian soldiers, past and present. On Friday, November 8th we will be holding our annual Remembrance Day Assembly at approximately 10:50 am.

Students will be reminded that this is a solemn occasion, and there should be no applause or unnecessary noise during the assembly. The assembly will be led by some of our senior intermediate students and will include readings of poetry, songs, the presentation of our flags by the school's colour guard, and a moment of silence to remember those who gave their lives for our country. Each student will receive a red poppy to wear at this assembly and we will be collecting donations for the poppy fund at **9:00 am on November 8th**.

Parents are welcome to attend our Remembrance Day Assembly.

*"In Flanders Fields, the poppies blow
 Between the crosses, row on row,
 That mark our place; and in the sky
 The larks, still bravely singing, fly
 Scarce heard amid the guns below."
 —John McCrae*



Mr. J. McCallum
 Principal

Ms. T. Doukas
 Vice Principal

Student and Staff Safety... Visitor Sign-In:



Parents, guardians, and all other visitors are asked to enter the school using the main entrance and sign in at the office. Please do not proceed directly to a classroom. All visitors must wear a "visitor" identification badge while in the school for the safety of our staff as the badge identifies our visitors as belonging to our school community. If you are picking up your child for an appointment, please ask the office to page them down from their classroom. If you are dropping off lunches, please leave

them on the "lunch table" in the front hallway and please ensure they are labelled.

Student safety is of the utmost importance. It is important that students, staff, and parents feel safe in our building and 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 preparedness drill, earthquake drill and lockdown drill (for this reason, it is also important that you sign-out when leaving). Your cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated.

Volleyball Season:

Volleyball season is now fully underway with Chalmers being represented by both a Grade 6 and a Grade 7 team. Our school teams compete on Tuesdays and Thursdays against many of our neighbouring schools. The Grade 6 team is being coached by Mr. Clay and Mr. Ng while Ms. Hobbs and Ms. Galbraith are coaching the Grade 7 team. Hats off to the Chalmers staff who have volunteered their time to provide our senior students with this exciting opportunity!



Observing Remembrance Day in the Community:

The Kennedy House would like to invite families in North Delta to attend a North Delta Remembrance Day gathering. It will be held outdoors at the North Delta Social Heart Plaza located at 11415 - 84th Avenue, Delta on Monday, November 11th at 10:40 am. The event will provide the North Delta community with an opportunity to remember and thank those who have served and died protecting Canadian values. Local veterans, political representatives, emergency services, community service clubs, cadets, and other youth groups will be participating in this public event. Student representatives from Chalmers Elementary have been invited to lay a wreath on our behalf.



Remembrance Day

Fall Flu Season:



The flu season is upon us, and at school, we are doing everything possible to keep Chalmers Elementary a healthy place to work and learn. All our students are receiving lots of reminders to wash their hands frequently, to cough into their elbows and to try and keep their work areas clean.

If your child is sick or exhibiting any of the symptoms of the flu, it is extremely important that you keep him or her home until all symptoms have disappeared. Please make sure to call the absentee phone line (available 24 hours a day) at 604-594-0269. Leave your name, your child's name and division number or teacher name.

Scent Sensitivity:

At Chalmers, we have staff who suffer from respiratory difficulties that are made worse by scented products. We ask that students, parents, and staff do what they can to avoid using aftershave, hair spray, cologne, or other scented products.



School-Wide Medical Alert:



This is a reminder to families in our community that several of our students have life-threatening allergies to eggs, peanuts, nuts (cashews, almonds, walnuts, pistachios, Brazil nuts, pecans, macadamias), and seafood. Exposure to even tiny amounts of egg, nut or seafood 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 seafood at home. Several companies are now making nut-free snacks and we encourage you to look for these products when shopping. Label reading is the key to sending safe egg-free, nut-free, and seafood-free foods to school. Please do your part to ensure our school environment is a safe one for all our students. THANK YOU!!

Lost and Found:

If your child is missing a jacket, shoes etc, please feel free to stop by the school and have a look. Items are on display in the hallway outside the gym. All unclaimed articles will be bagged and donated to charity at the end of November.



Dressing for the Weather:

Although we enjoyed some wonderful fall weather and many warm sunny days, fall is now truly upon us. As the temperature continues to dip, it is important that the students come dressed in outerwear appropriate for the cold, wet and wind. Here, on the West Coast, rain is just a fact of life. On most days, students will be going outside at recess and lunchtime. It is only in the case of **extremely poor** weather, that we 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.



Not only do students need to be dressed warmly enough to enjoy themselves outside at recess and lunch, but having warm clothing is also essential in the event of an emergency or unexpected situation requiring a building evacuation. Many students are still coming to school without jackets, wearing shorts and hoodies ... even on the coldest, rainiest of days. Please ensure your children come to school dressed accordingly for being outside at recess and lunchtime (e.g. boots and a coat). Because our field also gets quite mucky and wet at this time of year, packing an extra pair of socks and pants into your child’s backpack is also suggested.



Snow Days:

If it snows, will there be school? The short answer is...YES! During extreme winter weather conditions, including heavy snowfalls, all schools in the Delta School District will remain OPEN, if at all possible. It is very rare that schools would be closed due to weather conditions or other circumstances. Schools may have a delayed opening to allow schools and routes to schools to be made safer for the arrival of students. Any closure or delayed opening will be decided by 6:30 a.m. and will be announced on the district website at: www.deltasd.bc.ca. **To keep phone lines clear, we ask that you please refrain from phoning the school to check that we are open.**



During extreme weather conditions it is also common for police and other authorities to advise citizens to avoid unnecessary travel. Parents should take this advice as well. Parents/Guardians are responsible for their children's safe travel to and from school. If, for any reason, a parent/guardian feels that a child cannot travel safely to school, then they should make other arrangements. Schools will be kept open except under extreme circumstances to provide the option of attendance for all, but the decision is the responsibility of each family. Should you choose to keep your child home, please call the office and leave a message reporting your child's absence.

PAC Happenings:

- Submitted by *Ranita Kajla, PAC Chair*

Lots of fun stuff coming up.... Check your child's backpack for Neufeld Farms order forms!!! Entertain your holiday guests with delicious appetizers, meals and desserts! Top sellers will win a box of cookie dough (valued at \$16)

Monday November 4 -- Greek hot lunch

Monday November 11--Deadline to order hot dog hot lunch

Monday November 18 -- Hot dog hot lunch

Thursday November 21 -- PAC General Meeting in the Chalmers library

Thursday November 28--Neufeld farms order forms due **last day to hand in order forms**

Friday December 6 -- Holiday Movie Night in the Chalmers gym

Monday December 9 -- Deadline to order hot lunch

Monday December 16 -- Hot lunch

If you want more information on Chalmers PAC events, please visit the website at www.chalmerspac.weebly.com and if you would like to get in touch with Chalmers PAC, please email at chalmerspac@deltasd.bc.ca.



**WE are A
COMMUNITY**

Delta School District

Presents

A Parent Information Night with Guy Felicella

Guy Felicella, Surviving addiction through a harm reduction paradigm!

Guy Felicella grew up in a middle class home in Richmond but fell into addiction at a young age. Guy spent 30 years in the repeated cycle of gangs, addiction, treatment and jail. He spent nearly 20 years residing in the two block radius in the Downtown Eastside and using many resources, including harm reduction, to keep himself alive.

Today, Guy has escaped the grips of the turmoil that kept him suffering and resides with his wife and two young children with multiple years of recovery and sobriety under his belt.

Guy is passionate about advocating for the vulnerable people who still suffer in addiction and educating communities on harm reduction to eliminate the stigma that exists around it. Currently Guy works for Vancouver Coastal Health, Ministry of Mental Health and Addiction and the BC Centre on Substance Use.

Parents and youth, please join us:

Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 6:00pm
Seaquam Secondary School Theatre 11584 Lyon Rd,
Delta



*Please Join
Us...*

Delta School District

Presents

Community Information Evenings: Vaping, Substance Use, & the Importance of Connection

Parents and Youth, please join us for an informative evening of learning presented by Fraser Health and the Delta Police Department about Vaping, Substance Use, & The Importance of Connection.



Please join us at one of the locations below:

South Delta

Delta Manor Education Centre - 4750 57th Street, Delta
Tuesday, November 19th, 2019
7:00pm – 8:30pm

or

North Delta

Seaquam Secondary School -11584 Lyon Rd, Delta
Tuesday, December 3rd, 2019
7:00pm – 8:30pm



These evening presentations are facilitated by Delta School District, in partnership with Fraser Health, and the Delta Police Department.

Door Prizes & Refreshments For Participants

 Delta
School
District
Inspired Learning



CHILDCARE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS



Stop by one of our community
engagement meetings to talk about
your childcare needs in Delta.

South Delta

Wednesday, Nov 20

Harris Barn

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Childcare provided

North Delta

Wednesday, Nov 27

George Mackie Library

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Childcare provided

Delta



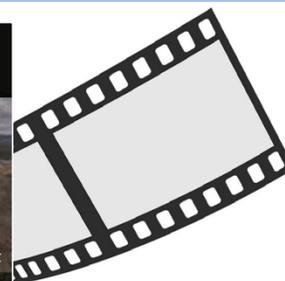
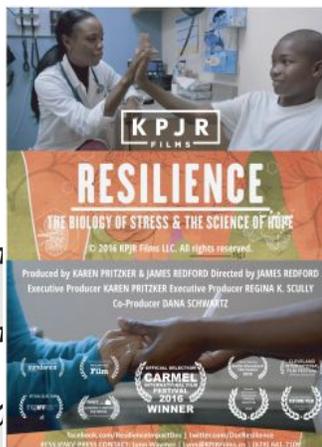
local action team

The Surrey/North Delta Local Action Team (LAT) is a collection of collaborative community partners who, since June of 2015, have committed to be catalysts of change for Child & Youth Mental Health in our communities.

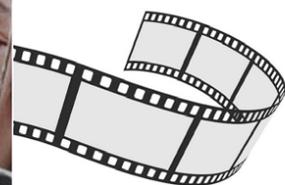
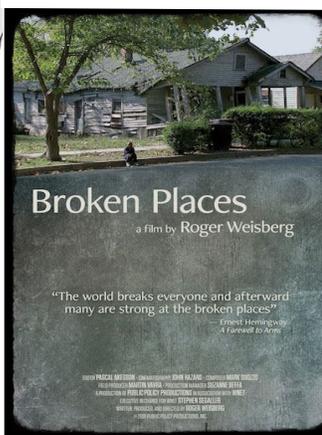
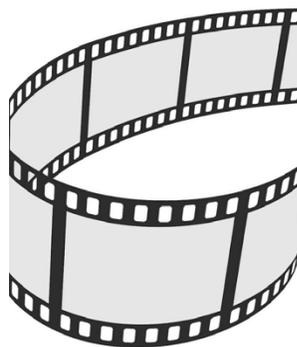


The Surrey/North Delta Local Action Team (LAT) is offering free community screenings of our four ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) documentaries in Delta. Please see below for venue and time of each screening.

Fri, Oct 18, 2019
7:00pm - 8:30pm
Harris Barn - Hawthorne
Grove Park
4140 Arthur Dr, Ladner



Fri, Nov 15, 2019
7:00pm - 8:30pm
Harris Barn - Hawthorne
Grove Park
4140 Arthur Dr, Ladner



Fri, Feb 21, 2020
7:00pm - 8:30pm
North Delta Recreation
Centre - Main Hall
11415 84 Ave, North Delta

Fri, Jan 17, 2020
7:00pm - 8:30pm
North Delta Recreation
Centre - Main Hall
11415 84 Ave, North Delta

These events are co-sponsored with the City of Delta and Delta Parks & Recreation

LET'S START THE CONVERSATION ON ACEs!!

For more information on our offerings contact Lynne Godfrey at lynnegodfrey.sndfp@gmail.com