

# Chalmers Elementary Newsletter

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Date: June 22, 2020

### Important Dates to Remember:

June 22	Student Belongings Pick-up for last names starting with: A - D 9:00-11:00am E - K 12:30 – 2:30pm
June 23	Student Belongings Pick-up for last names starting with: L - R 9:00-11:00am E - K 12:30 – 2:30pm
June 24	Student Belongings Pick-up for: Any family who is unable to make their scheduled time, by appointment with the classroom teacher 9:00am – 12:15pm
June 25	Term 3 Report Cards available for viewing on Parent Connect by 3:00pm.
June 26	Administrative Day (No School for Students)
Aug. 24	School Re-Opens from Summer Break (Office Only)
Sept. 8	First Day of School – Dismissal at 12:00 pm (2020-21 School Year)

### Dear Parents:

To state the obvious, this has been a very unusual and challenging final term of the school year and it has left us with very mixed emotions. COVID – 19 caused regular year-end events like the PAC Family Fun Fair, Chalmers Challenge Day and year-end field trips to be cancelled and it has been sad to not wind down our year with the fun and celebratory spirit these events offer. On the other hand though, we are incredibly proud of the hard work displayed by both our students and staff as we worked through a shift to remote teaching and learning. Then, another shift to optional in-person teaching/learning took place while maintaining the remote learning for students still working at home. Both shifts were challenging and we feel our students and staff handled the changes very successfully and were able to achieve a continuity of learning. We also feel a tremendous amount of gratitude for the support we have received from our parent community through all of this. We truly appreciate the effort put in by the entire Chalmers community over the past three months and we continue to feel fortunate to work in this outstanding community.

We would like to extend a special congratulations to our Grade 7 students as they finish elementary school. While we were able to honour the group with a special drive/walk through ceremony last week that we hope was enjoyed by all, we know there is some disappointment over having to miss out on the traditional send-off. To all of our Grade 7s, we would like to say thank you for the leadership you have provided to our school over the past year and we wish you all the best in high school!

As wonderful as summer is, it can set some kids back in their learning. We encourage all our students to keep reading. It can be newspapers, comics, novels, or even menus in restaurants when we start venturing out more. The key is to keep practising. The same thing can be said for math. Have younger kids identify numbers around them like the price of gas, or amount of tax on a local restaurant bill. Math doesn't have to be from a book to be meaningful. As social distancing expectations begin to relax and our social bubbles expand, have students engage with others, visit relatives, and play with friends as all of those things are beneficial to their social and emotional growth and development. For our younger kids, parent supervision to guide those interactions is also key to developing those skills.

On behalf of the staff at Chalmers Elementary we would like to wish everyone a safe, healthy and fun summer vacation. While we don't know yet what school will look like in the fall, we can't wait to re-connect with everyone again!

Mr. J. McCallum  
Principal

Ms. T. Doukas  
Vice Principal



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### Term Three Report Cards

Due to the blended model of learning, the third term came to an end on Friday, June 19. This allows us the opportunity to safely set-up time to invite all students back to pick up any of the personal items they may still have at school. Term 3 report cards will be available for viewing on Parent Connect by 3:00pm on Thursday, June 25. To view, log into Parent Connect and open the "Folder" tab. You will notice there are some changes to the format of the report card for this term. No performance indicator will be given for term 3 but final standing will be indicated using the information gathered throughout the school year. Attendance for term 3 will also not be recorded. If you are having any difficulty viewing your child's report card, please contact the office.

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### We Will Miss You...

As you may already be aware, we will be saying goodbye to several staff members at the end of the school year. We would like to recognize the following staff who are leaving Chalmers Elementary at the end of the school year:

- Mr. Clay (Grade 6/7 Teacher)
- Ms. Adamovic (K Teacher)
- Ms. McClary (Librarian)
- Ms. Ghag (Psychologist)
- Ms. Frederickson (Education Assistant)
- Ms. Hanna (Education Assistant)



I would like to thank all of these staff members for the huge contribution they have made to our learning community and wish them the best in their new assignments!

For those families who are leaving us at the end of June, we wish you well in your new communities and schools. For those families who are remaining at Chalmers, we would request your help in encouraging any new neighbours to register their children during the week of August 31. This will help us with our planning for the school year and ensure a smoother start up in September.

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### September 2020

School will re-open on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. At this point, we do not know what a return to school will look like. We recognize this will cause some anxiety for parents and students. The district will continue to follow the instructions from the Provincial Health Officer and base plans around that. We expect to have more information about start-up towards the end of August from the Ministry of Education. We will communicate information out to the Chalmers community as it becomes available to us.

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### 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.

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### 2020-21 School Calendar

Each year, a school calendar has to be set by mid-May for the following school year. Below are dates which we would plan for in a typical school year. It is our hope that the events on the calendar will be able to happen as scheduled, but some things may need to change if instructions from the Provincial Health Officer deem it necessary. Please take a look at the calendar and make note of key dates in your own personal calendars.

<b>CHALMERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</b>	
<b>2020/2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR INFORMATION FOR PARENTS</b>	
Days in Session	186
<b>Hours of Instruction in School Week</b>	<b>Kindergarten - Grade 7: 24.55 hrs.</b>
Number of Days of Instruction <b>Minutes of Instruction in School Day</b>	179 <b>Kindergarten – Grade 7: 295 min.</b>
Number of Non-Instructional Days	6 (District Wide)
Schools Open	Tuesday, September 8
Terry Fox Run	Friday, September 18
Open House and Welcome Back BBQ	Thursday, September 24
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Friday, September 25
Orange Shirt Day	Wednesday, September 30
Thanksgiving Day – Statutory Holiday	Monday, October 12
Parent-Teacher Conferences (12:10 pm dismissal)	Wednesday, October 21
Parent-Teacher Conferences (2:00 pm dismissal)	Thursday, October 22
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Friday, October 23
Remembrance Day Assembly (10:45 am)	Tuesday, November 10
Remembrance Day – Statutory Holiday	Wednesday, November 11
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Monday, November 30
Term 1 Report Cards	Friday, December 11
Christmas Concert	Thursday, December 17
Last Day of School before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 18
Winter Vacation Period	December 21 – January 1
Schools Reopen after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 4
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Friday, January 22
Family Day – Statutory Holiday	Monday, February 15
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Friday, February 26
Term 2 Report Cards	Wednesday, March 10
Spring Vacation Period	March 15 – March 26
Schools Reopen	Monday, March 29
Good Friday – Statutory Holiday	Friday, April 2
Easter Monday – Statutory Holiday	Monday, April 5
Student Led Conferences (12:10 pm Dismissal)	Wednesday, April 14
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide) <small>in lieu of Sept 1 Pro D</small>	Friday, May 21
Victoria Day – Statutory Holiday	Monday, May 24
Sports Day	Wednesday, June 16
Term 3 Report Cards	Tuesday, June 29
Last Day for Students (10:30 am Dismissal)	Tuesday, June 29
Schools Close/Administrative Day	Wednesday, June 30

**Daily Schedule:**

**Office Hours:** 8:15 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

**Instruction Hours:** **Kn - Grades 7**

**Opening Time:** 8:45 a.m.

**Recess:** 10:30-10:45 a.m.

**Lunch:** 12:10-1:02 p.m.

**Dismissal:** 3:00 p.m. (Wednesdays 2 p.m.)

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Please come out and support the Cody Kehler it's in the Memories Society by shopping at the North Delta M&M FOOD MARKET on Wednesday June 24 - 10am-8pm.



**Our Charity**

background; My son Cody was tragically killed in a car accident on highway #10 Thanksgiving day of 2014, his grade 12 year. In his memory, we have been raising funds annually to help vulnerable families by hosting an annual Charity Golf Classic (usually held in June).



*Due to Covid19 our Annual Charity Golf Classic has been postponed to September 19<sup>th</sup> and has been scaled down considerably to provide safe, clean fun. We are so very grateful to M&M for this one day sponsorship opportunity to give back to the Community.*

Cody grew up and lived in North Delta until grade 9 before moving to Cloverdale. He attended Richardson Elementary from K-7 and received the Don Brown All Around Student Award. He had a heart of gold and would stop at nothing to make sure others were okay. He was very active in any sports he could try. He received his black belt for tae kwon do at the age of 9, played soccer, basketball, ball hockey and then proceeded to excel in rugby in senior high, BC rugby and Canada West, with scholarships and UBC in his sights.



With all of the generous donations to our Annual Charity Golf Classic we were able to do so much more than what we had hoped for!

We have grown from...

- an annual scholarship - Cody Kehler BE the Change Scholarship...
- and now able to also;
- Participate in the pilot project of a breakfast program at McCloskey Elementary School.
- Add Hellings Elementary to the breakfast program.
- Donate to the Delta School District;
  - to support additional breakfast programs at other schools in North Delta.
  - to enable children of vulnerable families to participate in after school activities (including camps, art programs, sports, equipment and supplies etc)
- Create a "bursary" in Cody's name at Richardson Elementary School.
  - Donate to the North Delta Youth Soccer Club for;
  - Athletic bursaries.
  - Provide registration and equipment for underprivileged kids.
- Donate to the Canadian Cancer Society through Ride2Survive.
- Provide Christmas hampers (including food, gifts for each member, clothing, bedding etc) for multiple families.



We plan to continue helping others as much as possible through scholarships, bursaries, awards and outreach programs in our community through our annual Charity Golf Classic!

For more detailed information please visit:  
@<https://codykehler.blogspot.com>

