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**June 20, 2024 Newsletter**

# Mrs. Stubblings' Message

It is so hard to believe that we are at the end of June, and we are wrapping up our school year. We are in our final 5 days. This year has gone by so fast. The students have worked hard this final term and have finished final projects and lessons for year end.

We have had a busy June with our Grade 7's visiting Salish for a tour, scavenger hunt and Hot Dog lunch, Our Rainbow/Pride Run, Ready Set Learn Connect – 'Freezies in the Park' event, Two performances of our Music Performance of "KidFlix", our school wide field trip to Otter Pool and Waterpark, Spirit Week, our final band concert, Our Leadership Freezie Sales, PAC Popcorn Day, Class Field trips to the Library, Classroom Presentations, and upcoming events: Sports day, School-wide field trip to Landmark Theatre to watch "Inside Out 2" and our Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony. All that in just one month – wow our little school is busy!

Students attended a presentation by the Surrey Public Library about the Summer Reading program. This is a free program for all students who would like to participate. The program starts June 17<sup>th</sup>. Students can register at the Surrey Public Library directly. We encourage our students to participate in this program – with the goal to read for 49 days (15 minutes minimum each day). At the end of the summer, students who reach this goal will receive a medal. Let's see how many of our students can participate and reach the goal.

A special shout out to our amazing and dedicated staff for all they have done this year for our students, within the classrooms, the extra-curricular activities, field trips and for being there to support all our students. Our events and activities would not happen if it was not for the extra hours that our teachers put in well-past the school day. I also need to say a special thank you to Ms. Norris, who works effortlessly each day in our office– she is the cheery voice on the phone and the smile and cheerful hello greeting our students and guests when they arrive, she ensures that all of us have the what we need when we need it, gets our school communications out, and so much more. Our kids are so lucky to have such an amazing team of educators working with them.

This June comes with a sadness for me, as I will not be returning in the fall. I have loved my last 6 years here and have enjoyed coming to work each day and getting to know all our students and our families. This little school will always hold a special place in my heart. The kids have made me smile and laugh each day and I have loved listening to their stories. I am so proud of how hard they worked, how resilient they are and of the people they are becoming. I would like to thank everyone for another great year and your ongoing support. I am so lucky to have been able to call myself the principal of this great little school. I will truly miss everyone.

In the words of Winnie the Pooh,

“How Lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard”

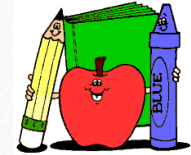
I wish you all a wonderful summer and all the best in the fall.



*Music Performance -  
"Kid flix"  
A night at the Theatre  
June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024*



## Upcoming Events and Information



- June 21** *Sport Day/Hot Lunch*  
**June 24** *School Wide Movie Field Trip*  
**June 25** *Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony – 11am*  
*Grade 7 Celebration*  
**June 27** *Last Day for Students*  
*Early Dismissal – 1:27 pm*  
*Reports Home*

### Staff Good-byes!

While this time of year is a time of celebration, it also means that we need to say farewell to some staff members who will not be returning with us in the fall for a variety of different reasons from being on a term assignment, moving to new schools, starting new adventures, etc.

We have been so lucky at PK to have such an amazing and dedicated staff. We must say good-bye to the following staff: Ms. Stubbings, Mr. Barry, Ms. Mangat, Ms. St. Jean, Ms. Henry, Ms. Muna, Ms. Thiessen, Ms. Winterhalt and Ms. Moore. We also had to say a temporary good-bye to Mr. Hawley, our school custodian. Mr. Hawley will be back in the fall.

We thank each of them for their dedication to the students at our school.

They have all left a big impact and will be missed.  
We wish you all the best as you begin this next chapter.

**Sports Day**  
Our sports day will  
be held on Friday,  
June 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Families are welcome  
to join us. Our  
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9:00	Warm Up – Just Dance in the gym
9:15	Whole School & Preschool Races and Shoe Race
10:00 – 11:30	Rotating Stations – Students in House colour teams
11:40 – 12:30	Lunch (supplied by PAC for the students)
12:45 – 2:00	School Wide Movie – Inside Out 1

Students will be placed in House Colour Teams – Green, Blue, Yellow and Red. Info went home with all students last week. Our PAC will have a limited amount of food available for purchase for families and guests attending. Students will all receive Pizza lunch supplied by our PAC. Students will be able to enjoy lunch with families outside, we just ask that you let the teacher know.

We have had families ask if the day will end early and if so, can they take their child home early. While the day is not a formal early dismissal, parents are welcome to take their child(ren) home at the end of the events. We do ask that you please sign your son/daughter out at the office if you do this.

# Congratulations to our Grade 7's:

Gurnoor Bassi, Hukum Kajla, Rylie McPherson, London Schulties,  
Ethan Schwalme, Seerat Sidhu, Damien Trudell, Ella Bourgue-White

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## Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony

Our Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony  
will be held on  
Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>  
at 11am.

Families are welcome to join us for  
this special day.

## Celebration Lunch

The Grade 7 Luncheon and Celebration  
will follow at Boston Pizza for our  
students. Students will be driven to and  
from the restaurant by parent volunteers.

We would like to thank the PAC for  
covering the cost of lunch for our students  
and staff.

# More June and 2024-2025 Information

## School Start Supply Orders

We are once again offering our families the opportunity to purchase school supplies through **School Start**. The order forms are available online. All orders are done online directly through **School Start**, using a credit card at [www.schoolstart.ca](http://www.schoolstart.ca). We will not be accepting orders at school at this time. School supplies will be delivered to your home in August. We will not be doing school delivery. If you are purchasing your supplies on your own, please use the School Start lists to know what to purchase at each grade level. Grade level lists will be available on our website in June. There may be additional items requested by your child's teacher in the fall once our classes are finalized and your child knows who their teacher is.

## Are You Moving?

If you are moving over the summer or your child(ren) will be attending another school (**and this has been confirmed**), please let the office know as soon as possible. It is important for us to know for next year's class organization and staffing. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter. Please send an email to the school with the required information:

My child \_\_\_\_\_ will NOT be attending Port Kells Elementary School for the 2024 - 2025 school year. They will be attending \_\_\_\_\_ school.

**Bell Schedule for 2024-25**

**\*Please note bell times have changed\***

8:30	Welcome Bell
8:35	Morning Instruction Begins
10:05 – 10:20	Recess
11:43 – 12:03	Outside Play Time
12:03– 12:28	Eating Time
12:28	Afternoon Session Begins
2:28	Dismissal







### 2024-25 Dates by Month

\*\*There will be additional dates to add to the master calendar as scheduled throughout the year.  
Please check our School website and Online Calendar often for updates.

September 3	School Opens	January 6	School Reopens
September 20	Terry Fox School Run	February 17	Stat - Family Day
September 26	Orange Shirt Day	February 20	Early Dismissal 1:28 – Student Led Conferences
September 27	Pro-D – School Closed	February 21	Pro-D – School Closed
September 30	Stat - Truth and Reconciliation Day	February 26	Pink Shirt Day/Anti-Bullying Day
October 14	Stat – Thanksgiving	March 13	Report Card 2 Home
October 16	Individual and Class Photos	March 17-28	Spring Break
October 24	Interim Reports Home	March 31	School Reopens
October 25	Provincial Pro-D – School Closed	April 18	Stat – Good Friday
October 31	Halloween - Spirit Day	April 21	Stat – Easter Monday No School
November 6	Photo Retakes	May 2	Pro-D – School Closed
November 7	Remembrance Day Assembly	May 7	Welcome to Kindergarten Event
November 8	Pro-D – School Closed	May 16	Early Dismissal 1:28
November 11	Stat – Remembrance Day	May 19	Stat – Victoria Day – No School
November 20	Early Dismissal – 1:28pm (Parent	May 26	Pro-D – School Closed
Conferences)		June 20	Sports Day
December 13	Term 1 Report Home	June 24	Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony (date may change)
December 20	Last Day before Winer Break	June 26	Last Day for Students
December 23 –			Early Dismissal 1:28pm
January 3	Winter Break		Final Report Home



## Port Kells PAC

A special thank you to our PAC for all you do to support our kiddos and our school. We appreciate all that you do for us.

The PAC is looking for new members to join the group for the upcoming school year. You do not need to hold an executive position (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Fundraising) to be part of this group. Any parent is welcome. Come out to a meeting in the fall to check it out, any amount of time that you can give is appreciated.



## Looking for Childcare...

Tiny Toes Learning Centre is taking new registrations for Before and After School Care.

For more information contact  
604-765-0355

Or

[www.tinytoeslearningcentre.ca](http://www.tinytoeslearningcentre.ca)