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May 2024 Newsletter

Mrs. Stubbings' Message

It is hard to believe our final month of school is just around the corner. The time sure has flown by this year. Although the end is near, our students and staff are busy wrapping up class projects, curriculum and year end assessments. While we are wrapping up, it is important that your son/daughter maintain regular attendance and that he/she arrives to school on time for the final month. If he/she will be away, please call the school to let us know.

This past month we held our Welcome to Kindergarten event as well as one of our Ready Set Learn Connect events where we welcomed our incoming K's and preschoolers. Our classes participated in Drama Workshops, visited the Public Library, Div. 2 visited the Surrey Museum, and we held our schoolwide runs. Frenzies for our Grades 5,6,7's and our Jumpstart program also came to an end this past month. We are so appreciative of the opportunity to have these two important programs in our school. We hope to be able to continue this partnership next year with Community Schools.

This newsletter includes important information for the remainder of the school year as well as for the next school year - including calendar dates, bell schedule and info about school supplies. Please check our school website often for updates and important dates.

Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.



Year End Music Performance – Kid Flix

Performances: June 13, 2024

Times: 1:30pm and 6:00 pm

Location: Port Kells School Gym

Cost: \$2.00 per ticket

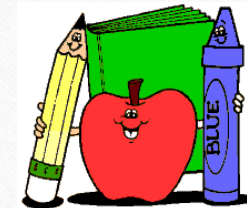
During music class our students have been learning songs from popular Disney movies with Ms. Winterhalt. Our students have been preparing for our year end concert and are looking forward to performing for our families. We will have limited seating in our gym to abide by Fire Marshal and District regulations. We currently have seating for 85 people at each performance.

Tickets will be available to our families on a first come basis. Payment for tickets will be completed through Cash Online. Tickets sales will be open for purchase on Friday, May 31st.

We look forward to seeing you at our show.

Upcoming Events and Information

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| <i>May 29</i> | <i>Div. 1 Field Trip Div. 4 Field Trip to Port Kells Library</i> |
| <i>May 30</i> | <i>Div. 1 and 2 Drama Workshop PAC Meeting – 7pm (Zoom)</i> |
| <i>May 31</i> | <i>Div 4 Drama Workshop PAC Pizza Day</i> |
| <i>June 3</i> | <i>Grade 7 Salish Visit</i> |
| <i>June 7</i> | <i>Rainbow/Pride Run (1:45)</i> |
| <i>June 11</i> | <i>Summer Reading Program Presentation</i> |
| <i>June 12</i> | <i>Div. 4 Library Field Trip</i> |
| <i>June 13</i> | <i>Performance of “KidFlix” 1:30pm/6:00pm</i> |
| <i>June 14</i> | <i>Band Concert – 9am</i> |
| <i>June 17-21</i> | <i>Spirit Week – Info to come</i> |
| <i>June 18</i> | <i>School Wide Field Trip to Otter Pool</i> |
| <i>June 21</i> | <i>Sports Day PAC Pizza Day</i> |
| <i>June 24</i> | <i>School Wide Field Trip to Landmark Theatre to see Inside Out 2</i> |
| <i>June 25</i> | <i>Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony 11am</i> |
| <i>June 26</i> | <i>Div. 1 Walking Field Trip to Port Kells Park</i> |
| <i>June 27</i> | <i>Last Day of School for Students Early Dismissal – 1:27 Report Cards Home</i> |



2023-24
Leadership Team



LEADERSHIP NEWS AND TEAM

We are so proud of our leadership team this year. We have seven very committed, enthusiastic and passionate students who have ideas and big dreams about how they would like to make our school a better place to be. They showed their dedication to leadership by giving up their outside play time once a week on Tuesdays to come to Leadership meetings. The students on our Leadership Team this year are Ember Morrison, Mikayla Pelzer, Tej Sidhu, Namrita Bath, Clairra Kirby, Delores Wilson and Ada Cloutier.

Each of the leadership students thought about how they would like to make a positive difference at our school this year. They designed a Leadership Project and presented to Mr. Barry, Mrs. Ewen and Ms. Stubbings to have their projects approved. They did a wonderful job organizing and presenting their project ideas. All Leadership students are involved in most projects in some way. Leadership Projects they have been working on since January include:

- Morning Announcements: Morning announcements are read over the PA on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Delivering hot lunch and fruit & veggies to classrooms
- Grounds cleanup (organized by Tej)
- Organizing Team (organizing spaces around the school, and events such as Spirit Days, Freezie Fridays).
- Kindness Tree in main hallway
- Reading with younger students
- Food drive for The Cloverdale Food Bank & Community Kitchen
- Planning Spirit days
- Freezie Friday fundraiser
- Teaching younger students playground games (on our plans for next year)

Leadership Team cont.

Here is what the students said about being on the Leadership Team:

Ember: I am really excited about my Kindness Project. I will print some leaves and flowers to put on the Kindness Tree in the hallway and get some students to write how they can show kindness in our school.

Namrita: My leadership project is morning announcements. The reason I chose it was because I thought it would help Ms. Stubbings because she already has lots of things to do.

Mikayla: I have been taking leadership by helping younger students and by showing up to Leadership meetings. It makes me feel happy and it makes others feel happy too.

Tej: I like Leadership because we get to help with things. I joined Leadership because it is fun to do things like cleaning the playground so it is more beautiful and safe for other students.

Claira: My Leadership Project is fundraising for charity/homeless. I did this project because I'm always sick of seeing someone homeless on the streets. It makes the school a better place by helping students understand kindness and that people shouldn't be left on the streets.

Delores: I like being on the Leadership Team because you get to help other people. You get to work with other people on the leadership team. It was hard for me to do Morning Announcements at first but I did it anyway. Mrs. Ewen says I am showing courage by doing the announcements even when it was hard for me.

Ada: I was asked to join the Leadership Team because I have already been showing leadership on my own. I supervise the K – 1 class at lunch. I help Ms. Stubbings with jobs around the school. I have gotten lots of compliments from teachers.

As you can see our Leadership Team has been busy! Their passion, energy and dedication have been inspiring to us all here at Port Kells.

Leadership News...

"Hunger Doesn't Take a Vacation" – Leadership Food Drive

Our Leadership team have coordinated a year end food drive to support the Cloverdale Food Bank and Community Kitchen. This will run from June 3rd – 14th. Our goal is to fill up at least 10 boxes with non-perishable donations.

Foods that are needed the most include: cereal & Oats, pasta, rice, canned meats (tuna, ham, chicken, etc.), Peanut butter, broth (1L tetra – chicken, vegetable, beef, etc.), pasta sauce, canned soups, canned vegetables & fruit, canned beans, cookies, crackers, granola bars, coffee, tea & hot chocolate, cooking oil, juice, women's sanitary products, Ziploc bags.

We will also have a box at our spring performance for families to bring in donations at our concert.

We 'CAN' make a difference!

Freezie Friday's

Our Leadership team will be selling jumbo Freezies on Friday's (May 31, June 7, June 14).

Freezies are a Loonie (\$1.00 each).

Field Trips and More...

Otter Pool & WaterPark Field Trip

Our School wide field trip to Otter Outdoor Experience and Waterpark will take place Tuesday, June 18th. We will be travelling to the pool by District School bus. We are hoping the weather will be in our favour and bring sunshine and warmth. Information was sent home in a Parent Letter on Tuesday. As was mentioned in the original permission form, we have a set number of tickets available to us, and we are not able to get extra tickets for the swim session as the event is at capacity for that day with other schools attending. Unfortunately, siblings will not be able to attend.

Landmark Theatre – Inside Out 2 Field Trip

We will be having a second school wide field trip on June 24th to see Disney's "Inside Out 2" at Landmark Theatre in Guildford. Students will be travelling to and from the theatre by school bus. Students will receive a snack pack that included popcorn, candy and a bottle of water. Please let us know if your child is not able to eat this due to allergies. We have a set number of tickets for this event. We will not be needing parent volunteers for this event. A special thank you to Sukhi Bath Motors for providing a donation to make this field trip happen.

Sports Day

Sports Day will take place on Friday, June 21st weather permitting. Students will be placed into House colour teams and are encouraged to wear their team colours this day. The day will include Relay races, Team Events and rotating stations for students and will end with a school wide movie in the gym for our students. Our PAC will be supplying Pizza lunch for our students on this day. Hot lunch orders will be delivered to classrooms at lunch time. We hope that you can join us for a day of fun and to cheer your child(ren) on. A schedule will be coming home closer to the date with more information. 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.

June and 2023-2024 Information

School Start Supply Orders are Available ...

We are once again offering our families the opportunity to purchase school supplies through **School Start**. The order forms will be available online shortly. All orders will be done online directly through **School Start**, using a credit card at 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 are available on our website. As kindergarten students share supplies, all Kindergarten supplies will be purchased by the school in bulk. Kindergarten families will receive information about how to pay for these supplies through cash online. 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.

Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony

Our Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 27th at 11am. Families are welcome to join us for this special day.

The Grade 7 luncheon will take place following the ceremony. More information to come home for our Grade 7 students.

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

Lost & Found Items

Our lost and found bin is overflowing with lost articles of clothing, boots/shoes, water bottles, etc. We ask students to please check the bin. We will be displaying these items in the coming weeks for families to check as well. Any unclaimed items will be donated.



PAC Update

I would like to take this time to thank our fantastic PAC for all their hard work and dedication to our little school. Our PAC never stopped supporting us or never let us down. New Members are welcome and needed for next year. A reminder to all families that PAC is open to any parent of a student attending our school, even those who are not part of the Executive. Please come out and support our school and PAC at our monthly meetings.

2024-25
Important
School Information

School Fees 2024-2025

Each school year, parents support their child(ren)'s formal learning experiences in a wide variety of ways. We appreciate all that you do to ensure a successful year!

In addition to providing the school supplies itemized on a grade list, parents are periodically asked for monies to cover specific items and/or special events. No student will be denied the opportunity to participate in any school activity due to the inability to pay. Please contact the Principal should you require any financial assistance. As we plan for the upcoming school year, we anticipate the following costs:

Student Planner: Students in grades 1 – 7 will be using our school planner. We find this to be an excellent tool for facilitating home/school communication, as well as for developing our students' organizational skills. Cost to parents will be \$5.00 per planner. We find this an excellent tool for facilitating home/school communication, as well as developing our students' organizational skills.

School Supplies - Parents who choose/utilize a pre-packaged supply service:

Our staff have put together our 2024-25 school supply lists using SchoolStart again. Parents have the option of purchasing their child's school supplies on their own utilizing the grade supply list, or for your convenience, you may wish to purchase supplies as a package through School Start. Payment is made directly to School Start and supplies will be shipped to your home address prior to the start of the school year. Costs for supplies vary based on grade. Total cost of school supplies for Grades 1 – 7 will not exceed \$65. For Kindergarten supplies, we will be placing a bulk order for supplies with the total cost not exceeding \$55 (of course you have the option of purchasing the items on our list your self if you prefer). Payment for Kindergarten supplies will be made to the school. Some teachers will request additional supplies in September once our classes are determined.

Field Studies/Field Trips: Schools may offer both off-site and in-school field studies. At times there are costs to these events. While we use school monies, PAC funds or fundraise to cover the costs of such activities wherever possible, there are times when parents are asked to contribute towards the cost of the event/trip. These fees vary depending on event. If you choose to have your child not participate in a field study, a suitable program will be provided at the school.

Musical Instruments: At times students in Grade 4 may learn to play the recorder. Students will have the option of purchasing one through our music teacher for \$5.00 – \$10.00 or receiving one on loan from the school.

Band: Instruments will be required for all students taking band next year. Please note, the rental of these instruments is the responsibility of the parents. Instruments can be purchased or rented. Costs vary depending on the instrument.

If you have any questions or concerns about these anticipated costs for the 2024/2025 school year, please let Mrs. Stubbings know.

Bell Schedule for 2024-25

Please note bell times have changed

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| 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.

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| 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 |

Looking for Childcare...

Tiny Toes Learning Centre is taking new registrations for Before and After School Care and as well as their Preschool Program.

For more information contact 604-765-0355

Or

www.tinytoeslearningcentre.ca

