

PEBBLE HILL TRADITIONAL ELEMENTARY

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Kindergarten Registration

Calendar:

- Jan 17 Gr 6 Ski Day
PAC Meeting 7pm
- Jan 24 Gr 6 Ski Day
- Jan 25 Casual Day
Hot Lunch
- Jan 26 Div 7 to Richmond
Art Gallery
- Jan 31 Gr 6 Ski Day
- Feb 2 Ready Set Learn
- Feb 5 - 9 Burn awareness
week
- Feb 9 Fire Drill
- Feb 12 Family Day - School
Not in Session
- Feb 14 Valentines Day
Spirit Day: Red and
Pink Day
- Feb 20 Kindergarten
Registration
- Feb 21 PAC Meeting 7 pm
- Feb 22 Casual Day
Hot Lunch
- Feb 23 Pro-D Day
- Feb 28 Pink Shirt Day

Kindergarten registration for students living in the Pebble Hill Traditional School catchment area is Tuesday, February 20, from 9 a.m. until noon. This is for students wanting to attend Kindergarten at any elementary school in Delta. Students living outside the Pebble Hill catchment area and wanting to attend Pebble Hill Traditional School should register at their catchment area school on that school's designated registration date, and indicate that they are requesting Pebble Hill Traditional School.

Students living outside of Ladner, Tsawwassen or Delta wanting to attend Pebble Hill Traditional School must complete a Non-Catchment or Non-District application form on or after Monday, February 5, 2018.

Murray Howe

The intermediate students at Pebble Hill had the privilege of listening to Murray Howe talk about his dad, Gordie Howe, and the life experiences he taught his children. Mr. Howe wrote a book about the lessons his father taught him, and his presentation included reading excerpts from his book. The students spent over 45 minutes asking Mr. Howe questions, and as Mr. Howe said later, "The students here have asked some of the best questions I have heard in a school." He continued to explain that he often has students raise their hands to tell them that they play hockey or know someone who does. Our students wanted to know, "What is your best memory of your dad?", "Which lesson that he taught you, do you think had the biggest impact on you." As well as some of the anticipated questions, "What was Gordie Howe's point count when he played in the NHL?" Or "How many goals did he score?"

We have a new measurement for the engagement of our students during a guest presentation.

During this presentation, the students sat so still that the lights in the gym shut off. I had to dance around in order to get them back on, and rather than the students reacting – their hands shot back up to be able to ask Mr. Howe the next question.

I will now know that the students are fully engaged, if the lights go out.

A big **thank you** to Mrs. Saip for organizing the visit from Murray Howe.



Murray Howe's book talk was really inspirational. Murray Howe came to our school a couple weeks ago to talk about Gordie Howe (his father) and the book that he wrote about him. We found it really cool how Murray explained his dad's personality. We didn't really know what type of a person Gordie Howe was, and we thought it was so cool how Murray talked about how he did really nice things for other people other than just himself. It was also really cool how he was the son of one of the best (if not the best) hockey player to ever play the game! He taught us about how his dad persevered through many difficult circumstances. Gordie Howe just used whatever sticks some of the players gave to him because he couldn't afford a stick of his own, which also led him to be able to use either hand for almost everything. Overall, Murray and Gordie seemed really close and were very inspirational people.

written by - Will Anderson and Angus Calder, Division 2

Food Drive

This year, 606 families in our community were assisted by the food items that were collected by Pebble Hill students.

Way to go Pebble Hill students!

I hope you enjoy Ava Lappin's submission to the newsletter about the food drive.

Every year our school participates in bringing in non-perishable items for the food hampers that are put together by Deltassist. This year, because I'm in grade 7, I got to help with collecting all of the food and learned more about what Deltassist does with all of the donations. I learned that all of the food that we brought in would go to people all across Delta that needed a little assistance during the holiday season. This made me appreciate more of what I have, and urged me to keep encouraging students to bring in more food. I knew that every donation counted and could help many families out this holiday season.



written by - Ava Lappin, Division 2

From Your Parent Advisory Council

The next PAC meeting is on January 17, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the library.

Oppenheimer Park Cookie Drive

Oppenheimer Park Dinner has fed those who are homeless, disadvantaged or have significant medical needs in downtown Vancouver for 28 years. Families, classes and teachers baked cookies to donate to this worthwhile cause. Last year, our school donated approximately 300 dozen cookies for this dinner.

Our school has been asked again if we could supply cookies for this dinner. We are asking families, individuals and classes if you can commit to a cookie donation of at least one dozen for the January 27 dinner. We will send a tray home for the cookies to be placed in to try to reduce the number of cookies that crumble on route.

We have decided to ask for particular types of cookies and bars this year in order to supply a variety of sturdy cookies that will not fall apart.

The cookie type is determined by House Teams:

Blue Team - one dozen brownies

Green Team - one dozen Rice Krispy squares

Yellow Team - one dozen double chocolate cookies

Red Team - one dozen chocolate chip cookies

Please do not put nuts in the cookies and try to make the cookies supermarket size.

All cookies should be dropped off to the school on Thursday, January 27th.

Thanks to our school community for helping those less fortunate than us!

Band and Choir

This year, Mrs. Saip held the Band and Choir Christmas performance on December 11 in the evening. The Beginning Band, Intermediate Band and Choir performed Christmas songs. The concert was lovely.

On December 12, the intermediate band from Pebble Hill Traditional joined the intermediate band from Southpark and played at the Tswwassen Mills Shopping centre. The students from both schools did an outstanding job.



Later that same day, Mrs. Saip went back to the mall with the Pebble Hill Choir. They entertained the shoppers with a variety of Christmas songs.

Thank you to the parents that volunteered to drive the students and equipment.

Class Christmas Concert



The class Christmas concert was held in the afternoon and evening of December 19th. The students sang, acted and entertained us with their class's choice of Christmas Songs. This year, we ran through the concert in the morning so the students could see each other perform,

leaving more seats for our parents and grandparents in the afternoon to sit and enjoy the performance. Our evening performance had a filled gymnasium. A special thank you to Sarah Wiebe and Alexis Kamiya for taking on the roll of M.C.'s at the concert and providing the opening remarks.



Scholastic Book Fair

During the last week of November the library held a Scholastic Book Fair. The book fair was a huge success! There was a buzz of excitement in the library before school, at lunch and after school for the three days. Your support of the Book Fair is appreciated as some of the proceeds from the Book Fair will go to support the library at Pebble Hill.

Thank you to the Pebble Hill parents and students for supporting the library, and additional thanks to the parent volunteers who helped during the busy Book Fair time. And thank you to Mrs. McLeod, our librarian, for organizing this event.

Crazy Hair Day



January 11 was Crazy Hair Day. Our school was filled with creative and crazy hair styles.

