PEBBLE HILL TRADITIONAL ELEMENTARY

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Calendar:

April 18 Div 9 to Fraser

River Discovery
Centre
Student Led

Conferences 2:15 –

5:15

Choir at SDSS

April 19 Reading Link

Challenge at South

Park

Green Team Assembly

Student Led

Conferences 2:15 –

5:15

April 20 Pro-D Day

April 24 Div 11 to Delta

Gymnastics

April 25 Div 1, 2 & 3 to

Museum of

Vancouver

April 26 Hot Lunch

Casual Day

May 3 Jean's Day

May 7 Earthquake Drill

with Emergency

Release

May 9 Regional Track

Meet

Math Night for

Parents

May 14 Book Fair

Math Parent Night

Save the date! On **May 9 from 6–7:30 p.m.** we have Jacob Martens, Mathematics Coordinator for the Delta School District, coming to Pebble Hill to meet with parents and staff to talk Math!

Wondering what's going on with mathematics? Want to find out what's new and what's unchanged? Perplexed that how your child is learning doesn't match what you remember from school? Wondering what you can do to support your child? Or maybe you are simply curious to find out more about mathematics. Come join the teachers as we talk about numbers.

Please RSVP to mhopkinson@deltasd.bc.ca so we can have an idea of how many to anticipate on that evening.

Why Twitter

I will admit that I am not a strong or frequent user of twitter. I find it takes too long to cautiously craft my words in the few characters that twitter allows. But I do like to use twitter to give a glimpse of what is going on in our school. If I see students doing something positive, I can quickly state what I see and share. If we are involved in an assembly or have a guest speaker – I can quickly share that information through twitter. If you would like to follow the few tweets I do write, please follow me @MrsMHopkinson or follow the PAC twitter feed, as it often shares what I have tweeted out. If I know I have more school based followers, I am more likely to share out what is going on in our school.

Below are a couple of my recent tweets, just to give you an idea of what to expect.

April 9, "Thank you to our friendly neighbourhood police who came to school at lunch today to visit with students and build relationships."



April 16, "Inside day at Pebble Hill during the lunch break. Students find creative ways to fill their time."







The Parent Advisory Committee also uses twitter as a means to communicate information to parents. Many of my tweets are shared through the PAC account. The PAC twitter account is @PebbleHillPAC. You don't have to tweet to follow others.

Message for Dog Owners

The school playgrounds and surrounding fields are designated for children. Dog feces on the school grounds are a continuing issue for us. We encourage all pet owners to pick up after their pets, or take their pets to a designated dog park. I know many of our families with pets are responsible and we appreciate your diligence. Please encourage everyone to pick up after their pet.

Healthy Relationships

During the week of April 9-13 we had a guest presenter, Andrea Fonseca, from the Pacific Community Resource Society come to present to our Grade 4/5 classes, our Grade 5/6 class and our Grade 6/7 classes about healthy relationships. She talked about peer pressure, making good choices, and behavior. The students played some games to help them think about the issues. Here are a few reflections from the presentation from one of our Grade 4/5 classes.

Andrea talked about how bullying hurts people. She talked about emotional bullying. Emotional bullying is like name calling, spreading lies, and gossiping. Don't bully – you can't take it back after you do it. – Student, Division 4

When Andrea came to Div. 4 she introduced us to a glitter challenge which is where you have to pass around a small amount of glitter from person to person. In the end whoever touched the glitter got it all over their hands. The glitter activity helped me understand that when you spread a rumor (which was the glitter) it will take a long time to undo what you have done. – Mara

I enjoyed this presentation about kindness. I liked all the activities we did, like 'telephone', and 'the glitter game.' I also liked the story about Mr. Peabody. This made me think about others, and how they feel, and how my words can be! My most favourite kindness game was the telephone game. – Student, Division 4

I learned not to tell anyone rumors about anyone else, and if anyone tries to tell me a rumor I will tell them to stop. It made me think about other people who got hurt, and it's not nice to tell rumors about anyone. – Student, Division 4

From Your Parent Advisory Council

The next PAC meeting is on April 25 at 7:00 pm in the Library.

Hoop Shoots Competition

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Hoop Shoots Competition early March. Our Grade 7 girls placed second in their category and our Grade 5 boys also placed second in their category.



Student Learning Survey

Parents of students in grades 4 and 7 are asked to complete the Student Learning Survey. Students in grades 4 and 7 have been completing this survey at school, and there is a survey specifically for parents to provide feedback to the school.

Parents may access the survey from the following website: www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm. You may complete the survey for each child in grade 4 or 7 – think about your individual child and experiences as you answer the questions.

Currently we have 20% response rate from the parents in our school. The survey is only available until April 30, so please take the time to complete it soon.

Reading Link

The Reading Link challenge for the teams at Pebble Hill was held on April 6. We had three teams compete in our library to determine which team is advancing to the Regional Competition at South Park on April 19th. All three teams demonstrated knowledge of the books they read. Congratulations to the Raging Unicorns who will be representing Pebble Hill.



Pink Shirt Day











Mysterious Pink Shirt signs appeared throughout the school, with messages on them.

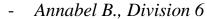
On Pink Shirt Day, Annabel and Adam B. shared being the principal for a day. Annabel and Adam went into some of our primary classes and read a story to the students and talked about bullying. During the day, my "principals" were asked to gather information for the high school regarding our grade 7 students. They had to gather data on how



students were going to get to school: walk, bike or parent driving them. The Assistant Superintendent's office asked for some data on how many students believe that there are two adults in their lives who believe that they will be successful. Annabel and Adam gathered the data, prepared an email, and sent the email to the Principal at the High School, Terry Ainge, and Assistant Superintendent, Nancy Gordon.

Personally, I had an amazing day with these two principals and am looking forward to another principal of the day next year. I may even be tempted to host two such days because it was that much fun!

I had a fun day. I extended recess by five minutes. There were snacks in the staff room and as principal I got a special treat to eat. I liked reading the book 'One' to the two K/I classes and enjoyed working with clay to get it ready for use.







I found it fun to watch behind the scenes of what goes on in the school. I liked working with the kiln, unloading the clay and loading the next batch of items to be fired. I enjoyed being in the staff room and the office. It was fun to read 'One' to two classes. It was a great experience and entertaining. The first change I put into place was exending the recess lunch break by five minutes.

- Adam B., Division 3

In the Community

Parent Education Night: Raising Digitally Responsible Youth

Raising Digitally Responsible Youth is intended to provide parents with the knowledge they need to protect their children from cyber bullying and other online threats, and teach them responsible and appropriate use of technology. Topics will include current social media apps and trends, research on brain development and technology, the long-lasting impact of "digital footprints", and tips and tricks to use at home.

When: April 26th, 2018 at 7:00pm (Doors open at 6:30pm). This is a 90 minute presentation with a 30 minute Q & A period.

Location: Seaquam Secondary School Theatre 11584 Lyon Road, Delta, BC V4E 2K4 There is space for 60 parents. The RSVP deadline is Monday, April 23rd. Please RSVP to mbiron@deltasd.bc.ca



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