

DIAMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

January, 2018

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that the winter vacation has quickly past and it is the beginning of another year! We hope that you had a wonderful relaxing holiday and were able to spend quality time with family and friends. We wish everyone all the very best with the new opportunities and challenges that 2018 may bring! Our January calendar is attached with exciting events and activities to start off the year.

Thanks to all the parents who donated clothing, food items and/or money for the Surrey Food Bank and Gateway/ Front Room Shelter in November and December. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will help many who are less fortunate!

Schools' Website

Our school website is currently being revised and updated. Our new website will be launched next week.

2018-2019 Registration

Registration forms for current students will be sent home later this month. We will also be accepting new applications for siblings of current students (including Kindergarten), which can be obtained from our website and dropped off at the office once completed.

Special Lunch

The special lunch in January is as follows:

Wednesday, January 24th – A & W Lunch

An order form is attached to the newsletter.

Ice Skating – Kindergarten to Grade Three / Grades Four to Six

The Kindergarten to Grade Three students will be going ice skating at the Fleetwood Arena on Monday, January 22nd to enhance the Physical Education program. In addition, the Grades Four to Six classes will be ice skating at the Fleetwood Arena in the afternoon of Monday, January 29th. A permission form for this excursion is attached to the newsletter.

Elementary Pajama & Silly Slipper Clothing Day

The Kindergarten through Grade Six students will be participating in a *Pajama and Silly Slipper* Clothing Day on Friday, January 19th. They can wear their favourite pajamas and accessorize with any type of slippers. If students choose not to dress up on this day, they can wear regular dress code instead.

Request for Career Speakers for the Kindergarten, Grades One & Two Classes

The Kindergarten to Grade Two classes will be studying about community helpers in January and February therefore they are looking for parent volunteers to speak about their careers. All that is required from volunteers is to present information about their occupation, add a few props related to the occupation (i.e. special clothing, tools), and have a sense of humour; the children will provide the rest. If you have an occupation you would enjoy sharing information about with any or all of these classes, please contact your son or daughter's teacher at the school.

Cold Weather Reminder

With the weather being colder, it is important for students to come to school with a warm jacket, as well as a school sweater to wear inside the classroom. Gloves or mittens are advisable to have, along with boots and a change of footwear for the indoors, as they have the opportunity to go outside at recess and lunch daily.

Important Clothing Reminders

Footwear:

- Acceptable school footwear includes dress shoes, runners, or sandals (with back straps) in plain, neutral colours (black, brown, grey, tan, white or navy.) Shoes must be appropriate for school and in good condition. Flip flops and boots are not acceptable footwear (*i.e. No hip wader boots, high tops, red sparkling "Dorothy of Oz" shoes, etc.*).
- Please note that **bright coloured laces, stripes or soles are not appropriate** for school footwear.

Pants:

- Dress pants must be a plain, solid black colour. ***It is not acceptable to wear jogging, jeans, or spandex/velour materials, nor should the pants have alternate colour stitching.*** Faded, torn, defaced clothing is not acceptable. *i.e. Black pants that have faded to grey or have outlived their time should be retired!*

Feel free to check with the school before you purchase, wear, or otherwise make a commitment to a particular clothing item.

Please ensure that ***all school clothing is clearly labeled*** with the student's name.

Thank you!

Current Information and Attendance Reminders from the Office

Please phone the office and inform Sue of any address and/or phone number changes so we have all your current information, especially if we need to notify you for any reason.

It is important to phone the office at 604 576-1146 or email at diamondschool@shawlink.ca if your child is going to be away for the day. The teachers don't have time to check their emails first thing in the morning so it would be better to notify Sue at the office directly. Thanks for your cooperation.

Pinnacle Extracurricular Programs

Please note that the after school extracurricular programs run until the end of January. Registration forms for the next session will be sent home later in the month.

We truly enjoy hearing from the parents. Please feel free to come in or call the school at any time with questions, concerns or ideas.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR AND ALL THE BEST FOR 2018!
FROM THE STAFF AT DIAMOND SCHOOL**