

DIAMOND ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

May, 2018

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that there are less than two months of the school year left to go! It is wonderful to see everything in full bloom, as well as to have the extended daylight! Please check the May calendar attached to this newsletter for special school events and dates.

With the help of parent volunteers and the school, we were able to reach \$1800.00 in sales from the Scholastic Book Fair and this entitles the school to approximately \$1000.00 in valuable resources! Thanks to all those parents that helped out and/or purchased items from the book fair last month.

The Grades Two and Four classes did an awesome job raising approximately \$300 at their bake sale for the O.W.L. Rehabilitation Society. We would like to thank the parents for sending in a fantastic assortment of delicious goodies, as well as to all the families who supported this worthy cause.

Diamond/Relevant Schools' Spring Production – Thursday, June 7th

Our Spring production will be held on **Thursday, June 7th**. Further details, costume requirements, along with the R.S.V.P., will be sent home closer to the show date. Admission to the production will be by donation to the Surrey Food Bank.

The students are working very hard to prepare for the upcoming production on June 7th; hence, it is important that all students follow through and show support for their class by attending the evening performance on this day. Please note that Grades Four to Seven students will receive participation points in Drama, Music, and Dance for their performance in the show.

Emergency Preparedness Week – May 6th – 12th

The week of May 6th – 12th is designated as *Emergency Preparedness Week* and is put on by Public Safety Canada to help Canadians become better prepared for all types of emergencies. The theme this year is *Be Emergency Ready*, and this is an ideal time to talk with students about the broader importance of emergency preparedness at home and within the community. One simple step that students can take is to prepare an emergency kit with their family from the information on the Surrey Emergency Program website at www.surrey.ca/sep or by visiting www.GetPrepared.ca.

Hot Lunch Days

Special lunches in May are as follows:

Tuesday, May 15th – Subway Lunch

**An order form is attached to the newsletter.*

Thursday, May 31st – A & W Hot Lunch

**An order form for this lunch will be sent home later this month.*

Jeans Day – Kindergarten through Grade Six

Thursday, May 3rd, is the B.C. Children's Hospital *Jeans Day* fundraiser, and classes from Kindergarten through Grade Six will be participating in this event. Buttons will be available for purchase from the office for those students who wish to participate and wear jeans to school on this day. The buttons will cost \$5.00 and all money raised from the sale of these buttons is given to the B.C. Children's Hospital Fund.

Class Photographs

On Wednesday, May 16th, Mountain West Studios will be returning to the school to take photographs of the Kindergarten to Grade Six classes. Please ensure students are in uniform dress code for these pictures.

Non-Instructional Day

There will be no classes for students on Friday, May 18th, as there is a non-instructional day scheduled.

Victoria Day Holiday

The school will be closed on Monday, May 21st for the Victoria Day holiday.

MAY FIELD TRIPS and SPECIAL EVENTS:

Jump Rope for Heart Event – Kindergarten to Grade Four

The *Jump Rope for Heart* event will be held on **Friday, May 4th**. This unique program combines physical and cardiovascular health education while raising funds to support the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Students should wear exercise clothes (i.e. shorts, t-shirt, sweatpants), along with running shoes and a hat on this day. Please ensure that they bring in a water bottle as well. Pledge forms should be handed in no later than Friday, May 4th.

Swimming Field Trip – Grade Five

The Grade Five class will be going swimming at the Walnut Grove Pool on Thursday, May 10th. A permission form is attached to the newsletter.

Tynehead Park Field Trip – Grade Three

On Friday, May 11th, the Grade Three class will enjoy participating in a program called *Ecosystem Safari* at Serpentine Hollow in Tynehead Park. A permission form with further details is included with the newsletter.

Hike/Picnic at Campbell Valley Park – Grade Six

The Grade Six class will be enjoying a hike and picnic at Campbell Valley Park on Tuesday, May 22nd. Further details, along with a permission form, are attached to the newsletter.

Western Day

In celebration of the Cloverdale Rodeo on the May long weekend, the school will be having a western day on Thursday, May 17th. All students from Kindergarten to Grade Six are encouraged to wear western attire (i.e. jeans, western shirts, cowboy hats, bandanas, cowboy boots); otherwise, they can wear regular dress code on this day.

Surrey Children's Festival – Kindergarten, Grade One & Grade Two

The Kindergarten and Grade One students will be going to the Surrey International Children's Festival on Thursday, May 24th. Then on Friday, May 25th the Grade Two class will be visiting the festival. Each class will enjoy a workshop, as well as have the opportunity to participate in a variety of fun fine arts activities throughout the day. A permission form is included.

Honey Bee Centre Field Trip – Grade Four

To celebrate *B.C. Day of the Honeybee* and to enhance their Science curriculum, the Grade Four students will be visiting the Honey Bee Centre on Wednesday, May 30th. They will participate in a program, enjoy a tour and media presentation, taste honey, as well as learn about beekeeping equipment. A permission form, along with further details, will be sent home next week.

Warm Weather Reminders

Please note the following dress code considerations for warm weather clothing:

*Black capri pants

*Black walking shorts (Must be appropriate length, no more than 3 inches above or below the knee.)

(Jeans, jogging or spandex shorts are not acceptable)

*Short or long sleeved shirt/blouse or polo shirt *(T-shirts and sleeveless tops are not acceptable)* *Note that all shirts/blouses must have a collar and must be long enough to be tucked in.

*Sandals must be in good condition and are limited to plain, neutral colours (black, brown, grey, navy or white). Flip flops are not acceptable *(Sandals must have a back strap)*.

*Footwear must be safe and appropriate for playing at recess and lunch.

With the warm weather approaching, it is extremely important to ensure your children are properly prepared for such conditions. Students are encouraged to bring a hat and sunscreen to wear outdoors at recess, lunch and Physical Education times. Water bottles are also strongly recommended in order to stay hydrated.

A huge thanks goes out to all the parents who help drive and supervise for the monthly field trips. Please note that parent drivers are expected to ensure the safety of all students under their care, therefore texting and cell phone use is prohibited while driving unless done from a hands-free system.