

DIAMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

June, 2018

Dear Parents,

It is amazing to think that the 2017 - 2018 school year is rapidly coming to a close! We would like to congratulate all the students for their hard work and dedication to their studies. The year was extremely successful, and we are fortunate to have such a well-behaved, cooperative, and positive group of students.

Attached is our June calendar of events, which is packed full of special events and field trips.

Community Involvement

We are extremely pleased with all our students and their families for the generosity shown this year with so many very worthy causes. All the elementary students have made wonderful contributions to our community and global efforts throughout the year!

At the beginning of May, the students from Kindergarten to Grade Four raised a grand total of \$6822.35 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation from the 'Jump Rope for Heart' event! We surpassed last year's total and recognize this as an outstanding amount, especially considering it was only raised from students in the younger grades. A huge thank you goes out to all parents that made donations, as well as to the Grade Four class who was superb at organizing and leading the skipping stations!

On May 3rd the Kindergarten to Grade Six classes did an awesome job collecting over \$565.00 for Jean's Day, with all proceeds going to the *B.C. Children's Hospital*. We would like to thank the families who supported this fantastic event.

We would like to give special recognition to two students within our school community of whom we are very proud. Da-Yong Chan is a Grade Seven student who won second prize from across Canada as a winner of the Polar Expressions Publishing short story writing contest. All the excellent budding writers who are prize winners will be featured in various books from the Polar Expressions Publishing website. In addition, his brother, Da-Wei Chan, won the 5th Annual Vancouver Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition and, as a result, will be making his solo debut playing a violin concerto accompanied by the VSO next year.

Diamond School Spring Production – June 7th

Our Spring production entitled "*Alice in Wonderland*" will be held on Thursday June 7th at Sunrise Church at 5588 – 188th Street. There will be performances at 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on this day. Costume requirements, along with the R.S.V.P., have already been sent home. Tickets for both performances will be sent home early next week. Admission to the show, along with a donation to the Surrey Food Bank, has been included in the ticket price.

The students have been working very hard to prepare for the upcoming show. It is important that all the students attend and perform in both the afternoon and evening performances on this day as the success of the production depends on everyone. Please note that Grades Four to Nine students will receive participation points in Drama, Music, and Dance for their performances in the shows.

Please note that students will not be marked late until after 10 a.m. on the morning after the show, Friday, June 8th.

Pinnacle After School Programs

Please note that there will be **no after school programs on Thursday, June 7th**. All programs will be on their regular days next week, and the last day for programming will be on **Friday, June 15th**.

Homework & Home Reading Program

Please note that the last day of homework and home reading for the Kindergarten to Grade Three students will be on Friday, June 1st. For Grades Four to Six, the last day of homework and Home Reading will be Tuesday, June 5th. After this date, the Grades Four to Six classes will still be working at home on their file work. Students are expected to continue to read books from home and/or the library daily for at least thirty minutes throughout the remainder of June, as well as over the summer holidays.

Books Returned to the School

We would like to have all school library and reading program books, as well as all textbooks, returned to the school on or before Wednesday, June 13th. Please check at home to see if you have any school books that need to be returned.

Hot Lunch Days

The special lunches in June are as follows:

Tuesday, June 5th – High School *Me to We* Samosa Lunch (*An order form has already been sent home. All proceeds go towards the high school Community Relations Committee for their 'Me to We' village and education in Ethiopia!*)

Thursday, June 21st – Umami Sushi Lunch (*An order form is attached to the newsletter.*)

Neat Uniforms School Clothing Order Session

A 2018 - 2019 Uniform Dress Code outline, as well as further information about next year's school clothing, has been sent home. Before purchasing clothing for next year, it is important to take a moment to familiarize yourself with the information.

For those students who wish to purchase school uniform clothing for the fall term, Neat Uniforms representatives will be at the school on Tuesday, June 12th from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., to take orders. As clothing orders placed in the fall generally take some time to arrive, it is a good idea to pre-order school uniform clothing before the summer vacation.

Sam from Neat Uniforms is hoping to recruit three parent volunteers (ideally parents that have some knowledge of the uniform) to help on June 12th. They will train the parents before the fitting time and will compensate the helpers with gift certificates valued at \$15 per hour to use to buy uniform clothing. Please let Sue know if you are interested in assisting on this day.

JUNE FIELD TRIPS and SPECIAL EVENTS:

Grade Three Picnic at Hunter Park – June 11th

The Grade Three class will be going to Hunter Park for a picnic on Monday, June 11th. A permission form for this excursion is attached to the newsletter.

Grades Five & Six Boundary Bay Beach Field Trip – June 13th

The Grades Five and Six classes will be enjoying Boundary Bay beach on Wednesday, June 13th. Further details, along with a permission form, are attached to the newsletter.

Charlotte Diamond Music Workshops – June 14th

On Wednesday, June 15th, Charlotte Diamond will be conducting music workshops at the school for our students. Parents, grandparents and siblings are welcome. The workshops will take place in the afternoon. If you are interested in joining one of these workshops, please talk to your child's classroom teacher.

Kindergarten to Grade Two Seashore Sleuths Beach Program – June 15th

The Kindergarten to Grade Two classes will be enjoying a program called *Seashore Sleuths* at Boundary Bay on Friday, June 15th. Further details, along with a permission form, are attached to the newsletter.

Grade Four Field Trip to Crescent Beach – June 18th

The Grade Four class will be going on a field trip to Blackie Spit at Crescent Beach on Monday, June 18th. The students will be building artistic structures inspired by nature, as well as participating in a variety of fun activities, such as exploring the tidal flat area at the beach. Further details were sent home last week.

Grades Six & Seven Play Land Trip – June 19th

The Grades Six and Seven classes will be visiting Play Land in Vancouver for their field trip on Tuesday, June 19th. A permission form will be sent home next week.

Grade Three Bake Sale – June 20th

On Wednesday, June 20th the Grade Three class will be putting on a bake sale. The students have been learning about endangered animals and their habitats in Science and all proceeds for this sale will go towards *Urban Safari Rescue Society*.

Surrey Public Library's Summer Reading Club Presentation – June 21st

The Surrey Public Library holds a province-wide reading program every summer, which is designed to maintain and encourage reading throughout the summer months. Studies show that summer reading helps students improve reading levels, literacy skills, and good reading habits. Reading also helps children develop self-esteem, imagination and creativity. On Thursday, June 21st, a librarian from the Surrey Public Library will be at our school to talk to the Kindergarten to Grade Five students about the 2017 Summer Reading Club. This year's theme is called *Motion Commotion*. In person sign-up begins on Tuesday, June 19th at any Surrey Library branch. Enjoy special programs, contests, prizes, and earn a medal by reading for 49 days! For further information, you can visit your local library or check out their website at www.surreylibraries.ca. There is also an interactive KIDS Club page, www.KidsSRC.ca, which will go live in early June, with fun on-line quizzes, kids' book reviews and tips for parents.

Elementary Fun Day – June 22nd

Friday, June 22nd is the last day of classes for all Kindergarten to Grade Six students. There are lots of exciting activities planned on this day, and all the classes will be participating in many events revolving around a fun day theme.

A notice will be sent home with further details later in the month. *Please note that all students will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. on this day.*

Warm Weather Reminder

Hopefully we will continue to get warm weather throughout the month; therefore, it is extremely important to ensure your children are properly prepared for such conditions when playing outside at recess, lunch and during Physical Education times. We strongly recommend that you send a hat, sunscreen and water bottle to school with your child, especially on the warmer days.

Summer Vacation

While students are out for summer vacation starting at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, June 22nd, the school will officially close for the summer at the end of Friday, June 29th. Messages are regularly picked up throughout the summer.

Lost and Found

As always at the end of the school year, our Lost and Found bins are overflowing with clothing, lunch bags, dance shoes, etc. These items will be displayed on a table in the elementary hallway throughout the last week of school. Please look carefully for any lost articles. All unclaimed items left in the Lost and Found bins will be donated to charity on June 25th.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of the parents and families of our students. We have requested your help numerous times throughout the year with our special events, field trips, special lunches and fundraising activities. You have also made so many generous donations that enhance our classrooms, including books, games, puzzles, and craft supplies. The incredible support and commitment you have made to your child's education and the school's environment has been an invaluable asset to our school community. Your efforts are always noticed and truly appreciated!

A newsletter will be sent home at the end of June outlining important information about next year including the start date, school supplies, etc. We will look forward to seeing you in September.

HAVE A WONDERFUL AND SAFE SUMMER VACATION!

Diamond School Staff