

DIAMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

January, 2019

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 2019 may bring! Our January calendar is attached and filled with exciting events and activities to start the year off.

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!

Special Lunches

Special lunches in January are as follows:

Tuesday, January 15th – Subway Lunch

An order form is attached to the newsletter.

Wednesday, January 30th – A & W Lunch

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

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

The Grades Four to Six students will be going ice skating at the Fleetwood Arena on Tuesday, January 22nd, from 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. to enhance the Physical Education program. In addition, the Kindergarten to Grade Three classes will be ice skating at the Fleetwood Arena on the afternoon of Thursday, January 30th. A permission form for these excursions will be sent home later in the week.

Elementary Pajama & Silly Slipper Clothing Day

The Kindergarten through Grade Six classes will be participating in a *Pajama and Silly Slipper* Clothing Day on Friday, January 18th. The students can wear their favourite pajamas and accessorize with any type of slippers. If they choose not to dress up on this day, they can wear the 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 child'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. Boots are not acceptable indoor footwear; hence, if students come to school in boots they should have a change of footwear for inside the classroom.
- 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 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 first week of February, with the final day being February 8th. Registration forms for the next session will be sent home later in the month.

If you are doing cleaning for the new year, please remember to save any craft materials, books, games, puzzles and toys that you are no longer using, as these items are very useful in the classrooms. In addition, please feel free to bring in any toys or items to contribute to the prize boxes. Any books, puzzles, games or donations of prize box items can be brought to Sue at the office and would be greatly appreciated!

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 2019!
FROM THE STAFF AT DIAMOND SCHOOL**