

DIAMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

April, 2019

Dear Parents,

Spring has officially arrived, and it is wonderful to have the longer days. April will be a busy month so please check the calendar attached to this newsletter for special school events and dates.

Parent-Teacher Conferences – Thursday, April 11th

Parent-teacher conferences for the elementary and high schools will be held on Thursday, April 11th, beginning at 2:15 p.m. and continuing until 8:00 p.m. We will start booking appointments on Friday, April 5th so if you wish to book for these conferences, please see Sue at the front desk or call the school.

The students will be dismissed at 1:45 p.m. on this day so the teachers will be available for the conferences. Please note that there is no after school 'Awesome Animal Fun', 'Outdoor Club', and 'Games 101' programs or homework room on this day due to early dismissal.

Report cards will be sent home next week. *Please ensure that you sign and return your child's progress report cover to the school as soon as possible once it is received.*

Open communication between home and school is very important to us, and we encourage parents who have any questions or concerns about their son/daughter's progress to contact the school at any time throughout the year.

Scholastic Book Fair

There will be a Scholastic Book Fair at the school starting on Tuesday, April 9th and continuing through Monday, April 15th. It will be held from 3:05 p.m. until 4:15 p.m. each day. Please help us to reach our goal of \$1600 in sales as this entitles the school to 60% off in resources. Profits from the book fair are used to purchase library books and resource materials for the school. Scholastic has a wide range of books and other materials, so drop in and see what is available.

We are in need of parent volunteers to help with this book fair. If you are available to help on any of these days, please phone or speak to Sue in the elementary school office.

Hot Lunch Days

Special lunches in April are as follows:

Tuesday, April 16th – Subway Lunch

An order form is being sent home with the newsletter.

Tuesday, April 30th – Pita Pit Lunch

An order form for this lunch will be sent home at a later date.

Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off – Kindergarten to Grade Four

A representative from the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation will be at the school on Friday, April 12th to help the Kindergarten to Grade Four students gear up for the *Jump Rope for Heart* program. The *Jump Rope for Heart* event is scheduled to take place on Friday, May 3rd.

Vaisakhi Day

Vaisakhi Day is a Sikh harvest festival which is celebrated on Sunday, April 14th this year. Students are welcome to wear their traditional outfits on Friday, April 12th; otherwise, they should wear the regular dress code.

Easter Activities

Students in Kindergarten to Grade Six will be participating in fun Easter activities at the school on Thursday, April 18th in the afternoon. *Uniform school dress code will not be required on this day, and students may dress up for the occasion if they wish.*

It would be greatly appreciated if each student could bring a food item to contribute to the festivities (enough for 3 or 4 students). ***Please note that students will require a regular lunch on this day.***

Easter Holidays

The school will be closed for the Good Friday holiday on Friday, April 19th and on Monday, April 22nd for the Easter Monday holiday. School will resume as usual on Tuesday, April 23rd.

Kiwanis Choral Festival – Grades Five & Six Choir Students

On Wednesday, April 10th the Grades Five and Six Choir Students will be going to the Vancouver Kiwanis Choral Festival in Richmond. This is a valuable opportunity to the choir students to perform in front of other members of the Lower Mainland's musical community, and they be adjudicated and guided by some of the top vocal professionals in the province. A permission form has been provided for the choir students.

Earth Day Celebration – Tuesday, April 23rd

In celebration of Earth Day, which is held on Monday, April 22nd, we will be having a 'blue & green' clothing day on Tuesday, April 23rd for all elementary students. *On this day, students will have the option of wearing blue or green instead of their uniform dress code.*

In addition, the Kindergarten to Grade Six classes will be having a competition to see which class can acquire the least amount of garbage at lunch time; hence, we encourage everyone to pack a litterless lunch on this day. The classes will be participating in other fun Earth Day activities as well.

Junkology Workshop – Kindergarten

The Kindergarten class will be enjoying a fun and interactive *Junkology* workshop conducted by Dr. Recycle on Wednesday, April 24th. This workshop is conducted by the Langley Centennial Museum and details will be sent at a later date in the month.

A & T Equestrian Field Trip – Grade Three

The Grade Three students will be visiting the A & T Equestrian and participating in a Weanling Program on Thursday, April 25th. They will learn about horse eating habits, safety, and grooming. In addition, students will have the opportunity to ride a horse! A permission form will be sent home next week.

Langley Gymnastics – Grade One

To enhance their gymnastics unit, the Grade One class will be visiting Langley Gymnastics to participate in a program on Thursday, April 25th. The permission form for this field trip will be sent at a later date.

Grades Two and Four Bake Sale – O.W.L. Society

The Grades Two and Four students will be having a bake sale on Friday, April 26th. Proceeds from the sale will go towards the O.W.L. Society. The O.W.L. Orphaned Wildlife Rehabilitation Society is a non-profit organization whose staff and volunteers are dedicated to education through conservation, as well as the rehabilitation and release of injured and orphaned birds of prey.

O.W.L. Rehabilitation Society Field Trip – Grade Two

In conjunction with their Science and Language Arts units, the students in Grade Two will be participating in an educational field trip to O.W.L. Rehabilitation Society on Monday, April 29th. The students will have the opportunity to see and learn about live birds of prey. In addition, the Grades Two and Four classes will dissect owl pellets to explore what they eat. Further details regarding this field trip will be sent home later in the month.

Bowling Field Trip – Grades Four to Six

On Monday, April 29th, the Grades Four to Six classes will be going on a bowling field trip to Clover Lanes Bowling Alley. A permission form for this field trip will follow later in the month.

Sunnyside Produce Greenhouse Tour – Kindergarten

The Kindergarten students will be touring the Sunnyside Produce Greenhouse on Tuesday, April 30th. The tour will be led by experienced greenhouse growers who will share their passion for indoor growing. Additional information, along with a permission form, will be forwarded in the weeks to come.

If you are doing Spring cleaning, 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!

Diamond School Staff