

DIAMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

January, 2020

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had opportunity to establish some happy memories with family and friends, visit old traditions and establish new ones. Looking forward, may we move into 2020 with hope, as we welcome the opportunities and challenges ahead of us. In the whirl of international and local events, it is good to have the steady comforts of our school community to return to with its familiar routines, schedules, friends and teachers. 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 for the Salvation Army and food items and/or money for the Surrey Food Bank in November and December. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will help many who are less fortunate.

Graduation Program Café (Grade 7 to 10 students version)



Wednesday December 18th, the secondary school students participated in the second of three planned **Graduation Program Cafés**, one for teachers and staff, one for students and another for parents. This café provides an opportunity for members of the school community to discuss many items related to the planning of the graduation program including the values established by the founders of the school, hopes and challenges going into the future, and suggestions for future consideration. The students had fun and put forward a number of ideas. The Graduation Program Planning committee is now preparing to bring a café to the parents for the final stage of our consultations.

Special Lunches

Special lunches in January are as follows:

Wednesday, January 22nd - Subway Lunch (K - Gr. 6)

An order form is attached to the newsletter.

Thursday, January 23rd - Ricardo's Pizza Lunch (Gr. 7 - 10)

An order form is attached to the newsletter.

Ice Skating

The Grades Seven to Ten students will be going ice skating at the Surrey Sports and Leisure Centre on Monday, January 20th, from 12:30 – 3:00 to enhance the Physical Education program. In addition, the Grades Four to Six will be ice skating on Tuesday January 28th, from 12:40 – 3:00 and Kindergarten to Grade Three will be ice skating on Wednesday January 29th from 12:40 – 3:00. A permission form for these excursions will be sent home at a later date.

Whole School Pajama and Silly Slipper Day

The Kindergarten through Grade Ten classes will be participating in a *Pajama and Silly Slipper* Clothing Day on Friday, January 10th. 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.

Chinese New Year Celebration

Saturday January 25th is Chinese New Year, the Year Of The Rat! In celebration of this occasion all students from Kindergarten to Grade Ten are welcome to wear red, yellow or gold clothing on Friday January 24th. Alternatively, students are required to wear the regular dress code.

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 us 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. Thanks for your cooperation.

Cocurricular Programs

Please note that the after school cocurricular programs run until the first week of February, with the final day being February 7th. Registration forms for the next session will be sent home later in the month.

New Year's Cleaning

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 class. Any books, puzzles, games or donations of prize box items can be brought to Sue in the elementary office and would be greatly appreciated!

School Communication

We truly enjoy hearing from the parents. Please feel free to come in or email the classroom teacher with any questions, ideas or concerns. If you require further assistance, the *Administrative Coordinators* would be delighted to help in any way.

Kim (K – 3)

James (4 – 6)

Krista (7 – 10)

Sean (7 – 10)

**HAPPY NEW YEAR AND ALL THE BEST FOR 2020!
FROM THE STAFF AT DIAMOND SCHOOL**