

DIAMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

June, 2019

Dear Parents,

It is amazing to think that the 2018 - 2019 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 kind, 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 over \$5500.00 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 2nd, the Kindergarten to Grade Six classes did an awesome job collecting over \$585.00 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 cause.

Diamond School Spring Production – June 6th

Our Spring production entitled "*Law and Order in the Land of Shrek*" will be held this Thursday, June 6th 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 given out over the next few days. 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 7th.

Pinnacle After School Programs

Please note that there will be **no after school programs on Thursday, June 6th** due to the production. After this date all programs will be on their regular days until the last day of programming which will be on **Monday, June 17th**.

Homework & Home Reading Program

Please note that the last day of homework and home reading for the Kindergarten and Grade One students was last Friday, May 31st. For Grades Two to Six classes, the last day of homework and Home Reading will be Wednesday, June 5th. However, the Grades Four to Six students will work on an assigned ongoing year end project, as well as file work, after the production date. All students are expected to continue to read books from home and/or the library daily for 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 12th. Please check at home to see if you have any school books that need to be returned.

Hot Lunch Days

The special lunch in June is as follows:

Thursday, June 20th – Umami Sushi Lunch (*An order form is attached to the newsletter.*)

JUNE FIELD TRIPS and SPECIAL EVENTS:

Grades Six & Seven Field Trip to Stanley Park – June 11th

The Grades Six and Seven classes will be visiting Stanley Park, as well as enjoying the Second Beach Pool, in Vancouver for their field trip on Tuesday, June 11th. A permission form is attached to the newsletter.

Kindergarten & Grade Three Bake Sale – June 12th

On Wednesday, June 12th, the Kindergarten and Grade Three buddy classes 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 13th

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 13th, a librarian from the Surrey Public Library will be at our school to talk to the Kindergarten to Grade Six students about the 2019 Summer Reading Club. This year's theme is called *Imagine the Possibilities!* In person sign-up begins on Tuesday, June 18th 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.

Kindergarten to Grade Three Urban Safari Rescue Society Workshop – June 14th

The Kindergarten to Three classes will be participating in an interactive workshop conducted by the *Urban Safari Rescue Society* on Friday, June 14th. During this workshop, the students will learn about animal characteristics, habitats, and will have the opportunity to see a variety of animals and artifacts from different families. The workshop form will be sent home later in the week.

Grades One to Three Picnic at Hunter Park – June 17th

On Monday, June 17th, the Grades One, Two and Three students will be going to Hunter Park for some exciting activities and a picnic. A permission form for this excursion is included with the newsletter.

Charlotte Diamond Music Workshops – June 18th

On Tuesday, June 18th, Charlotte Diamond will be conducting music workshops at the school for our students. The fun-filled workshops will take place in the afternoon. Parents, grandparents and siblings are welcome. If you are interested in joining one of these workshops, please talk to your child's classroom teacher.

Grades Five & Six Redwood Park Field Trip – June 19th

The Grades Four and Five classes will be enjoying an outdoor day and picnic at Redwood Park on Wednesday, June 19th. Further details, along with a permission form, are attached to the newsletter.

Elementary Fun Day – June 21st

Friday, June 21st 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 this beautiful 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 21st, the school will officially close for the summer at the end of Friday, June 28th. 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, water bottles, 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 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