

# DIAMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## March 2020

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that Spring Break is just around the corner! The students have worked diligently and put forth a commendable effort throughout the second term. They have also been doing an incredible job with their social development and this is apparent in the wonderfully positive school community. We are extremely proud of the students and are looking forward to a successful final term!

Please check the calendar attached to this newsletter for special school events and dates.

### **2020 - 2021 Registration**

We would sincerely like to thank the parents for their patience and perseverance with our new on-line registration this year. It is greatly appreciated! Please feel free to check your MySchool account for any registration updates.

### **Graduation Program**

Moving into the spring term, we are very happy to have Michael Ferguson back at the school on a regular basis. He will be joining our secondary graduation program planning team in finalizing the details of our graduation program going forward. Michael has continued his involvement with the school this year as Chairperson of our Board of Directors, and we are pleased he will be at the school available for consultation.

### **Dr. Seuss Day - Kindergarten to Grade Three**

In honour of Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Kindergarten to Grade Three students may choose to dress up as their favourite Dr. Seuss' character on this day.

### **Kindergarten & Grade Three - Bake Sale**

In an effort to raise funds for the Australian Red Cross, the Kindergarten and Grade Three students will be holding a bake sale on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Kindergarten - Fraser Health Screening**

On Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>, Fraser Health will be doing vision and hearing screening with all Kindergarten students.

### **Daylight Savings Time**

Don't forget to 'spring forward' and move your clock ahead one hour on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> for daylight savings time. In addition, we welcome the first day of Spring on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **St. Patrick's Green Day - Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, the school will have a '*Green Day*' on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. The students are encouraged to wear green clothing items on this day; otherwise they can wear the regular dress code.

### **Special March Lunches**

Students in Kindergarten - Grade Six will be having Umami Sushi lunch on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> (an order form is attached to the newsletter).

On Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup>, Grades 7 - 10 students have another opportunity to order Burrito's and Tacos from Quesada's (an order form is attached to the newsletter).

### **Spring Break**

The school will be closing for Spring Break on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, at the end of the school day. Please note that all after school activities are still being held as usual. Classes will resume on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Kindergarten to Grade Three *Urban Safari* Workshops - Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

The Kindergarten to Three classes will be participating in interactive workshops conducted by the *Urban Safari Rescue Society* on Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 species. A permission form for this workshop is attached to the newsletter.

### **Term Two Progress Reports**

Progress reports will be sent home during the second week of April for all students. Elementary parents are asked to sign the report cover and return it to the school as soon as possible.

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Parent-teacher conferences for the elementary and secondary parents will be held on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 2:15 p.m. and continuing until 8:00 p.m. *Please note that we will begin booking appointments after Spring Break on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.* If you wish to book an appointment for these conferences, please call the school. ***Please note that the students will be dismissed at 1:45 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> so that the teachers will be available for the conferences.***

### **Corona Virus Updates**

Our school receives regular updates from the Ministry of Education as well as Fraser Health. The timely updates are based on current assessments of circumstances as they continue to evolve. In recent days, we received a document from the Provincial Health Officer with specific guidance for schools. Included in these recommendations are reinforcement of hygiene procedures and keeping parents informed. Do please talk with us if you have any concerns or questions.

We hope everyone has a relaxing, safe and enjoyable Spring Vacation!

Diamond School Staff