

DIAMOND ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

May, 2019

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that there are less than two months of the school year left to go! It is wonderful to see everything in full bloom, as well as to have the extended daylight! Please check the May calendar attached to this newsletter for special school events and dates.

With the help of parent volunteers and the school, we were able to reach our goal in sales from the Scholastic Book Fair and this entitles the school to approximately \$1125.00 in valuable resources! Thanks to all those parents that helped out and/or purchased items from the book fair last month.

The Grades Two and Four classes did an awesome job with their bake sale for the O.W.L. Rehabilitation Society and raised an incredible amount of \$385.00! We would like to thank the parents for sending in a fantastic assortment of delicious goodies, as well as to all the families who supported this worthy cause.

Diamond/Relevant Schools' Spring Production – Thursday, June 6th

Our Spring production will be held on **Thursday, June 6th**. Further details, costume requirements, along with the R.S.V.P., will be sent home closer to the show date.

The students are working very hard to prepare for the upcoming production on June 6th; hence, it is important that all students follow through and show support for their class by attending the evening performance on this day. Please note that Grades Four to Six students will receive participation points in Drama, Music, and Dance for their performance in the show.

Emergency Preparedness Week – May 5th – 11th

The week of May 5th – 11th is designated as *Emergency Preparedness Week* and is put on by Public Safety Canada to help Canadians become better prepared for all types of emergencies. The theme this year is *Be Emergency Ready*, and this is an ideal time to talk with students about the broader importance of emergency preparedness at home and within the community. One simple step that students can take is to prepare an emergency kit with their family from the information on the Surrey Emergency Program website at www.surrey.ca/sep or by visiting www.GetPrepared.ca.

Hot Lunch Days

Special lunches in May are as follows:

Wednesday, May 22nd – A & W Hot Lunch

**An order form is attached to the newsletter.*

Jeans Day – Kindergarten through Grade Six

Thursday, May 2nd, is the B.C. Children's Hospital *Jeans Day* fundraiser, and classes from Kindergarten through Grade Six will be participating in this event. Buttons will be available for purchase from the office for those students who wish to participate and wear jeans to school on this day. The buttons will cost \$5.00 and all money raised from the sale of these buttons is given to the B.C. Children's Hospital Fund. Regular dress code is required if you choose to opt out of this fundraiser.

Class Photographs

On Friday, May 10th, Mountain West Studios will be returning to the school to take photographs of the Kindergarten to Grade Six classes. Please ensure students are in uniform dress code for these pictures.

Non-Instructional Day

There will be no classes for students on Friday, May 17th, as there is a non-instructional day scheduled.

Victoria Day Holiday

The school will be closed on Monday, May 20th for the Victoria Day holiday.

MAY FIELD TRIPS and SPECIAL EVENTS:

Jump Rope for Heart Event – Kindergarten to Grade Four

The *Jump Rope for Heart* event will be held on **Friday, May 3rd**. This unique program combines physical and cardiovascular health education while raising funds to support the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Students should wear exercise clothes (i.e. shorts, t-shirt, sweatpants), along with running shoes and a hat on this day. Please ensure that they bring in a water bottle as well. Pledge forms should be handed in no later than Monday, May 6th.

Hi-Knoll Mini Golf & Driving Range Field Trip – Grade Five

On the afternoon of Monday, May 6th, the Grade Five class will be going to Hi-Knoll Golf Centre to enjoy the driving range and play mini golf. A permission form for this field trip has already been sent home.

Hike / Picnic at Campbell Valley Park – Grade Six

The Grade Six class will be enjoying a hike and picnic at Campbell Valley Park on Monday, May 13th. Further details, along with a permission form, are attached to the newsletter.

Science Fair – Grades Four–Six

The students in Grades Four to Six have been working on Science projects and experiments to present at our Science Fair on Tuesday, May 14th. At the fair they will have the opportunity to present their projects and the information they have learned to the elementary classes. *Parents are welcome to come and check out the Science Fair projects between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. on this day.*

Mad Science Workshop – Grade Four

The Grade Four students will be participating in a fun hands-on workshop called ‘*Crazy Chemistry*’ conducted by Mad Science on Wednesday, May 15th. A permission form is attached to the newsletter.

Western Day

In celebration of the Cloverdale Rodeo on the May long weekend, the school will be having a western day on Thursday, May 16th. All students from Kindergarten to Grade Six are encouraged to wear western attire (i.e. jeans, western shirts, cowboy hats, bandanas, cowboy boots); otherwise, they can wear regular dress code on this day.

Burns Bog Field Trip – Grade Three

On Thursday, May 23rd, the Grade Three class will enjoy participating in a program at Burns Bog in Delta. Further details will be sent home next week.

Surrey Children’s Festival – Kindergarten, Grade One & Grade Two

The Kindergarten to Grade Two students will be going to the Surrey International Children’s Festival on Thursday, May 24th. Each class will enjoy a workshop, as well as to have the opportunity to participate in a variety of fun fine arts activities throughout the day. A permission form will be sent home later in the month.

WaterWise Wisdom School Presentation – Kindergarten to Grade Six

To help prepare our Kindergarten to Grade Six students for a safe summer around the water, the Lifesaving Society is pleased to offer a *WaterWise Wisdom* school presentation on Thursday, May 30th. This presentation is free and major topics covered during this session include preparation to go for a water-related outing, the importance of wearing a lifejacket, and how to help someone who is drowning.

Neat Uniforms School Clothing Order Session

A 2019 - 2020 Uniform Dress Code outline, as well as further information about next year’s school clothing, will be sent home later in the month. Before purchasing clothing for next year, it is important to take a moment to familiarize yourself with the information.

For those students who wish to purchase school uniform clothing for the fall term, Neat Uniforms representatives will be at the school on Tuesday, May 28th from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., to take orders. As clothing orders placed in the fall generally take some time to arrive, it is a good idea to pre-order school uniform clothing before the summer vacation.

Warm Weather Reminders

Please note the following dress code considerations for warm weather clothing:

- *Black capri pants
- *Black walking shorts (Must be appropriate length, no more than 3 inches above or below the knee.) (*Jeans, jogging or spandex shorts are not acceptable*)
- *Short or long sleeved shirt/blouse or polo shirt (*T-shirts and sleeveless tops are not acceptable*) *Note that all shirts/blouses must have a collar and must be long enough to be tucked in.
- *Sandals must be in good condition and are limited to plain, neutral colours (black, brown, grey, navy or white). Flip flops are not acceptable (*Sandals must have a back strap*).
- *Footwear must be safe and appropriate for playing at recess and lunch.

With the warm weather approaching, it is extremely important to ensure your children are properly prepared for such conditions. Students are encouraged to bring a hat and sunscreen to wear outdoors at recess, lunch and Physical Education times. Water bottles are also strongly recommended in order to stay hydrated.