



ÉCOLE PUNTLEDGE PARK ELEMENTARY

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School Website: <http://sd71.bc.ca/sd71/school/puntledge/school/index.htm>

Principal: Mr. Allan Douglas

Vice-Principal: Mrs. Andrea Rowland

"A Community of Learners exploring our world in a creative, healthy and caring environment."

January 7, 2005

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and best wishes in 2005! We hope you had a safe, relaxing and family filled holiday. We are off to another exciting school year with many activities planned. Skating is coming up at the end of the month so look for your child's skates (or you can rent them for \$1.75) and helmets (we want everyone to be safe on the rink so everyone must wear a helmet). Our bench-carving project will start in the middle of January and be completed by the end of the month. We have Randy Frank (a local carver) working with all of our students on a bench and wall plaque for the main hallway. Watch for the cedar log and carving project in the courtyard....this should be really fun for everyone!

Students have spent a lot of time talking, debriefing, writing and drawing about the Tsunami and the disaster in South Asia. We want to help out, with our first initiative being a school-wide penny drive with all proceeds going to the Red Cross. So, look around the house and send in those pennies...our goal is to collect 21 full pails of coins.

On a positive note, the new exterior security cameras seem to be working, as we had no damage over the Christmas holidays. The RCMP are still working on "charging" the young offenders who broke into the school earlier in the year (around October) and the surveillance video was extremely useful in helping identify the offenders and prepare the charges...the word seems to have spread..."if you vandalize Puntledge Park Elementary School", there is a good chance you are going to get caught. Thank you to the neighbouring parents who continue to walk around the school and notify the RCMP when necessary.

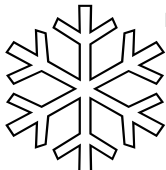
Our next PAC Meeting is on Monday, January 10 from 7:00 to 9:00 in our library. Hope to see you there!

Yours truly,

Allan Douglas
Principal



DISTRICT SNOW POLICY ~ Heavy snowfall may cause hazardous road conditions that may jeopardize the safety of students going to and from school. Listen to local radio stations for information about bus service and school closures.



When snowfalls occur after the start of the school day, it may be judged prudent to return children to their homes before roads become impassable. Students who normally walk to school will stay at school until the end of the regular day unless circumstances are judged to be most severe. Remember that conditions vary widely across the district. Parents have the choice of retaining their children at home even though schools may be open.

Parents have the responsibility to make provisions for the care of their children who cannot attend school because of closures or because the children have been sent home early. If these arrangements cannot be made, please advise the school in writing.

MAD SCIENCE ASSEMBLY ~ January 10th, 2005:
Kindergarten–grade 3~ 9:20-10:00 and grades 4-6~ 10:30–11:15 am.

AFTER SCHOOL YOUTH PROGRAM ~ Starts Wednesdays after school beginning January 19th from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Come out and have fun, fun, fun!! It's free, free, free!!

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS ~ Many thanks to everyone for supplying the soup labels over the past year. Keep them coming!!

HOMEWORK CLUB ~ Want to get your homework done **BEFORE** you get home from school?
Time: Thursdays, 2:45 to 4:30 p.m.
Date: January 27 to March 17
Place: École Puntledge Park Elementary
Cost: FREE

WHEREABOUTS PROGRAM~ Please remember that if your child is going to be absent or late to the **NEW WHEREABOUTS LINE** at 334-4495, The old whereabouts phone number is no longer in service. This new number is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Please leave a message so we know why your child is not at school.

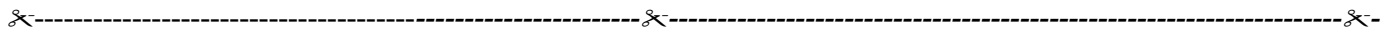


Hot Lunch
Jan. 21 – Subway -
Tuna, veggie, pizza or ham sandwich - \$3.00
Cookie - .50¢, Juice - .50¢, Banana - .50¢



JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 New Year's Day
2	3	4 ~ Back to School	5	6 Head lice training session 9 a.m.	7 ~ School wide lice check ~ Volleyball Vs. Valley View @ Puntledge	8
9	10 ~ Mad Science Assembly	11 ~ Green Thumb Theatre - 1:30	12	13	14 ~ Volleyball @ Glacier View	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 ~ Volleyball @ Tsolum ~ Hot lunch - Subway	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 ~ Volleyball tournament @ Tsolum	29
30	31	1 February	2 ~ Groundhog Day	3	4	5



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER DRAW ~ Congratulations to Kelsey Middleton of division 17 for being our monthly newsletter draw winner for December. Kelsey wins a \$5.00 gift certificate, compliments of White Spot.

The monthly newsletter is our way of communicating with the parents and guardians of our students. It will normally go home with the youngest member in the family or you can get it on-line by going to our website:

<http://sd71.bc.ca/sd71/school/puntledge/school/news/news.htm>



To enter the draw for January, please complete the tear off and return it to the school.



Student's Name _____ Division _____

Parent's Signature _____

THERE ARE NO PAC MINUTES AS THERE WAS NO PAC MEETING IN DECEMBER 2004.

**THE NEXT PAC MEETING IS JANUARY 10, 2005 @ 7:00 P.M. IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY.
ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

PAC POSITIONS:

PAC Chair	Tome Nakashima	897-3137
Treasurer	Jan Katerberg	338-9190
Secretary	Lisa Taylor	338-4275
Hot Lunches	Anne Koke	336-8773
Nutrition	Laura Murray-338-0315/Eva Saxton	334-8445
Fun Fair	Julie Kochanuk	338-4532
Whereabouts	Anna Leever	338-9486
Lice Checks	Gaylene Rehwald	338-2973
Newsletter	Linda Graceffo	338-9172
DPAC	Ron Amos	338-7923
Magazine Sales	Colleen Holden	334-3676
School Planning	Mark Steven	703-2070
Council	Tome Nakashima-897-3137/Lisa/Dave Taylor	338-4275

