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# Peterson Road Elementary School

'To Create Hope and Learning for All'

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# Newsletter



**January 8, 2016**

## Important Dates to Remember

**Jan 14 – Collaboration afternoon, students dismissed at 1:45**

**Jan 15 – Calendar Variation—School not in session**

**Feb 3 – Collaboration afternoon, students dismissed at 1:45**

**Feb 8 – Family Day – Schools closed**



Dear Parents:

### **French Immersion Registration:**

Late French Immersion (Gr. 6 and Gr. 7) Open House

Noel Booth Elementary invites grade five students and their parents to a French Immersion Open House on **Thursday, Jan. 21, 9:00-10:15 am**. This is a great opportunity to see French Immersion classes in action in order to determine if this enriching and challenging program is for you.

Our address is 20202 35 Ave. Langley, 604-530-9747 for information about available space and registration.

### **Grade 7 Farewell:**

We are still in need of volunteers for our Grade 7 Farewell. Historically, the volunteers have been

parents of our grade 6 students, as this allows the parents of the grade 7 students to enjoy the night with their children. A meeting will be scheduled within the next month to coordinate dates, and themes for the event. Please look for additional information on the Peterson Road PAC Facebook Page, or watch for an email from Mrs. Jantzen.

### **Grade 7 Camp:**

Time is flying. Grade 7 Camp will be here before we know it. We are in need of 3 chaperones for this event. If you are interested in attending this event and being part of the canoeing, rock climbing, and archery fun, please contact the school or let your child's teacher know. This event cannot go forward without your help – Thank you in advance. As well, the first installment of the two payments will be required during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of February. As well, we will be holding an information meeting in March so I can inform parents of what their children can expect, school expectations, and what to bring. Please look out for information to be sent home soon regarding the meeting date and reminders for the first payment.

### **Kindergarten Registration:**

All children who will be five years old by Dec. 31 in the current calendar year are eligible to register for Kindergarten classes that begin in September of that same year. Registration opens January 18, 2016. Registrations received after March 31, 2016 may not have a placement in your catchment school as a result of space limitations – please register as soon as possible. - See more at: <https://www.sd35.bc.ca/students-parents/registration/#sthash.BzeWDLPP.dpuf>

## Comfort Kits:

If you have not sent in your comfort kits for your children, we ask that you turn them in to your classroom teacher as soon as possible. This kit is for the security of your child in case of an emergency. Please read below to see what items should be included.

Please place all items in a large heavy-duty freezer bag that is clearly labeled with your child's name.

1. Family photo or picture that will comfort your child.
2. Two peanut free granola bars, or fruit bars. Or another type of peanut free, non-perishable, high-energy snacks.
3. A treat – life savers, gum...
4. A few band aids (various sizes)
5. Facial tissues
6. Any medication that your child would need within a 48-hour period. (place this in a smaller bag, within the larger bag, and clearly label)
7. A small personal item like a deck of cards, or a small toy
8. Pad of paper and a pencil
9. Poncho or solar blanket

\*\* Please be certain that you have clearly labeled the bag with your child's name.

## Upcoming Dates:

Please take note that January 14<sup>th</sup> is our 3<sup>rd</sup> Collaboration Day. Students will be dismissed at 1:45. As well, January 15 has been varied from the start of the year. On the 15<sup>th</sup>, teachers will be working on getting up to speed with all the changes that are coming to the curriculum for the 2016-2017 school year. As well, teachers will start to work with lesson plans and unit plans that can be included with the new curriculum. On January 15<sup>th</sup> – **students are not in session.**

## Health Education:

Peterson Road is lucky to have the Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators present to our school this April. On April 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00pm parents are welcome to attend a 'Parents Night' where you will be informed about the contents of each

presentation, as well you will be given tips on how to approach conversations that you may have with your children about their bodies and have the opportunity to ask questions about the presentation or about resource materials. On April 8<sup>th</sup>, students will be given the opportunity to take part in age appropriate presentations. For more information please go to [www.saleemanoon.com](http://www.saleemanoon.com) and take a look at workshops – option B.

## Tips to Improve Writing:

As we continue to focus on improving student writing, here are four tips from "22 Best Writing Tips Ever", posted by Melissa Donovan.

1. Proof-read everything three times before submitting your work.
2. Grammar: learn the rules and then learn how to break them effectively .
3. Read as much as you can. Remember every writer was a reader first.
4. Join writing blogs and participate, and share.

## Playground Issue:

Recently, we have noticed many of our students, mainly the boys, engaged in roughhousing on the playground. Though this is very common and it is a way in which boys learn to play, socialize, and expel energy, it has become a little dangerous. We have asked the boys to refrain from 'play fighting' as it often ends up in injury or anger. Some of our students have tried to mimic their favorite wrestler and have attempted wrestling moves on their friends. This can be extremely dangerous if done incorrectly. We are asking for your support, and simply speak to your children about the dangers of trying these wrestling moves on other students. We would like your support so that we can act cooperatively and prevent any injury from occurring. Thank you in advance.

