

Peterson Road Elementary School

'To Create Hope and Learning for All'

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February 8, 2013

Important Dates to Remember

Feb. 8 (F)	Movie Night - 6:00 pm
Feb. 11 (M)	Family Day - no school
Feb. 12 (T)	Fun Night Mtg 9 am - library
Feb. 15 (F)	Pro-D Day - no school
Feb. 25 (M)	Design/Assessment Day - No school for students
Feb. 26 (T)	Class Photos
Feb. 28 (Th)	Ready, Set, Learn 9 a.m.
Mar. 8 (F)	Report cards go home
Mar. 13/14	Parent/Tchr Interviews 1 hour early dismissal
Mar. 18-Apr.1	Spring Break
Apr. 2	School Reopens



A kind letter from Mr. Moorthy

- Way to go Peterson Road!!!

Let me preface my comments by giving you a little bit of history. I came to Peterson Road Elementary for the day to relieve **Mr. Erker** as he was at a mandatory In Service on Safe Schools at the Board Office. I am currently the Principal at DW Poppy Secondary School, so coming to Petersen Road was a nice treat as I got a chance at an inside look at one of our catchment area schools. Prior to my four years at DW Poppy Secondary, I was the Principal at Langley Fine Arts School for seven years, the Principal at North Poplar Elementary for 3 years and a Vice Principal at Robert Bateman Secondary School in Abbotsford for five years.

In my nineteen years of school administration I must say that Peterson Road stands out as a "**quiet gem in the country.**" This is an absolutely lovely school with wonderful children, passionate and committed staff and dedicated parents. It is evident from the moment you walk in the door. Over the past four years we have worked especially hard at DW Poppy Secondary to emulate the same qualities in a high school setting, and we look forward to seeing your children join us next year and for many years to come.

Balan Moorthy

Principal
DW Poppy Secondary School



Calendar Discussion

Just a reminder that there will be an **Open House** on Tuesday, February 12th from 4 -7pm at the School Board Office. If you have questions or concerns, please attend. Please be sure to complete the survey on line at www.sd35.bc.ca/sd35calendarsurvey If you wish a paper copy of the survey please find it attached.

Parking Lot

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for helping alleviate the parking lot congestion at the end of the day. I have noticed vehicles have begun to pull forward in the drive-thru lane, allowing cars to come in off the street. Thank you for your help.

Student Leader Sponsored Coin Drive

Each year the Student Leaders hold a coin drive to raise funds to support our two foster children. Our foster children are **Ramit**, who lives in Nepal, and **Pascaline**, who lives in Burkina Faso. The coin drive this year will

take place from **Monday, February 18 to Friday, March 1**. We are asking students who wish to contribute to bring donations of nickels on Mondays, dimes on Tuesdays, quarters on Wednesdays, loonies on Thursdays, and toonies on Fridays. This year we hope to raise enough money in coins to match the weight of our two foster children, approximately 160 lbs. We need \$840.00 to support the children. This money provides education, medical care and other essentials for the children. Any extra money raised goes to the communities in which they live. So, please, start saving your coins now and send them to school during the weeks of February 18 - March 1. **NO PENNIES PLEASE! And thank you for supporting this cause.**



Tech Talk

What basic privacy steps should all parents discuss with their kids?

Tips from Common Sense Media: [Guide to Protecting Kids' Privacy Online](#)

Explain that ***nothing*** is really private online. It's crucial for kids to guard their own online privacy by **not posting and sharing things they don't want to become public.**

Here are 9 tips:

- Ask permission before you go online.
- Never share passwords.
- Keep [personal details](#) -- name, address, phone number, how much money your parents make - - to yourself.
- Think before you post -- is this really something you want to share?
- If you want to sign up for a website, ask permission (and, parents, make sure you read the site's privacy policy).
- Only communicate with people you know -- never chat with or send photos to strangers.
- Know how to recognize ads -- and don't click on them.
- Thoroughly examine each site's privacy settings, and use strict ones to start.

- For teens who are part of an online community, online interactions will go beyond basic. They should know what's OK to share and what isn't. It's OK to respectfully share opinions, constructive feedback, appropriate comments, and creativity. It's not OK to share intimate photos, hate speech, or destructive comments.



Spring Soccer Registration for Boys & Girls

Registration for Langley United Soccer Association's spring soccer for boys and girls age U5 to U18 has just opened and already registrations are approaching 300. The program runs from April into June and new players are always welcome. For more information and to register their son or daughter parents can go online to www.luysa.com

Arts Festival – Langley Fine Arts School – on Family Day, February 11, 2013

Arts Matter lecture series and the Langley Fine Arts School community is honoured to welcome **Project Soul, Red Sky, Canadiana Musical Theatre, and Diana David to the to the Chief Sepass Theatre** for the first annual Family Day Arts Festival on February 11th, 2013.

This year, they are hosting a Family Day Arts Festival, a one day creative arts experience for Fraser Valley school children and their families. They invite families with Elementary school children (aged 4-12) for a stimulating and exciting experience in the arts. The programme is designed for children and their families and aims to release the artist within every child and to develop their creativity, imagination and artistic interests.

[Tickets](#) are available online or can be purchased at the Langley Fine Arts School Office. For more information, please call 604-888-3113.

<http://www.lfasartsmatter.com/#ArtsFest>

