

# Peterson Road Elementary School

*'To Create Hope and Learning for All'*

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## January 25, 2013

### Important Dates to Remember

Jan. 28 (M)	Grade 7 camp mtg - 6 pm
Jan. 28 (M)	PAC meeting 7:00 pm
Feb. 8 (F)	Movie Night - 6:00 pm
Feb. 11 (M)	Family Day - no school
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



### Parking Lot Safety and Congestion:

Like many of the schools in Langley, our parking lot becomes congested at the end of the day, especially on rainy days. I realize on very wet days we have a tendency to take 'short cuts' but it's on these wet days that we, as a community, need to be most aware of the students in our parking lot. Please abide by the posted **No Parking** signs. In addition, when possible, please pull all the way up in our pick-up and drop-off lane to help alleviate the line of cars that end up out on the street. As we have a path against the school, your child will still have a safe route to your car. Thank you for your help and understanding.



### Peterson Road Basketball:

Basketball season is upon us. We will be running two teams, grade 6/7 girls who will be coached by **Ms. Dary** and grade 6/7 boys who will be coached by **Mr. Erker**. The girls will practice on Wednesday and Fridays @ 8 am. The boys will practice on Monday and Thursdays @ 7:45 am. Games for the girls will be on Thursdays and games for the boys will be on Tuesdays. All information is located under Athletics on our school web site.



### Green Team:

As a district, Langley is moving towards becoming a more 'green' community. As such, Peterson Road has started a 'green team' headed up by **Ms. Nordby's** grade 5/6 class. Our goal is to reduce the amount of waste that ends up in the landfill. Listed below is a more comprehensive look at our new initiative:

### New More Comprehensive Recycling Initiative

In the next while, as your sons and daughters may have told you, Peterson Road is starting a more comprehensive recycling program. Many of the Langley schools have already adopted it, and we are now following suit because we believe it will

significantly reduce the amount of waste that is put into the landfill; having a positive effect on the environment. If you would like to read or watch more about it, go to the web site

[www.sd35.bc.ca/recycling](http://www.sd35.bc.ca/recycling) and follow the links, in particular <http://www.sd35.bc.ca/district/energy/default.aspx?ID=96> for a short video.

Basically, we are now separating our garbage into:



**Green Bin (organic)**—e.g. baked goods, pizza, meat, pencil shavings, fruits, egg shells, bones, vegetables, fast food paper

packaging, napkins, paper towels, tissues, paper lunch bags, paper plates, coffee grounds, filters, tea bags, sugar packages

**Blue Bin (recyclable)**—e.g. metal cans, any kind of foil plates, boxboard, paper boxes, newspapers, magazines, coffee cup sleeves, glass jars, clean milk cartons, clean yogurt containers, plastics with codes 1, 2, 4, 5, pop cans, glass and plastic drink bottles, juice boxes, paper, flattened cardboard (Note: The codes are easy to remember because 12:45 p.m. is our second bell after lunch—a time that uses the same digits as the acceptable plastic codes.)

**Black Bin (waste)**—e.g. coffee and fast food cups, plastic cutlery, candy wrappers, chip bags, Styrofoam, straws, plastic bags

**Where do you come in?** Well, in the classrooms that have been trying to separate their garbage this way in the past few weeks, it quickly became very noticeable that the black waste bin was overflowing with the foil-like candy wrappers and baggies. We are wondering if you would consider buying larger portions of snacks and then putting them in reusable containers. We understand that the individual portions are very convenient when

packing a child's lunch, so this will not necessarily be an easy change. However, if it is something doable, we are hoping it will make a big difference.



### Cell Phones:

Over the past week, we have had a few incidents with students forgetting the rules regarding cell phone use during school time. The rule is that phones are to be **turned off and put away** during school time. If they are out and in use, it will be based on teacher discretion, as many phones now allow access to the Internet or are used as calculators – they are not to be used to text or bbm during school time. If a student needs to call home during the day, they will always have access to a phone in the office. Thank you for your support.

### Foundation Skills Assessment:

Every year students in grades 4 and 7 participate in the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA), a province-wide assessment, mandated by the Ministry of Education. This year, the FSA will be administered between January 14 and February 22, 2013.

The Ministry of Education website contains a brochure, “Information for Students, Parents and Guardians” which can be accessed at [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/assessment/fsa/info/welcome.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/assessment/fsa/info/welcome.htm)

If you have questions or concerns about the FSA please contact **Mr. Erker**.



### PAC Meeting

**Just a reminder, there is an upcoming PAC meeting on Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.**