

# Peterson Road Elementary School

'To Create Hope and Learning for All'

# Newsletter

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## Important Dates to Remember

Sept 14 (F)	-PAC/School sponsored Hot Dog Lunch
Sept 19 (W)	-Meet the Teacher
Sept 21 (F)	-Terry Fox Run
Sept 24 (M)	-PAC General meeting
Oct 5 (F)	-School Improvement Day, no school in session
Oct 8 (M)	-Thanksgiving Day
Oct 16 (T)	-School photos, individual
Oct 12 (F)	-Preliminary Reports
Oct 19 (F)	-Pro-D Day (Provincial)



## Welcome Back Students & Parents!

Greetings everyone, we hope everyone has had a restful and enjoyable summer. We wish to welcome our returning families and our twenty-five new students to Peterson Road.

## Our Bell Times:

8:46	School supervision begins
9:01	Warning Bell
9:06	School begins
10:45	Recess
10:57	Warning Bell
11:00	Classes begin
12:00	Children outside for play
12:25	Children come in to eat lunch
12:40	Warning bell
12:46	Classes begin
3:00	School ends
3:15	Supervision ends

## The following is our Peterson Road Staff for 2012-2013

Div 1	Grade 7	Mrs. Arora
Div 2	Grade 6/7	Ms. Davidson
Div 3	Grade 6	Mrs. Denis (Tues-Fri)/Mr. Harris (Mon)
Div 4	Grade 5/6	Miss Nordby (M,W,Th,F)/Miss Bonga (Tues)
Div 5	Grade 4/5	Mrs. Hamelin
Div 6	Grade 3/4	Mrs. Luke
Div 7	Grade 3	Mrs. Winford
Div 8	Grade 2/3	Mrs. Turner
Div 9	Grade 1/2	Ms. Kobayashi
Div 10	Grade K/1	Miss Dary
Div 11	Grade K	Mrs. Magnusson (M,T)/Ms. Smith (Th,Fr) (Alt. W)
Librarian		Mrs. Russell (Tues/Wed)
Counsellor		Mrs. Robin (Wednesday)
Resource		Mrs. Harding/ Mrs. Smith
LA/Reading Recovery		Mrs. Sitnik
Band/Music		Mrs. Davis (Tues/Wed/Thurs)
Speech & Language		TBA
ESL		Mrs. Tam (TBA)
Aboriginal		Ms. Andres (Tuesday, Thursday)
Youth Worker		Ms. Honeybourne (Tues/Thurs)
Library Tech		Mrs. Gervan (Wed)
SEA		Mrs. Power
SEA		Mrs. Giesbrecht
SEA		Ms. Klammer
SEA		TBA
Custodian		Mr. Custodio
Custodian		Mr. Galhenage
Admin. Assistant		Mrs. Taylor

## Student Agendas

Student agendas will be distributed to the children in grades two to seven in the next few weeks. These agendas are important tools for communication between home and school. They assist with homework reminders and allow parents and teachers to keep in touch with one another on a daily basis. To help reduce costs, we have elected not to go with our usual agenda supplier. Like last year, we have designed our own agenda books and have had these produced through the talents of our print shop at the school board office. The cost for these agendas will be \$5.00 each. This represents significant savings, as our previous style agendas would be almost double that price. **We will send a note home when the agendas are ready. Please do not send any money until that time.**

**Verification Forms** will be sent home next week with your child. **It is critical that parents carefully peruse this form and correct/or change any information as needed.**

- Information regarding illness/life threatening allergies, etc. and medication is crucial.
- Please check emergency contacts and telephone numbers as well. If there is an emergency at school we must be able to make contact.
- Please read the reverse side regarding permission regarding access to information for the PAC and Media coverage.
- Please sign both sides of the verification form and return to your child's teacher no later than Tuesday, September 18th, so we can enter all the necessary information about your child.

### Self Identification of Aboriginal Ancestry

Aboriginal Education Programs and Services information letters are included with this newsletter. Aboriginal ancestry is determined on a voluntary basis through self-identification. This includes First Nations (Status or Non-Status), Metis or Inuit Ancestry. No documentation other than this self-identification is required and the ancestry may go back several generations. Please return the permission form if you wish your child to participate in this program by Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

### A Reminder to Volunteers

Every parent who volunteers at Peterson Road needs to sign in at the office and receive a badge to identify himself or herself as a volunteer. This badge will demonstrate that they have checked in at the office. This is also valuable in cases of emergency as it tells us exactly who is in the building. If you are volunteering on a scheduled basis you will be required to fill out a volunteer package from the office.



### Electronics Beware!

A reminder to all students that cell phones, pagers, I-pods and cameras are not appropriate at school. There have been instances where the electronics have been used inappropriately and students have had items stolen. If a staff member notices an electronic device with a student it will be confiscated and brought to the office. Parents will be contacted.

### School Fruit and Vegetable Program

We will continue with our Fruit and Veggie program again this year. Students will receive snacks of fruit and vegetables throughout the year. These snacks are free and are intended to encourage healthy eating habits as well as showcasing local produce. Please see the related notice going home today

### School Photos



Wear your best clothes and haircuts! School photos are Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Supervision at School

Our first warning bell at Peterson Road is at 9:01am. School starts at 9:06 am. Supervision on our playground will start 15 minutes before the warning bell at 9:01 am. **Please do not send children to school unattended before 8:46 am as we are unable to supervise them.** After school there will be



supervision until 3:15 pm. After 3:15 pm. children will be required to wait in the hall until a designated adult is able to pick them up. Thank you for working with us for your children's safety.

### Student Absences

We do require parents to call in to the office if your child is going to be absent that day. If we don't hear from you then we will call home to confirm the child's absence with you.

**Messages can be left on the school answering machine.**

### Student Early Dismissals

Please be reminded that students will need a note from a parent or a phone call to the school if your child is to be dismissed early. Parents must also sign out students on the sign-out form in the office when leaving.

### Peterson Road Elementary – Code of Conduct

#### Statement of Purpose

Our purpose is to create an environment where everyone can focus on student learning. This requires a school where all students, staff, parents and visitors feel safe, both emotionally and physically. Our school motto is: **“To create hope and learning for all.”**

#### Unacceptable Behaviors

Examples of unacceptable behaviours are behaviours that:

- hurt people either emotionally or physically,
- are unsafe
- detract from school culture
- damage school or personal property.
- are illegal activities

This list is not all-inclusive.

#### Increasing Expectations

Expectations for students increase as they move through the grades, until by grade seven they are introduced to the school as leaders. There is an expectation that they will be good role models and available to assist younger students with problem solving. Their responsibilities increase, as well as their freedoms.

#### Consequences

Such factors as frequency and severity of the infraction and previous infractions are taken into account when determining

reasonable consequences. The age of the student, as well as impact on others, and the student's ability to understand the impact, are also important factors.

#### **Notification**

In cases where the infraction has led to consequences involving restorative action, an apology letter, detentions, or any more serious consequences, parents/ guardians will be notified and other parties may be called for assistance.



We will be emailing our newsletters to parents again this year. If we do not already have your email address, or there has been a change, please send it to Mrs. Taylor at [staylor@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:staylor@sd35.bc.ca)

#### **Community News**

##### **Langley Olympians Swim Club Fall 2012 registration**

Walnut Grove Pool or W.C. Blair Pool –  
Sat., Sept. 8 9 am – 12 noon

Programs start Monday, September 10, 2012. Free month offered to new members (limitations apply, please ask for details). Programs once a week or more for children aged 5 – 17 years. Minimum ability to join is to be able to swim 25 metres (1 length of the pool) and be comfortable in deep water.

For more details please call 604-532-5257 or visit the website [www.langleyolympians.com](http://www.langleyolympians.com)

**Community Day** on Saturday, September 15 from 11:00 – 3:00 at Bethel Church, 24687 – 56 Avenue, Langley.

Activities for kids, sumo wrestling, Iron Man inflatable obstacle course, bungee run, face painting. Langley Fire Department truck tours, free hot dogs, snacks and drinks, and live music. Also, a craft and bake sale; call 604-856-8454 for further information.