



ÉCOLE PUNTLEDGE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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WEEKLY E-BULLETIN – September 13th – 17th

Dear Puntledge Families,

We had a wonderful first week of school! There were lots of smiles, an abundance of energy and an eagerness to learn and grow. All signs point to another exciting year at École Puntledge Park!

Here are a few items for your consideration this week:

1. PAC News

- a) **PAC Welcome Back Strawberry Tea** - Tuesday, September 14th - 8:30am - 9:30am. Outside beside the school. Come and meet other Puntledge parents, see familiar faces and learn about PAC! Refreshments provided.
- b) **PAC Meeting** - Wednesday, September 22nd @ 6:30pm in the School Library and via Zoom
- c) **Volunteers** - Your PAC is looking for volunteers to help with hot lunches and the bagged lunch program. We are also looking to fill the position of Nutrition Coordinator as well as PAC Exec positions. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please email Pam (PAC Chair) at: puntledgeparkpac@live.ca
- d) **Colibri Re-usable Lunch Bags** - PAC's first fundraiser is a partnership with Colibri Canada, offering quality reusable lunch bags, dry bags, silicone straws and organic facecloths. An email with details will follow Tuesday, Sept. 14th. Online ordering is preferred, but paper order forms will also be available at the office if needed. All proceeds go towards enhancing student experiences at school!

2. Dogs – A student was bitten by a dog last week at dismissal time after school. Thanks for keeping your dog leashed at all times on school property, especially during the crowded dismissal time. Also, if your dog is a jumper/ biter or barks at people / other dogs, stay away from crowded dismissal areas.

3. Bikes Around School – We've seen a few close calls with both adults and kids riding their bikes around crowded areas at arrival/dismissal time. While we absolutely encourage biking to school and in the school parking lot Wednesdays, we ask that bikes be walked around the grounds at arrival time in the morning and dismissal time in the afternoon.

4. Allergies / Nuts / Peanuts - Several students and staff at École Puntledge have severe **allergies to tree nuts and peanuts**. Please do not send these to school with your child for snacks or lunch. If your child consumes nuts or nut products before school, please ensure their hands and faces are washed before coming to school. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. A few peoples' lives depend on it!

5. New Staff: Since June, the school has seen some changes in the teaching and support staff. Welcome to Puntledge to the following staff:

Richard Turenne – gr. 2/3 (div. 5 Mon-Wed) + InEd K/1 (div. 1 Fridays)
Tiffany Edwards gr. 2/3 (div. 5 Th-Fr.)
Suzi McLeod – FI Kindergarten (div. 9)
Aimee Pollard – gr. 3 FI (div. 15 – Mon) + Outdoor Ed (Thursday)
Anne Coustalin – FI gr. 4/5 (div. 18 - Mon-Thu)
Beth Peddle – FI 6/7 (div 20)
Kevin Swaney – gr. 7 LFI (div. 23 M, T, Th, F)
Carolyn Humphrey – Educational Assistant
Jody Honeyball - Educational Assistant
Tina Champagne - Educational Assistant
Janice Sommerfeld - Educational Assistant
Vasilisa Egorova – FI Educational Assistant
Fernanda Medicis – Behaviour Educational Assistant
Lauren Reilly – Youth and Family Support Worker

6. School Supplies -Costs are \$20 for K and \$25 for grades 1-7. We accept e-transer at puntledge@sd71.bc.ca or cheques/cash through the office.

7. Parking Lot – Please click here for the [parking lot plan](#) and the [expectations](#)

8. Wacky, Wheely Wednesdays - Will start up again this Wednesday, September 15th in the school parking lot. Students are invited to ride their bikes, scooters, skateboards, rollerblades before school and during the morning and lunch recesses. Supervision begins at 8:25 am and students must wear a helmet (we have some at the school office if needed). A reminder that the school parking lot will be closed Wednesdays until 1:00 pm. WWW will continue every week until late fall.

9. School District Calendar - Please click on the following for the [2021-2022 School Calendar](#)

10. Pack it in / Pack it out - In our continued effort to reduce waste and encourage a more mindful approach to eating / packaging / recycling / composting, we will be promoting a pack it in and pack it out approach to student lunches and snacks. Staff and lunch monitors

will be encouraging students to return home with all containers / wrappers / juice boxes, etc.... brought in to school.

11. Forest / Boundaries – Please ensure your child is not playing beyond the newly fenced boundaries along Arden Creek. The creek and its' banks were severely eroded and much work has gone into restoring this salmon spawning habitat. The cedar fence and newly laid gravel path delineate the boundaries.

12. Dates to Remember

Tuesday, September 14th – PAC Welcome Back Strawberry Tea 8:30 – 9:30 in the school forest

Wednesday, September 15th – Wacky, Walky, Wednesdays return...bring your bike, scooter, rollers, helmets

Wednesday, September 22nd – Individual School Photos

Wednesday, September 22nd – PAC meeting @ 6:30 pm in the Library and via Zoom

September 27 – October 1st – Reconciliation Week

Thursday, September 30th – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No school)

Friday, October 1st – Terry Fox Run @ 1:45

Have a great week!

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