



ÉCOLE PUNTLEDGE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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WEEKLY E-BULLETIN – January 10th – 14th

Dear Puntledge Families,

We are thrilled to have all students back in classrooms starting Monday morning. Last week, teachers prepared plans in case their class needs to pivot to online learning for a short period of time. We hope these plans are not needed and everyone's help will be important: vaccinations, masks, safe and personal distance from others, staying home when feeling sick.....

1. School District Letter to Families: [Please click here for the School District's](#) January return to school letter.

2. New School COVID Guidelines: [Please click here for our updated Health and Safety document](#), ensuring as safe and healthy an environment as possible at École Puntledge Park.

3. PAC News

- a) **Hot Lunch – January:** Fresh Slice Pizza and Ace Catering (sushi) - [Munchalunch](#) will be accepting orders and payment for the January 25th Hot Lunch until January 20th. A donation option has been added to purchase and donate a hot lunch.
- b) **Puntledge Bottle Bucks!** A reminder to please consider donating your Return-It Express deposits (Courtenay location only) to the Parent Advisory Committee. Place your unsorted containers in a sealed, clear plastic bag (note: ensure you have no more than 12 glass bottles in a bag), bring it into the facility and enter the school's number - [250-334-4495](tel:250-334-4495) - at the express kiosk on the far right corner beside the front counter). Click here for more info and instructions: <https://www.return-it.ca/express/faqs/>. Apologies to families who tried to donate before the Break as there was a mix up with the registration in the first few weeks.
- c) **Marker and Crayon Recycling** – Don't throw away your dried up markers and old crayons, we are collecting them for recycling as part of the Colour Cycle program. Students can bring these recyclables to the office.

4. Masks K-12 – Students from Kindergarten to grade 7 are still and more than ever expected to wear a mask while indoors as per Provincial Health Order. Please ensure your child has a few masks in their backpack.

5. Sick Children – Anyone who is sick or feeling sick may not come to school. Students feeling unwell or showing symptoms at school will be sent home.

6. Reporting Student Absence – Please be sure to email puntledge@sd71.bc.ca or phone the office at 250 334-4495 to report your child's absence. Please specify if your child is sick when reporting absence.

7. Student Registration for 2022-2023 – Registration for Kindergarten and grade 6 Late French Immersion will soon begin. [Click here for more information from the School District website.](#)

8. Holiday Travel – [Please click here to access](#) a letter from the School District outlining expectations and government guidelines if families chose to travel out of the country for the Holidays. As part of the federal requirements, anyone who travelled out of country and is not fully vaccinated, cannot attend a school setting for 14 days after re-entering Canada.

9. Criminal Record Check for Parent Drivers – The School District recently updated its' volunteer policies and among the changes, all parents volunteering to drive students to field trips and sporting events must have a valid and cleared criminal record check. If you think you might volunteer to drive students in the next 3 years, you can access the [online CRC process here](#). The access code is: 4HN64GAEQ9. There is no charge to volunteers and the results are usually confirmed in 2-4 weeks. Please keep your proof of submission until results are confirmed.

10. Dates to Remember:

Monday, January 10th – All students return to school

Tuesday, January 11th – Hot Lunch

Tuesday, January 18th – Kindergarten Registration Q&A – Zoom – 6:30 pm

Tuesday, January 25th – Hot Lunch

Thursday, January 27th – Parent Info Session – Late French Immersion – Zoom – 6:30 pm

Friday, January 28th – Crazy Hair Day

Friday, February 18th – Non-instructional day (NO SCHOOL)

Monday, February 21st – Family Day (No School)

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