



## ÉCOLE PUNTLEDGE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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WEEKLY E-BULLETIN –June 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

Dear Puntledge Families,

Sunny weather is finally here this week so sun protection is recommended. Here is a look at the week ahead:

### **1. Continued Health and Safety Measures**

- Keep sick children home. Students who show or develop symptoms will be sent home

### **2. PAC News**

- i) Record turnout for last week's PAC meeting and a new PAC executive has formed. Many thanks to Julia W. and Kathryn H, your new Co-chairs, Garth Y., Treasurer, Renee V, Secretary and Jennifer W, DPAC rep. Sincerest thanks to outgoing executive members Pam, Kate, Connie, Jeff, Nadia
- ii) Freezie Friday will return this Friday – 1\$

**3. Beach Day Cancelled** – Due to a scheduling error by the bus company, we have to cancel the planned Beach Day scheduled June 27<sup>th</sup>. We are looking to replace it with a Sports Day / Fair type event at school. Dates and details to follow.

**4. Attendance Management / Reporting Student Absences** : Starting June 1<sup>st</sup> and phasing in completely in September **2022**, we started using the SchoolMessenger app to report student absences. You can create your account by downloading the app on iTunes, Google Play or at [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca).

**5. Counsellors Corner** – You can find this month's edition of Counsellors Corner [here](#). You can find a special edition Counsellors Corner on [Transitions to Middle or High School here](#) and on starting [Kindergarten here](#). All editions of Counsellors Corner can be found at : <https://learn71.ca/home/mental-health-and-wellness/counsellors-corner/>

**6. Indigenous Day T-Shirt Screenprinting:** During Indigenous Day celebrations, from June 20-22, students will have the opportunity to screenprint their own t-shirt with an

Indigenous design. Students should look at home for any old t-shirts that have a blank side that they could print on and bring them in that week. If you have extra t-shirts at home with a blank side, and you want to donate them to this project, you can bring them to the Puntledge office and Debbie Allen (our Indigenous Support Worker), will collect them and provide them to students wanting to print who don't have a t-shirt to use. T-shirt donations can be accepted from now until June 21 and are greatly appreciated!

**7. School Supplies** - For next year, we will be continuing with the School Supplies model implemented the past 3 years. The school will purchase all necessary materials and parents will be asked to pay an amount in September (tba – not more than 30\$). We continue to believe that this model ensures equity and equality among all students as materials are ready and available in the classroom when needed. It is also less wasteful overall. The only items parents will have to provide are a backpack, lunch bag and appropriate shoes for gym.

**8. School Office Summer Schedule** - The school office will be open regular school hours until Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, closed for Canada Day July 1<sup>st</sup> and then open Monday July 4<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. The office will then be closed for the summer and will re-open on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.

**9. Year-End Reports** – Year-end reports will be given out to students on the final day of school, Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. For students finishing the school year earlier, please let your teacher know of your last school day.

### **10. Dates to Remember:**

**Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>** – National Indigenous Day

**Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony @ 4:00 pm

**Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony @ 4:00 pm

~~**Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>** – Beach Day @ Air Force Beach – Cancelled~~

**Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>** – Last Day of School (Dismissal @ 11:55 am)

Have a great week!

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