



ÉCOLE PUNTLEDGE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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WEEKLY E-BULLETIN – January 23 – January 27

Dear Puntledge families, here are the highlights from the week:

- Those participating in Mary Poppins are hard at work preparing with Mr. C.
- We have served over 1500 breakfast through our breakfast window (open to everyone just drop by).
- Our Kindergarten French Immersion Program and Indigenous K/1 program have reached full enrollment with small waitlists.
- Our Basketball teams continue to work hard and demonstrate the principles of fair play.

WAG: (Week at a Glance)

Monday: January 23

- Girls grade 6/7 B-Ball practice 2:30-4:15
- Family coding event after school with Mme. Marks. Please sign up at the Library.

Tuesday: Jan. 24

- **Div. 12 M. Williams FREE LUNCH**
- Boys Basketball Practice 2:30-4:15

Wednesday: Jan. 25

- **Div. 5 Ms. McManus FREE LUNCH**
- Grade 5 Neighbourhood CoEd B-Ball 12-12:30
- Boys B-Ball grade 6/7 @ Puntledge Vs. Brooklyn
- Girls B-Ball grade 6/7 @ Brooklyn

Thursday: Jan. 26

- **Div. 13 Mme. Suzanne FREE LUNCH**
- Guided Reading with Mme Joanie 2:45-3:30 Grade 6/7 Immersion
- 6:30-7:30pm Late Immersion Open House Puntledge Library

Friday: Jan. 27

- **Div. 6 Mr. McLaughlin FREE LUNCH**
- Boys B-Ball 7:30-8:30
- Girls B-Ball 2:30-4:15
- Magic Club 2:30-4:30

Late French Immersion Registration and Open House:

Where: Ecole Puntledge Park Elementary Library

When: January 26th, 2023, at 6:30pm

What: We will provide a brief overview of the program and a tour of the school

Who: Current grade 5 students and their families with interest in grade 6 Late Immersion at Ecole Puntledge Park Elementary for the 2023-2024 school year.

PAC is offering childminding for school aged siblings of those attending.

Registration will be online and placement into the program is on a first come, first served basis in the order received. Siblings of current students in the programs will have priority.

Program details can be found here: <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/late-french-immersion/>

Registration will be open February 6th at 6pm: <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/ecole-puntledge-park-late-french-immersion-registration/>

Dogs:

Thanks for keeping your dog always leashed on school property, especially during the crowded arrival and dismissal time. Also, if your dog is a jumper/ biter or barks at people / other dogs, stay away from crowded dismissal areas. Not everyone is comfortable with dogs, and we work hard for the school to be a safe place for everyone.

PAC News:

1. PAC needs some support filling a few recently vacant roles. We are looking for a few interested parents to be our Co-Chair, and DPAC Co-Chair.

If you are interested in any of these roles, please email: puntledgeparkpac@live.ca for more details.

2. Hot lunch is also looking for a new coordinator as David has other obligations. If you are interested in learning about the role and possibly stepping up, please email David at frisch.david@gmail.com
3. Next PAC Meeting is scheduled for February 15th @ 5:30 pm
4. Here are the notes from the January 18th meeting
 - a. <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/ecole-puntledge-park-elementary/wp-content/uploads/sites/46/2023/01/Puntledge-PAC-January-18-2022-Minutes.pdf>
5. Hot Lunch Ordering is now open for Jan. 31st. If you need financial support to make Hot Lunch happen for your kiddo(s) please contact our Youth and Family support worker Lauren Riley at lauren.riley@sd71.bc.ca and she will work with you and the team at PAC to make it happen.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Lake Trail Community Education Society has several opportunities that we thought may be of interest to Puntledge students and families:

They currently have two after school programs open to elementary students:

<https://ltces.ca/programs/after-school/>

Outdoor Adventure Quest - Grades 5-7

Tuesdays, 3:15-4:45pm, Feb 7 to March 14

Participants will have epic adventures in the forested areas around Lake Trail Community School.

Reading Buddies - Grades 6+

Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30pm, Feb 1 to March 22

Reading Buddies are role models who are interested in working with younger children and helping them develop a love of reading and learning.

They are also hosting free weekly drop-in **Art and Gym Nights**, for community members of all ages, on Thursdays, 6pm to 8pm, at Lake Trail Community School. Everyone is welcome!

<https://ltces.ca/programs/community/>

Please let them know if you have any questions. Their programs are either free or have a small fee, which they are happy to cover with bursaries as needed. Families are welcome to email the coordinator if they would like any more information (programs@ltces.ca) or check out our website: <https://ltces.ca/>

Reminders:

Sick Children:

We continue to ask that all families complete a daily health* check for their child. Students and adults should not come to school if they are sick. Please stay home.

*A health check means a person regularly checking to ensure they (or their child) are not experiencing symptoms of illness (including but not limited to COVID-19 symptoms) that would limit their ability to participate fully in regular activities before coming to school to prevent spread of communicable diseases, such as COVID-19, within the school settings.

Last Reminder of the Free Lunch Program:

Continuing this week, select classes will be provided with a Free lunch for each student. We have noticed that some students arrive with a “back up” lunch in case they don’t like what we offer. If you decide to send a “back up” lunch with your child please let their teacher know with either a note in the lunch box or through regular communication channels with the classroom teacher. We operate with an abundance of caution which means students with full lunches, and no communication from the family, don’t receive a free lunch.

Again, it is also helpful to let us know if you don’t want to participate in the program. The schedule for the month of January is below. We will continue to provide a schedule in the Weekly-E Bulletin.

Here is what is on offer for the first round:

Plain Bagel with Cream Cheese, Apple, Mini Cucumbers, Banana Bread, (For those that have notified us about allergies we are working on an alternate menu)

If you **are not interested** in the program and haven’t already let me know please email noah.burdett@sd71.bc.ca.

Parking Lot Changes:

We are moving towards creating a staff only parking lot on the gravel area by the pump track. We will have a chained off area to stop traffic from entering or exiting the area. We hope this will create a safer passage for students riding bikes and walking in front of the school.

Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 23 Coding event with Mme. Marks (see Library for details)
- Jan. 25 Basketball game 6/7s
- Jan. 26 Late Immersion Open House 6:30-7:30
- Jan. 27 Magic Club after school in the library
- Jan. 31 Dental Screening Kindergarten
- Jan. 31 Hot Lunch
- Feb. 2 Grade 5 Cross Country Skiing starts
- Jan. 27 Magic Club
- Feb. 6 at 6 pm Late Immersion Registration
- Feb. 9 Grade 5 Cross Country
- Feb. 14 Mascaraed Family Dance 6-8:30pm (save the date)
- Feb. 15 PAC Meeting
- Feb. 16 Grade 5 Last Cross Country
- Feb. 17 Pro-D Day NO School for Students
- Feb. 20 Family day No-School

FREE LUNCH SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY:

- Jan. 24 Div. 12 Williams Free Lunch
- Jan. 25 Div. 5 McManus Free Lunch
- Jan. 26 Div. 13 Bradfield Free Lunch
- Jan. 27 Div. 6 McLaughlin Free Lunch

Take care of each other out there.

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Purpose: Working through education to improve the lives of those in my community.