



ÉCOLE PUNTLEDGE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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WEEKLY E-BULLETIN – February 16th-19th

Dear Puntledge Families,

We hope families were able to spend time playing outside over the very snowy Family Day weekend! The snow will likely stick around all week so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for playing in the snow (boots, snow pants, extra gloves, spare set of clothing).

1. PAC News

- a) **PAC Meeting** – The next PAC meeting will be Wednesday, February 17th at 6:30 pm via [Zoom](#).
- b) **DPAC Speaker Series** – The District Parent Advisory Council is promoting a number of information sessions for parents. The last session is February 24th (Gaming). [Click here for more information](#). Email dpac@sd71.bc.ca to register.

2. New Health and Safety Guidelines and COVID Protocols: The Provincial Health Authority updated the [Provincial Health Order](#) and the BCCDC [Protocols for Schools](#). The School District has also updated its' [Re-Occupancy Protocols](#). Most changes affect Middle Schools and High Schools, but here are a few that apply to elementary schools:

- Adults must wear masks at all times when indoors, except for a few instances when appropriately distanced
- Strong reminders to avoid gathering and crowding before and after school. This applies to students, parents and staff.
- Avoiding face to face interactions whenever possible
- Masks are not mandatory for elementary aged children and remain a personal choice.

You can also consult our school's [updated Health and Safety plan here](#).

3. School District Survey – The School District is seeking information from all school communities about how the education experience has been since September 2020. All parents should have received an email and survey link directly from the district's communications system 2 weeks. [The survey can be accessed here](#) and is available until Thursday, February 18th.

4. February Focus on Language - Our focus on language at EPPES this month may lead to your child trying out some tongue twisters, riddles, and new idiomatic expressions at home. We hope that you have fun with this too!

5. Dates to Remember

Wednesday, February 17th – PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm

Tuesday, February 23rd – Hot Lunch (White Spot)

Wednesday, February 24th - Pink Shirt Day

Wednesday, February 24th - Parent Info Session – The White Hatter – 7 pm – Gaming

Have a great week!

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