



## ÉCOLE PUNTLEDGE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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WEEKLY E-BULLETIN – February 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>

Dear Puntledge Families,

After last week's brush with winter, looks like an early Spring returns this week. There is still quite a bit of snow around school grounds so sending your child with boots may be helpful to keep feet dry. Here are the Puntledge highlights this week:

### **1. PAC News**

- a) **DPAC Speaker Series** – The District Parent Advisory Council is promoting a number of information sessions for parents. The last session is February 24<sup>th</sup> (Gaming). [Click here for more information](#). Email [dpac@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:dpac@sd71.bc.ca) to register.

**2. Plans for Next School Year -** It is that time of year when we begin planning for next school year. If you know that you will NOT be attending École Puntledge Park next school year can you please let the office know as soon as possible. That way, we can start making plans for next year's class organization. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**3. Pink Shirt / Anti-Bullying Awareness Day** - Students are encouraged to wear pink for the annual Pink Shirt / Anti-Bullying Awareness Day on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Classroom and school-based activities are planned to highlight the importance of this day.

**4. Carnaval** – Students will participate in a variety of activities this week to mark Winter Carnaval week @ Puntledge. Students can expect a visit from Bonhomme Carnaval!

**5. Health and Safety Guidelines and COVID Protocols:** The Provincial Health Authority recently updated the [Provincial Health Order](#) and the BCCDC [Protocols for Schools](#). The School District has also updated its' [Re-Occupancy Protocols](#):

- 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.
- As always, keep your child home if he/she is not feeling well or has any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, loss of sense of smell or taste, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.
- You can also consult our school's [updated Health and Safety plan here](#).

**6. February Focus on Language** – Our February focus on language wraps up this week. We hope students had a great month learning new words and focusing on language-rich activities. Special thanks to Mme Joanie, French EA, and Mme Marks, Teacher-Librarian, for spearheading this initiative.

### **7. Dates to Remember**

**Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Hot Lunch (White Spot)

**Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>** - Pink Shirt Day

**Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>** - Parent Info Session – The White Hatter – 7 pm – Gaming

Have a great week!

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