



ÉCOLE PUNTLEDGE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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WEEKLY E-BULLETIN – May 10th – 14th

Dear Puntledge Families,

Sincerest Happy Mothers' Day to all of the wonderful moms in the Puntledge community. Hopefully, Sunday was filled with well-deserved love, affection and attention.

Here are a few items for your attention this week:

1. PAC News

- a) **PAC Meeting** – Wednesday, May 19th @ 6:30 pm via Zoom.
- b) **District PAC** – Online Speaker Series – [How to Raise an Anti-Racist Child](#) – Tuesday, May 11th @ 7:00 pm – email dpac@sd71.bc.ca to register
- c) **Fun Freezie Friday** – Pre-order freezies on [Munchalunch](#) between Monday and Thursday. The freezies will be delivered at the end of the school day to classrooms on Friday May 14th for after school. Pre-orders only.

2. Ticks – A student recently brought home an unwanted friend from school – a tick. Many of our students spend time in our school forests so it may be a good idea for parents to regularly check their children for the presence of ticks. [Here is general information from BC Health.](#)

3. Lockdown Drill - Next Tuesday, May 18th at approximately 9:00 am, we'll be conducting our annual Lockdown Drill. The purpose of such a drill, like a fire or earthquake drill, is for students and staff to simulate what to do in the unlikely event of an emergency. The lockdown drill will be explained beforehand over the PA system so students will have some familiarity of the procedures and expectations.

4. Gymnastics Equipment – The school district's gymnastics equipment will be in our gym for classes to explore and use during their Physical Education and Health lessons this week and next.

5. Welcome to Kindergarten – We hope to welcome our 60+ incoming Kindergarten students Wednesday, May 26th for an outdoor walkthrough. Parents of incoming K students can expect an invitation later this week

6. School Calendars for 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024: The school district has recently approved its' school calendars for the next 3 school years. [Click here to access calendars.](#)

7. Health and Safety Guidelines and COVID Protocols: Here again are the links to the [provincial health guidelines](#) and the [School District's COVID protocols](#):

- All students from grade 4 to 12 are required to wear masks at all times while inside the school
- All adults are required to wear a mask at all times while inside the school
- Masks must also be worn outside if physical distancing cannot be maintained
- Students from Kindergarten to Grade 3 are encouraged to wear masks but are not required to do so
- Parents are asked not to come into the school building unless absolutely necessary or by direct invitation. If you are signing out your child / picking up early, please phone the office at 250 334-4495 and we'll ensure your child is brought to the front of the school to meet you.
- Strong reminders to avoid gathering and crowding outside before and after school. This applies to students, parents and staff.
- 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.
- Avoiding face to face interactions whenever possible
- Don't travel outside your health region unless it is essential.

8. Dates to Remember

Tuesday, May 11th – DPAC Speaker Series – How to Raise an Anti-Racist Child

Friday, May 14th – Fun Freezie Friday

Tuesday, May 18th – Lockdown Drill – 9:00 am

Wednesday, May 19th – PAC Meeting – 6:30 pm

Monday, May 24th – Victoria Day (No School)

Have a great week.

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