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Friday October 6, 2023

Dear Pacer Families,

With the changing colours and falling of tree leaves, it is hard to imagine we have already completed the first week of October. As we head into the long weekend, we want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and hope the weekend provides an opportunity for celebration, reflection and memories with family and friends.

This morning, we honoured Terry Fox with a run/walk in his name. Under our “Toonies for Terry” campaign organized by our Physical Health Education Department and our Recreation Leadership class, we have encouraged students to bring a “Toonie for Terry” and a goal of raising over a \$1000 for cancer research through the Terry Fox Foundation. Cancer has affected so many of our friends and relatives, and if anyone would still like to make a donation, they can drop it off at the main office on Tuesday. Last Friday, we also took some time out of our classes to have discussions and raise awareness around the *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation* and I want to thank the many staff and students that were wearing orange and participated in the activities that allowed individuals to reflect on the truth of our past, residential schools, the survivors of the residential schools and the journey of reconciliation we are all on.

In two weeks, interim report cards will be going home as our first formal communication regarding student progress in their classes (semester classes). Interim report cards are a progress report on student achievement and required for students who are not yet meeting the minimal expectations in a course or are in jeopardy of not being successful this semester. Please help us by checking in with your child and their learning. Encourage them to continue to seek out opportunities for additional support from their subject teachers (Flexible Learning Time), set aside time at home each night to review concepts or practice their foundational skills, and go onto Parent Connect to review your child’s attendance. If you have any questions regarding your child’s learning or progress in a course, please do not hesitate to contact their teacher or counsellor.

In addition to this letter, information regarding general school information can be found on our **school website**: <https://de.deltasd.bc.ca/>. Please see the important information items below:

**Important Dates:**

- October 9<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving (School Closed)
- October 17 Grad Boat Cruise 4:00 – 10:30pm
- October 18<sup>th</sup> PAC Meeting, \*\*\* 6:30pm (Conference Room)
- October 18<sup>th</sup> Sr. Girls Volleyball – Seniors Night, 7:30pm (East Gym)
- October 19<sup>th</sup> Interim Report Cards, 3:00pm
- October 20<sup>th</sup> Non-Instructional Day

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## **Photo Retakes (Artona):**

Photo retakes will take place on Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup>. Students who were absent from our first photo day will be required to come down and get a school photo for student identification purposes. Students have the option to purchase photo packages through Artona ([www.artona.com](http://www.artona.com)). A complimentary student identification card is provided to all students. For students who are not purchasing a photo package but simply want a new identification card, there is a \$5 processing fee. *These students also need to surrender their original identification card.*

## **Provincial Assessments – Literacy 10/12 & Numeracy 10:**

Literacy 10, Numeracy 10 & Literacy 12 are required components of the graduation program and students in grade 10 – 12 must write all three Provincial Assessments prior to graduation. These assessments focus on the demonstration and application of numeracy and literacy. Students will be excused from their scheduled classes for any assessments that they need to write. Below are the dates the assessments taking place this school year:

- Literacy 12                                      October 30<sup>th</sup>
- Literacy 10                                      January 15<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>
- Numeracy 10                                    April 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>
- Provincial Assessments                  June 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>
  - *Specific assessment dates and times will be shared in an email to students and families closer to the date.*

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact your child's counsellor:

## **Counsellor Support:**

We would like to welcome back Ms. Heather Colls to our counselling department as she will be taking over Mr. Lalli's caseload during his leave.

A reminder to students and families that our counsellors are available to meet with students to address any concerns, issues or challenges they may be having in or out of the classroom.

- **Last Name A – Che** (*Mr. Lalli on leave*) **Ms. Colls**                                      [hcolls@deltaschools.ca](mailto:hcolls@deltaschools.ca)
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## **Career Education Corner:**

Mrs. Day is our Career Programs/Work Experience Coordinator and is available to support students with work experience and apprenticeship opportunities (Grade 10 – 12). She can be reached by email at [cday@deltaschools.ca](mailto:cday@deltaschools.ca) for any inquiries.

Each month the district puts out a newsletter related to Career Programs, Work Experience and Apprenticeship opportunities. Please see this month's newsletter:

<https://deltalearns.ca/careers/newsletters/>

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## **Athletics Home Games:**

With fall sports underway we want to wish all of our student athletes a successful fall season! Please come out and support your student athletes and show your Pacer Pride. Go Pacers Go! Be sure to follow our athletic teams on Instagram **@deltapacerathletics**

Below are some upcoming volleyball home dates to come cheer on our Pacers!

- October 10<sup>th</sup> @ 3:15pm Sr. Boys Soccer vs. Southpoint (Dugald Morrison Field)
- October 10<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30pm Gr. 8 & Junior Girls Volleyball vs. Burnsvie
- October 11<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30pm Jr. Boys Soccer vs. Burnsvie (Dugald Morrison Field)
- October 11<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30pm Grade 8 Boys Volleyball
- October 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm Sr. Boys Volleyball vs. McMath
- October 12<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30pm Gr. 9 Girls Volleyball vs. South Delta
- October 16<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30pm Gr 8 & Jr Boys Volleyball vs Sands
- October 17<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30pm Gr. 9 Girls Volleyball vs. Southpoint
- October 18<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30pm Gr. 8 & Jr Boys Volleyball vs. South Delta
- October 18<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30pm Jr. Boys Soccer vs. South Delta (Dugald Morrison Field)
- October 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm Sr. Girls Volleyball vs. Fleetwood Park (Sr's Night)
- October 19<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30pm Gr 8 & Jr Girls Volleyball vs Sands

## **PAC (Parent Advisory Council)**

Our first PAC meeting took place Wednesday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in our Learning Commons. It was a pleasure to meet some of our Pacer families and you are all encouraged and welcome to attend an upcoming PAC meeting. Our next PAC meeting will take place on Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup>. We will start this meeting at 6:30pm in order to accommodate our Sr. Girls Volleyball team and their Senior's Night which starts at 7:30pm. For more information on PAC or the minutes from any of our meetings, please visit our PAC website:

- <https://deltasecondaryschool.wordpress.com/>

We want to thank you for your continued patience and support during the month of September. Continue to stay safe, healthy and well. Enjoy the long weekend and have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

John Pavão,  
Principal  
Grade 12's

Mike Annandale,  
Vice Principal  
Grade 9 & 11's

Joanna Macintosh,  
Vice Principal  
Grade 8's & 10's