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December 3, 2023

Dear Pacer Families,

Today is the first of December and the final month before we break for the winter holidays. December is traditionally a time of celebration as many of our families prepare for or participate in various celebrations like Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa and Winter Solstice to name a few. We also know the holiday season can also be a difficult time for families and our school is working hard encouraging students and families to bring in their donations for our **20 Days of Giving Campaign** and the creation of over 25 hampers to support local families this holiday season.

In addition to our food drive, December will also bring us holiday door decorating contests, a Grade 8 Breakfast with Santa, our annual winter concert, the start our winter sports season and nights where the gym is full to cheer on our girls' and boys' basketball teams.

With winter upon us, we want to remind everyone to use additional care when driving, cycling and walking to school as roads, sidewalks and surfaces may be slippery from ice and possible snow as we approach winter. A reminder to have appropriate footwear to navigate slippery surfaces and appropriate clothing for the cooler winter elements.

If weather is so severe that there needs to be a district-closure, this information will be communicated by the Delta School District by 7:00am on their district website and on various news/media outlets (radio, tv, social media). If there is NO district-wide closure, schools will remain open as usual.

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:

- December 5th Twenty Days of Giving Collection @ Save-on Foods
- December 7th Math FUNction Student Exhibition 6:00 – 8:00pm, Library
- December 7th Winter/Holiday Concert, 5:00 – 8:30pm, Genesis Theatre
- December 9 – 18 Artona Grad Photos, Mobile Studio (book online)
- December 15th Twenty Days of Giving Ends – Bring in your Food Items!
- December 22nd Last day of classes before the winter break
- January 8th First Day of classes after the winter break
 - *Delta Secondary will be closed from December 25th – January 5th*

Twenty Days of Giving (Hamper & Canned Food Drive)

Hey Pacers, our 4th Annual Twenty Days of Giving campaign kicks off Monday November 20th. We need your help in reaching our goal of 30 Holiday Hampers to support local families this Holiday Season.

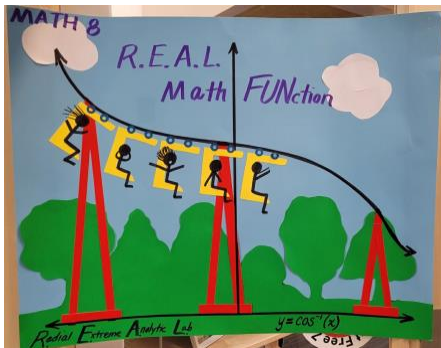
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Remember to bring in your food items or cash donations to your Block B class. Grade 8's to B1, Grade 9's to B2 and Grade 10 – 12 to their Block B classes. We need your help in reaching our goal of \$19,000 in food items.

We need your help, Pacers. Please bring in your donations and canned food items to help make this year's campaign our best one to date! **#twentydaysofgiving #pacerpride #ladnerstrong**

This year, our Interact Club will be stationed outside Save-on Foods on Tuesday December 5th to collect any food or cash donations from the public community. Feel free to stop by and drop off a donation on that day.

Math FUNction & Holiday Concert December 7th:



Thursday December 7th our Math and Fine Arts Department are combining for a night of celebration and fun with student performers and exhibitions from our talented students.

Mrs. Campbell's Choir and Bands will be performing in the Genesis Theatre and our Grade 8 students will have their math exhibits and presentations in our learning commons (library).

The following is an outline for our joint event Thursday night:

- **5:00 - 5:45ish:** Grade 8 and Intermediate Band performance in the Theatre
- **6:00 – 6:30pm:** Grade 8 Math FUNction begins in the library
 - Student displays will be accessible for the entire evening for visitors
- **6:30 – 7:15pm:** reception in the cafeteria (hot chocolate, treats) with jazz music/Small ensembles performing in foyer while people mingle.
- **7:30 – 8:30pm:** Choir and Senior Band in the Theatre

Grad Photos/Composite Photos:

Graduating students are reminded to sign up for their grad composite photo (grad photos) with the Artona Photography Group. Artona will have a mobile studio in our back parking lot from December 9th – 18th for students to book a photo session. For more information, please visit their website: <https://artona.com/schools/DELT>

Transition Days / I- Days – January 30 & 31

Semester classes only will not have instructional classes on Tuesday January 30th and Wednesday January 31st. These days are “transition days” for semester teachers to wrap up their semester 1 responsibilities and prepare for the start of semester 2 classes on February 1st.

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There should not be an expectation that students will be able to come in on these days to complete any work and pass their course.

Student should be working now on addressing any areas of concern, missing assignments, or opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge around specific curricular learning outcomes expected for the course. Students are encouraged to use December and January Flex blocks and any other times teachers are available to support students with their learning. The transition days are meant for semester teachers to transition and prepare from semester one to semester two.

Linear classes will follow their regular schedule as their classes run the entire school year (September – June) and students will be expected to be in session for those days. Any linear students who are struggling to meet minimal expectations in their course work should also utilize Flex time to address those concerns.

Pacer Athletics:

As our fall sports season comes to a close, I would like to thank all the staff sponsors/coaches, community coaches and student-athletes for representing our school in cross country, swimming aquatics, soccer, and volleyball. I also want to take a moment to give special recognition to the following teams for their successes this fall:

- **Cross Country Team:** Jr. Boys finished 6th in South Frasers and Sr. Girls finished 3rd in South Frasers. Team qualified for the Provincial Championships
- **Swim Team:** 12 swimmers qualified for the Provincial Championships. Several individual swimmers and relay teams finished top 10 in the province
 - Grade 12 Joshua Kwok for finishing 6th in BC for the 100m fly
- **Junior Boys Soccer:** finished 5th in league play and 8th in the playoffs
- **Senior Boys Soccer:** 1st place in South Fraser Athletic Association and 7th Place at the BC AA Soccer Provincials
- **Grade 8 Girls Volleyball** – 2nd Place Delta Playoffs and 11th at Provincial Invites
- **Grade 8 Boys Volleyball** – 2nd Place Delta Playoffs and 4th place in South Frasers
- **Junior Girls Volleyball** - 3rd place Delta Playoffs and 6th place in South Frasers
- **Junior Boys Volleyball** – 1st Place Delta Playoffs and 3rd place in South Frasers
- **Senior Girls Volleyball** – 5th place in South Fraser Championships
- **Senior Boys Volleyball** – 1st Place South Fraser Athletic Association and currently competing in BC AAA Volleyball Provincials (semi-finals tonight vs #1 seed Kelowna)

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We look forward to having students and parents out to support our athletes and cheering on our basketball teams. For more information regarding athletics, please follow our teams on Instagram @deltapacerathletics

Counsellor Support:

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
- **Last Name Cli - Lei** **Ms. Greene** sgreene@deltaschools.ca
- **Last Name Leo – Or & International** **Ms. Rohwer** erohwer@deltaschools.ca
- **Last Name Os – Z** **Ms. Gillis** bgillis@deltaschools.ca

Foster Parenting Opportunity:

Have you ever thought about becoming a foster parent? Do you share a desire to help children and youth reach their full potential? Currently in BC, there are many kids who need foster families when they can't live at home. Many of these children and teens have experienced trauma and difficult times.

The youth need amazing foster families who are committed to their care and provide support so they can grow and develop in a positive way. If you are interested in becoming a Foster Parent or want to learn more, please see the link below for more information.

- [Caring for children and youth in B.C. - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](http://gov.bc.ca)

If this is something you would be interested in or would like more information, please contact: Ministry of Children & Family Development, South Fraser Recruitment Team at 604-209-2681.

In closing, we want to thank you for your continued patience and support. Continue to stay safe, healthy and well. Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Sincerely,

John Pavão,
Principal
Grade 12's

Mike Annandale,
Vice Principal
Grade 9 & 11's

Joanna Macintosh,
Vice Principal
Grade 8 & 10's