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April 5, 2024

Dear Pacer Students & Families,

Welcome back. We hope everyone had an enjoyable spring break and a chance to relax with family and friends. April is a busy month with regards to community celebrations, spring athletics, provincial assessments, and initial planning stages for next year.

This past Wednesday April 3, our Pacer families from the Tsawwassen First Nations celebrated [Treaty Day](#). In 2009, a Treaty was signed that guaranteed the TFN peoples their right to self-governance and control of their lands under the Canadian Constitution.

April is also [Sikh Heritage Month](#) and on April 13th many of our Pacer Families will be celebrating Vaisakhi. Vaisakhi is the celebration of the spring harvest, and we would like to wish all our Pacer families who are celebrating Vaisakhi, a safe and enjoyable celebration!

There is also a buzz around the partial solar eclipse will take place on Monday April 8th. While this is an exciting astronomical event, it's important that students know not to look directly at the sun at any time to guard against temporary or permanent damage to their eyes.

During a solar eclipse, the moon moves between the sun and the earth, partially or completely blocking the Sun's rays. Looking at the eclipse directly, or through sunglasses, windows, or a camera even for just a few seconds is not safe as the sun's intense radiation has the potential to cause eye damage.

In Delta, the solar eclipse is expected to begin at 10:42 a.m., peak at 11:30 a.m., and finish by 12:20 p.m. (<https://www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/in/canada/delta?iso=20240408>)

A safe way to view the eclipse is online at [NASA/Exploratorium livestream](#) or [Space.com](#)

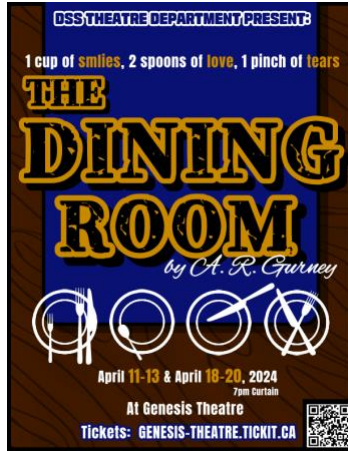
In addition to this letter, information regarding general school information can be found on our **school website**: <https://de.deltasd.bc.ca/>. Please see the important information items below:

Important Dates:

- April 11 - 13 DSS Theatre Company's "The Dining Room", 7:00pm (Genesis Theatre)
- April 16 Numeracy Assessment (Grade 10's)
- April 17 Spring Fling Dance – Gr 9 & 10, 6:00 – 9:00pm (Cafeteria)
- April 18 – 20 DSS Theatre Company's "The Dining Room", 7:00pm (Genesis Theatre)
- April 24 PAC Meeting, 6:30pm (Conference Room)
- April 25 Mid-Semester 2 Report Cards Published

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DSS Theatre Company Production of The Dining Room:



Delta Secondary's Theatre Company is proud to present A.R. Gurney's "The Dining Room" April 11 – 13 and April 18 – 20. Doors will open at 6:15pm and the performance starts at 7:00pm.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students in advance (online) and \$25 and \$20 at the door if spaces are available.

Tickets can be purchased online at the link below:

- <https://genesis-theatre.tickit.ca/>

The play covers eighteen, non-interrelated stories, that play out in a Dining Room over the span of the past hundred years. The scenes are a mosaic of social and generational perspectives and how adversity and conflict can be motivators for change and understanding. The play deals with some mature content with comedy and tragedy and is recommended for a PG13 audience. Accessible seating is available.

Pacer Athletics:

Spring Athletics is underway at Delta Secondary. Good luck to all our spring teams in their league play and their quest to make the playoffs and provincial championships. For more information follow our teams and athletics program on Instagram [@deltapacerathletics](https://www.instagram.com/deltapacerathletics).

Upcoming Athletics Home Games:

April 10 th	Sr. Girls Soccer vs. SDSS @ 3:00pm (Dugald Morrison Turf) Boys Ball Hockey vs. Southpointe @ 3:30pm (South Delta Rec Centre)
April 11 th	Sr Boys Rugby vs Cambie @ 4:00pm (DSS Field/Oval)
April 15 th	Sr Girls Soccer vs Elgin @ 3:00pm (Dugald Morrison Turf)
April 17 th	Sr. Girls Soccer vs. Seaquam @ 3:00pm (Dugald Morrison Turf)
April 18 th	Jr. Girls Soccer vs. Burnsvew @ 3:00pm (Dugald Morrison Turf) Sr. Boys Rugby vs. McNair @ 4:00pm (DSS Field/Oval)
April 19 th	Jr Girls Soccer vs. South Delta @ 3:00pm (Dugald Morrison Turf)

Mid-Semester Report Cards:

A reminder to students and families that we are approaching the mid-point of semester two and mid-semester report cards will be published on April 25th. Please help us by checking in with your child and their learning progress.

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Encourage them to continue to seek out opportunities for additional supports and assistance from their subject teachers, 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.

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Grad News – Yearbooks & Grad Gowns:

A couple friendly reminders to our graduating students and parents regarding upcoming graduation events and deadlines:

- **Yearbook Deadline Order – April 9th**
 - Remember your final year at DSS with a commemorative yearbook. You can purchase your yearbook online on parent connect, in person at the office or over the phone. Yearbooks are \$50.
- **Grad Gowns Order Deadline – April 22nd**
 - It's time to order your grad gowns for Commencement. Commencement this year will be on Tuesday June 25th. **Please fill out the [Google Sheet](#) before April 22nd.**

Dry Grad Registration & Parent Volunteers:

Don't forget to register for Dry Grad. Deadline to register is **Monday, April 15th**. All Graduates must register to attend the event.

- **Registration forms:** <http://www.dssdrygrad.com/registration>

We are still looking for parent volunteers to help at the Dry Grad event. You may sign up for more than one position and each family is encouraged to sign up for one position. We need your help to make this year's event a huge success.

Parent Sign up to volunteer here <https://dssdrygrad.com/volunteer/>

We would like to thank our entire Delta Secondary school community for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact us at the school if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Grade 12's

Mike Annandale,
Vice Principal
Grade 9 & 11's

Joanna Macintosh,
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Grade 8 & 10's