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April 30, 2021

Dear Pacer Families and Students,

We are now a full week into Quarter 4 and students have settled into their new classes. While we are off to a smooth start in the new quarter, we recognize that the unique circumstances caused by the pandemic may result in unforeseen challenges for people. As parents/guardians we ask that you continue to monitor the mental wellness of your child(ren) and if you feel that they would benefit from support, please contact the school.

Similar to previous quarters, during Quarter 4 students in Grade 8, 9 and 10 will be attending full day classes with their learning group. Grade 11/12 level courses will have the Block A class as the “Hybrid Course” and the Block B class as the “learning cohort” group that attends daily. A reminder that students have access to Flexible Learning Time from 1:30 – 2:10pm each day to access additional supports to supplement and reinforce their learning.

The number of positive cases of COVID-19 continues to be very high, primarily due to the variants that seem to be most problematic. We cannot stress enough that we ALL need to follow the protocols set out by Fraser Health and the Provincial Health Officer, both at school and in the community. Please refer here for up-to-date protocols – <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restrictions>

A quick reminder that Fraser Health and the Provincial Health Officer set the protocols for us to follow as a school. Please keep yourself up to date. Changes are constantly occurring depending on the information that they receive. Keep safe and well.

Thank you all for the efforts up until now and your patience through this unprecedented time. Let's continue to meet and exceed the safety standards until we can all be safe. Please see the important information items and reminders below:

Upcoming Events:

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| May 21 | Non-Instructional Day |
| May 24 | Victoria Day (school not in session) |
| May 11 - 13 | “Pioneer Days Spirit Week” |
| May 18 – 20 | “Pioneer Days Spirit Week” |
| May 29 | Quarter 4 – Mid-Quarter Report Cards |
| June 1 – 4 | “Grad Recognition Spirit Week” |
| June 8 | Grad Celebration/Production Date (GradsBC Event) |
| June 8 | Transition/“I-Day” (no classes in-session) |
| June 24 | Last Day of Quarter 4 In-person Instruction |
| June 25 | Transition/“I-Day” |
| June 25 | “Awards Day Celebrations”. (more information to come later) |

Quarter 3 Final Report Cards:

The Quarter 3 Report Card release was scheduled for Thursday, April 29th. Unfortunately, there was a technical error in the MyEd software that prevented us from releasing this document to our community.

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We apologize for this delay and hope that this issue is rectified over the weekend so that the Report Cards can be released on Monday. We will keep you all updated on this situation once we are certain the issue has been resolved.

Vision 2030 – You Are Invited:

During the 2010/2011 school year, the Delta School District embarked on a journey to identify its future direction. All schools and school sites took part in a visioning process where they were asked to define their Big Bold Vision. Students, teachers, parents and staff actively came together under the direction of a professional facilitator to brainstorm and narrow their focus.

The district is now embarking on Vision 2030 and hopes the visioning process will provide much needed positivity and collaboration, and act as a guiding “North Star” as we support Delta students present and in the future for the next decade. On **May 12 from 7:00 – 9:30pm**, the School District will be facilitating a **Vision 2030 session so that parents/guardians can share their hopes and dreams for the future direction of the School District**. Parents/guardians who are interested in participating in this virtual visioning session are asked to contact John Pavão at jpavao@deltasd.bc.ca. A limited number of spaces are available. *Please note: The District will also be inviting parents/guardians to share their opinions through an online survey in the coming weeks.*

June 2021 Transition/ “I-Days”:

The last day of in-person instruction will be Thursday June 24th. Friday June 25th will be a Transition/I-day. Delta Secondary will also have a Transition/I-Day on Tuesday June 8th. These transition days will be used by staff to allow students to complete missing assessments prior to the end of quarter 4. Attendance on these days will be at the discretion of the classroom teacher.

Students in Isolation:

If your child is placed in isolation by Fraser Health, please do the following:

- Contact the school and let us know how long your child(ren) will be absent from school, the date of the positive test result (only if your child(ren) tests positive to a COVID test) and what day they will be returning to school.
- You or your child(ren) should contact the teachers via email let them know how long they will be away.
- Also check their Google Classrooms for work and learning they can do remotely while they are absent.

COVID- 19 Safety Protocols:

As the number of positive cases of COVID 19 in the Lower Mainland are still high, **we cannot stress enough that we, collectively and individually, need to follow all of the safety protocols as set by our Provincial Health Officer and Fraser Health:**

Contact numbers for Fraser Health for questions/advise specific to COVID and schools

* **Fraser Health COVID Hotline 604-918-7532**

* **COVID SCHOOL HUB Hotline 604-587-4769**

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Parent Presentations:

Growth Mindset - A Key to Resilience for Parents and Students

Description: It's so easy to have a fixed mindset, especially when we're stressed. "I'm just not smart enough." "I'm just not as good at this as everyone else." "I can't do this." Carol Dweck pioneered the research on fixed versus growth mindset and it can be extremely helpful to understand for both parents and for students. In this workshop, we'll look at how we are not just a sum of our innate, natural abilities (fixed), and that we can actually improve our talents and abilities through effort, good teaching, and persistence as Dweck suggests (growth). This will help us be better at our jobs as parents, and will help our students thrive, particularly during times of great stress.

Facilitator:

Andrew Neufeld is the Co-Founder and the Executive Director of Alongside You, Principal at Immerse Consulting, and Clinical Instructor at the University of British Columbia. He is a Registered Clinical Counsellor, Certified Birkman© Consultant and Leadership Consultant, with over a decade of experience working with individuals, couples, families and professionals. His passion is in helping organizations clarify their goals and passions and design plans on how to get to where they want to be and thrive along the way.

Date: Thursday May 6, 2021, 6:30pm-8:00pm

Registration Link: https://alongsideyou.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7p16QbEJQL--9uF6W45Q5A

Empowerment through Knowledge and Sharing

We invite you to join us virtually for our annual parent education conference on **Friday May 28 and Saturday May 29, 2021**. Our theme and content focus over the two-day event is "Empowerment through Knowledge and Sharing". We strongly believe parents/guardians become more empowered for themselves and their children through a better understanding of all that encompasses "schooling and parenting" (during and post-pandemic) and by sharing what they learn and their experiences with their peers.

And just like in prior years when we were able to meet face-to-face, we are unique in our ability to provide parents the opportunity to hear directly from the Minister and senior officials within the Ministry of Education and to provide the opportunity to give direct feedback and engage in dialogue.

For more information please visit: BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils

Thank you to our entire Pacer school community for your continued support. Please contact the school if you have any questions. We hope that all our families and staff have a restful and safe Spring Break.

Sincerely,

John Pavão,
Principal, Grade 12

Mike Annandale,
Vice Principal, Grade 8 & 10

Maggie Callander,
Vice Principal, Grade 9 & 11