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November 26, 2021

Dear Pacer Families,

The past two weeks have undoubtedly been devastating for our province and the many people who have been impacted by the storm, floods and landslides. Our thoughts are with those of you who have family, friends and loved ones who live in affected areas. Seeing reports of individuals and local groups coming together to help those impacted is an example of how we can work together to support others, collectively we can make a difference for people in communities across the country by doing our small part. On November 23rd, [Superintendent Sheppard sent a letter to parents/guardians](#) outlining steps the school district is taking and how families can lend their support during this difficult time.

Last night we had our semester 1 Parent-Teacher Interviews and I want to thank all the parents/guardians who joined us as well as our teachers for their efforts in utilizing Teams to virtually connect with our families. Parents who were unable to schedule an appointment and would like to speak with a teacher are encouraged to contact the teacher directly via email or phone.

Monday November 29th is a Professional Day for staff. This is a friendly reminder to all students and parents/guardians that classes will not be in session on Monday.

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:

- November 29th Non-Instructional Day (no classes in session)
- November 30th Twenty Days of Giving Drive Thru Food Drive (3:30 – 6:00pm)
- December 8th Beginner & Intermediate Band Winter Concert, 6pm
- December 9th Senior & Jazz Band Winter Concert, 6pm
- December 13th Concert Choir, Woodwind Choir & Ensemble Winter Concert, 6pm
 - *Tickets limited to family members of student performers*
- December 17th Last day of classes before the winter break
- January 4th First Day of classes after the winter break
 - *Delta Secondary will be closed from December 20 – January 3rd*

Twenty Days of Giving (Hamper & Canned Food Drive)

Since 1999, Delta Secondary has been creating hampers to support local families. This year marks our **2nd Annual “Twenty Days of Giving” Campaign** running from November 22nd – December 10th. Our goal this year is to collect enough food, supplies and gift card donations to help 25 local families as well as the local food bank this holiday season. Last year we raised over \$15,000 to help local families and the local foodbank.

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On Tuesday November 30th from 3:30 – 6:00pm we are having our Drive Thru Canned Food Drive. Pacer families and our extended community members will be able to **drop off food items, cash donations and gift cards to our student and staff volunteers in our front parking lot.** In addition to our drive thru event, students are encouraged to bring canned food items, gift cards and cash donations to their Block A classes where they will be tallied and our top class and grade will be recognized for their efforts. Let's see if we can make this year's campaign our best one to date! ***#twentydaysofgiving #pacerpride #ladnerstrong***

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 on the playing field in both boys' soccer, and boys' and girls' volleyball. Many of our teams qualified for playoffs and had successful seasons on and off the court. I also want to take a moment to give special recognition to the following teams for their successes this fall:

- **Grade 8 Boys Volleyball** – congratulations on winning the South Fraser Zone Championship and the new banner we will proudly be displaying in our gymnasium
- **Senior Girls Volleyball** – congratulations on your strong season, finishing second in the South Fraser AAA Championships and earning a berth in this year's Provincial BC AAA Sr Girls Volleyball Championships in Vancouver. Good luck at Provincials Lady Pacers!!!

With Fall Sports coming to a close, we turn our attention to the upcoming Winter Season and look forward to the start of basketball season and cheering on our boys' and girls' basketball teams (Grade 8's, Junior's and Senior Teams). **With winter sports, we are allowed to have limited capacity for spectators and those that wish to come watch our sports teams in action will be required to do the following:**

- Complete the Daily Health Check prior to entering the school
- Sign in – google form (QR Code) or paper sign-in sheet
- Wear a Mask – masks are required by all spectators
- Maintain Physical Distancing – 50% capacity for seating and space between family groups
 - *Capacity will be limited and apologies in advance to those who may not be able to attend a basketball game due to COVID seating capacity limits*

Vision 2030:

We're thrilled to unveil our Vision for the next decade. In total, the voices of almost 3,000 individuals were considered in developing Vision 2030 following dialogue with staff, students, families, education partners and local First Nations Peoples. We're excited to follow this new direction as we support students present and future for the next decade. Please [visit our school district website](#) to see our new Vision, Mission and Values.

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COVID information and Safety Protocols

As we enter into flu season, we ask that you all review the safety information below and the UPDATED Daily Health Check form. These measures continue to keep our school community safe:

- Stay home when sick
- Do the UPDATED [Daily Health Check form](#) with your student before they attend school
- Wear a mask and avoid long face-to-face exposures with others
- Wash and sanitize your hands often
- Seek a COVID test as soon as possible after mild symptoms occur. This will significantly help to speed up the contact tracing process if the test result is positive.
- Check the [District website](#) for updates

Grad Update:

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 November 22 – 29 for students to book a photo session. For more information please visit their website: <https://artona.com/schools/DELT>

Counselling Update:

We would like to officially welcome back Ms. Gillis to our counselling team. Ms. Gillis is also our school's Indigenous Support Advocate and is another resource and contact to support students with Indigenous ancestry. For any inquiries regarding your child this school year please do not hesitate to contact your child's counsellor:

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We want to thank you for your continued patience and support during the month of November. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or inquiries. Continue to stay safe, healthy and well.

Sincerely,

John Pavão,
Principal
Grade 12's

Mike Annandale,
Vice Principal
Grade 8 & 10's

Margaret Callendar,
Vice Principal
Grade 9 & 11's