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Friday October 29, 2021

Dear Pacer Families,

We hope all of our families continue to be well and want to wish everyone a safe Halloween weekend. Today the halls were filled with various Halloween costumes and I want to thank all the students and staff who participated by wearing their costumes! Our class of 2022 graduates posed as “cops and robbers” and I’m happy to report the officers kept the school safe from all the ghouls, ghosts and goblins!

As October draws to an end, many of our fall sports teams are wrapping up league play or preparing for a playoff run towards a league championship or a berth in this year’s Provincial Championships. Good luck to our volleyball and soccer teams in these upcoming weeks!

This week we also saw the long-awaited return to live performances in the Genesis Theatre. Hard to believe March 2020 was the last time we held an in-person concert for our school community. I want to thank Ms. Campbell and our Band Program – Beginner 8 Band, Intermediate 9 Band and our Senior 10 – 12 Band for the wonderful performances they put on this past Wednesday and Thursday night. We look forward to your next performance.

With November upon us, we are quickly approaching the half-way point of our first semester with mid-semester report cards released to students on November 18th. It is important that students continue to make their learning a priority over these next couple of weeks and ensure any outstanding or missing assignments are submitted to their teachers. 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 classroom teacher if they are struggling. 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:

- November 1 – 5 Grade 12 Literacy Assessments (pre-scheduled)
- November 1 Musqueam Day
- November 11 Remembrance Day (School Closed)
- November 17 PAC Meeting, 7:00pm (Zoom)
- November 18 Mid-Semester Report Cards
- November 22 – 29 Grad Composite Photos (Artona Mobile Studio)
- November 25 Parent Teacher Interviews – more information to follow
- November 29 Non-Instructional Day (no classes in session)

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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.

Musqueam Day:

Musqueam Day Monday, November 1st is an important day for the Musqueam First Nation. November 1 represents the day in which Musqueam changed the history of Indigenous rights and title for all Indigenous Nations in Canada - the Crown must now recognize Indigenous title to Indigenous land. On November 1st, 1984 Musqueam won a landmark case with the Supreme Court of Canada called the Guerin Case. This day has since been celebrated as Musqueam Day. For more information on Musqueam Day, please see the link below:

<https://www.musqueam.bc.ca/musqueam-day-2020/>

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

Provincial Assessments – Numeracy & Literacy

All students prior to graduation as part of the graduation program are required to complete three assessments (Numeracy 10, Literacy 10 & Literacy 12) in addition to the 80 credits (minimum requirement). Mr. Annandale is overseeing assessments this year and will be communicating with students and sending information to families over the year. Below is our assessment schedule for 2021 – 2022 year:

- Nov. 1-5 - all grade 12s scheduled to write Literacy 12
 - Students scheduled alphabetically, 2 sessions a day (8:30am & 12:30pm)
- Jan. 24-28 - all grade 10s scheduled to write Literacy 10
- Apr. 25-29 - all grade 10s scheduled to write Numeracy 10
- Jun. 13-17 – for any students missing an assessment or requiring a re-write.

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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 October. 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