



June 4, 2021

Dear SDSS Families and Students,

June has arrived and soon it will be the end of the year. Monday, June 7th will be our graduation ceremony. Grads and two members of their family have been scheduled to attend in small groups over the course of the day. The proceedings will be recorded, edited, and available for viewing on June 25th. To facilitate the recording of our grad production, regular classes will not be held and all students (grades 8-12) are expected to work from home. It's been a difficult year for our grads, who have missed out on many of the special activities that typically occur during grade 12. We thank you for your support and understanding as we do our best to provide them and their families with a special graduation experience.

This week has been a hard one for many. The Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation in Kamloops, B.C., discovered the remains of more than 215 children buried at the site of a former residential school in Kamloops. This news utterly devastating, and we recognize that this tragedy is far reaching, causing trauma and a wide range of difficult emotions, in particular for the Indigenous members of our community. Our hearts go out to the families of the children, and to all communities closely impacted. As a school, we have recognized this tragedy with staff and students wearing orange shirts, teachers teaching lessons about Residential Schools and Truth and Reconciliation, and a "walk-in" on Thursday. It is inherent that all of us deepen our learning about Truth and Reconciliation. Jo Chrona has posted a very impactful blog post about Residential Schools and the lasting tragedy it has on Indigenous communities and our community as a whole. She outlines ideas of next steps that we as individuals can take in moving from awareness to action and includes a list of resources to help us learn more. I encourage families to read this: <https://luudisk.com/2021/06/01/you-ask-what-you-can-do/>

We are certainly trending in the right direction with the decrease in COVID cases. The guidelines for schools remain the same as we currently have under stage 2 of the K-12 Education Restart Plan. The plans and protocols for the community and individuals are not the same as for schools. I recognize that this might be confusing but schools will remain following the protocols that we have all year in our quest to keep students and staff safe while they are learning and working at SDSS.

We are planning to open our doors in September 2021 in stage 1 (without learning groups). All Delta secondary schools will be in a semester system (four classes at one time) for next year. Our calendar of events, dates and bell schedule for next year has been posted to the school website <https://sd.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2021/06/CALENDAR-APPENDIX-II-21-22-1.pdf>

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 happening depending on the information that they have. Keep safe and well.

Graduation Events

With the end of school fast approaching for our Grade 12 students, the following are school and district sanctioned events taking place to celebrate Graduation and will be held in accordance with the [provincial guidelines for schools](#). These guidelines will remain in place for schools into the summer.

- Grads B.C. Graduation Event on *Monday, June 7th*
- Grad Car Rally on *Thursday, June 17th*

Please be advised that any Grad activities or events not listed above have not been approved or endorsed by district staff and the Delta Board of Education, and are non-sanctioned events. Since these events are organized outside of the school purview, the school and school district can take no responsibility for such events and activities.

Any other community-organized and private events (not school-sponsored) must follow the requirements of the [B.C. Restart Plan](#) and the recently updated [Order on Gatherings and Events](#). They must also have a [COVID-19 Safety Plan](#).

We encourage you to be aware of the nature and details of any events your student(s) are participating in to minimize their risk of being exposed to COVID-19 and to protect the wider community by helping to keep the number of cases low.

Summer Learning in the Classroom is Back

The Delta School District is once again offering a variety of courses for students residing in Delta in grades 8 to 12 this summer. To view what's available please go to our Summer Learning Landing page here: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/programs/continuing-education/summer-school-registration/>

Outstanding Student Fees Balances

Before the end of June, we encourage families to check student fees balances and make payments on Parent Connect. Another option for payment is to write a cheque to the school or use a debit card at the school. Clearing up school fees is an important thing to take care of by the end of the year. If students have bought yearbooks and they have outstanding fees, we will not release the yearbook until those fees are taken care of. If there are any financial hardship requests, please contact me directly and we can see if we can help come to a solution that works for all of us.

Foundry BC Virtual App

The Province of BC announced the launch of the Foundry BC app, which offers young people aged 12 to 24 and their caregivers access to integrated health and wellness services. Visit the Foundry Virtual BC web page to download the app or to access the web portal online.

<https://foundrybc.ca/virtual/>

Delta Vision 2030

Delta School District is embarking on an exciting journey to develop its vision for 2030. The Visioning process will provide much needed positivity and collaboration, and act as our guiding 'North Star' as we support Delta's students present and future.

We hope to get as many voices as possible in the conversation about how we will shape our future together. There are a number of ways you can consider adding your voice:

1. Parents - Participate in our parent survey
<https://wsurveys.com/DeltaVision2030Parent/>
2. Students - Participate in our student survey
<https://wsurveys.com/DeltaVision2030Student/>
3. Everyone - Post on the Kudoboard
<https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/XxehA2pf>
4. Everyone - Send us an email with your thoughts to ctucker@deltaschools.ca

The deadline for participating in the surveys, posting on the Kudoboard or emailing your thoughts is **Tuesday, June 15**.

COVID Information

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**

It is very important that we still follow all of the safety protocols as set by our Provincial Health Officer and Fraser Health, including the latest [province-wide restrictions](#):

- Complete the [daily health check](#)
- Stay home if you are sick
- 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.
- Answer your phone even if it is an unknown number. This will help the contact tracing process in case Fraser Health is trying to get in touch
- Try to keep at least 2 meters from people outside of your household

- Wear masks all the times except when eating/drinking or when a barrier is present. At all other times students and staff must wear masks
- Wash and sanitize your hands often
- Avoid gatherings that are beyond your immediate family
- For medical advice call 811 or see your doctor
- Ensure your student knows that they must not gather with other students before and after school

Thank you for your continued support. Take care and enjoy the weekend.

Sincerely,

Terry Ainge
Principal