

Holly Elementary School

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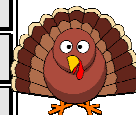
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What's Happening

October	
7	Emergency Preparedness Drill – Full Release
7	Kindergarten Hearing & Vision Screening
10	Thanksgiving – NO SCHOOL
12 to 14	Grade 6 to Camp Elphinstone
18-27	Fall Clothing Drive
19	Hot Lunch Pizza



Notices Sent Home

- ✓ [Westham Island Pumpkin Patch Div 15 & 16](#)
- ✓ Extra-Curricular Elementary Band Opportunity in Ladner
- ✓ Delta Grade 5, 6, 7 Recreation Pass Program

P.A.C. Meeting

The first PAC meeting will be on **October 4th** at 7:00 p.m. As always all parents are encouraged and welcome to attend our PAC meetings. Come and take an active role in your child's school experience at Holly. Hope to see you there! If you need more information please e-mail jaymster2011@gmail.com

Terry Fox Run

Our annual Terry Fox Run was held on **Friday, September 30th**. Our students showed great enthusiasm on the run and we raised **\$715.25** for Cancer Research! Congratulations boys and girls!

As always our staff did a wonderful job of making sure everyone was safe. Thank you all for your assistance!

Junior Choir – Grades 3-5



We are very pleased to offer our Grade 3-5 students an opportunity to participate on a weekly basis in a school choir program. Mrs. Lumsdon is volunteering her time to offer Holly students in grades 3-5 choir again this year. Students will attend weekly Choir on Wednesdays from 1:30 – 2:15 p.m. in Room 105. Choir will commence September 28 and run until the Winter Break. It will resume in late February to prepare for a spring concert. Due to staff meetings the 2nd Wednesday of each month, choir will end at 2:00 p.m. on those days.

Mrs. Lumsdon has selected music that will be both challenging and lots of fun! We are starting with music selections related to Remembrance Day. Being part of an ensemble gives children a sense of pride, and provides them with the skills they need to work as part of a team.

Please do not hesitate to call or email Mrs. Lumsdon klumsdon@deltasd.bc.ca with any questions.

Grade 6 & 7 Choir

We are very pleased to offer our Grade 6/7 students an opportunity to participate on a weekly basis in a school choir program. Choir will take place Wednesday afternoons during class instructional time. Mrs. Lumsdon will be directing the choir and a former Holly student, Karen Nakajima, will be volunteering her time and accompanying on the piano.

We look forward to celebrating the gift of music together.



FULL RELEASE

Provincial Emergency Preparedness Drill

Mark Your Calendars – Friday, October 7th

Our school will be running our annual Emergency Preparedness Drill on **Friday, October 7th**. As we did last year, we are running this drill at the beginning, rather than the end, of the school year. The drill will commence at approximately **1:30 p.m.** As part of this drill, we will once again practice our student release procedures.

We will be releasing **all** of our students early. We will stagger our pick up times this drill as follows.

If your youngest child is in:	Please pick up all your children at:
Kindergarten or Grade 1	1:30 p.m.
Grade 2 or 3	1:50 p.m.
Grade 4 or 5	2:10 p.m.
Grade 6 or 7	2:30 p.m.

Please arrange for an *Emergency Release/Parent Connect* designated adult to pick up your child(ren). If you are not able to pick up your child(ren) early please send one of the people listed as ***Emergency Release Contacts*** on [Parent Connect](#) in your place.

Adults picking up students are asked to follow all directions provided to them by our personnel and to be patient as we try and simulate an orderly and safe release of our students.

Once you have picked up your children please **exit the property immediately**. We ask that you do not stay and utilize play equipment, etc. this day to help us with the success of our drill.

Please Note: Students will **only be released to people who are listed as Emergency Release Contacts** in [Parent Connect](#) (different from Emergency Contacts). Any students still remaining at the school at 3:00 p.m. will be dismissed as usual. Thank you in advance for your support.

Holly PAC Hot Lunch Program



Holly's hot lunch program will be starting in October. There will be 9 hot lunches this year, once per month. Three menus rotating this year, Pizza Day, Hotdog/Sushi Day, and Subway/Cobs.

Orders are placed through the Holly website online ordering system program **Munchalunch** and payment can be made with cheque ((preferred method) made out to HOLLY PAC. Please add the order # to front of cheque and drop at office) cash or credit card. While the credit card option is very convenient we do pay a user fee for this feature. There is one ordering session for the year that will close on October 10/2016. **ALL ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THIS DATE IN ORDER FOR YOUR CHILD TO RECEIVE HOT LUNCH.** Holly is a large school and the volunteer hours for hot lunch are significant, therefore a **late ordering fee of \$10** will be added to your account for orders past October 10

Online ordering will be OPEN Sept.20 – Oct. 10, 2016. First hot lunch is Pizza Day October 19, 2016

If you need assistance with ordering please contact the **Hot Lunch Committee** at Hollyhotlunch@gmail.com. If you do not have access to the Internet please ask the office for a paper order form and return to office with payment no later than Oct.10th!

Please note if your child is ill or a way on a lunch date, you are welcome to come and pick up their lunch at the office but we cannot keep the food for them for the next day. Consistent with previous years, there are NO REFUNDS as this is a small PAC fundraiser that benefits all Holly students.

We are always in need of **Volunteers!** Please email the **Hot Lunch Committee** at Hollyhotlunch@gmail.com for link to signup, thank you!!!

Delta Recreation Pass Program

Delta Parks, Recreation & Culture Department has offered this program to Delta students since 2005 as a way to encourage healthy, active lifestyles and to introduce Delta's youth to our recreation facilities.

The Drop-in Admission Pass allows all Grade Five – Eight students who live in Delta to utilize Parks, Recreation & Culture drop-in programs from September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017. The Program has proven to be very successful over the years and has resulted in introducing many families to activities they may not otherwise have tried.

Program details can be found on the Delta's website at www.delta.ca under Recreation Access.

Extra Curricular Elementary Band

Once again, there is an extra curricular Elementary Band program offered in Ladner for children in Grades 4,5,6 and 7. The teachers for this program are Curt Jantzen (ciband@telus.net) 604-946-2309 and Margaret Behenna (mbehenna@dccnet.com) 604-946-7304, two experienced retired High School Band Directors who have been teaching Elementary Band in Ladner for a number of years.

Students can sign up for one of the following groups and have instruction once per week ***beginning Thursday October 13 until the end of May***. The teaching times are as follows, with the location being Hawthorne Elementary School:

- **Advanced Band** (for students with 1 or more years experience) **4:30 – 5:30 pm on THURSDAYS at Hawthorne Elementary**
- **Beginner Band** (for children with no previous experience) **3:15 - 4:15 pm on THURSDAYS at Hawthorne Elementary**

The tuition **fee** to participate in the program is **\$295** for the school year **payable at the first lesson, or at the rental night. (see below)** **IMPORTANT** Your child will require an instrument. If using a used instrument, please have it professionally serviced prior to the first lesson by a reputable instrument repairman. **A poor quality instrument will hinder or even prevent progress.** Excellent rental instruments are available from many stores at very reasonable prices. (e.g. Long & McQuade, Tapestry Music, Tom Lee Music, Matterhorn Music)

INSTRUMENT RENTAL NIGHT: For your convenience, Long and McQuade Music personnel (www.long-mcquade.com/) have been invited to set up shop and offer instrument rentals to all families on **Wednesday, Oct. 12 anytime between 6:00pm and 7:00 pm at Hawthorne Elementary in Ladner**. Parents can rent an instrument and accessories, obtain the book and a music stand, and meet Mrs. Behenna and Mr. Jantzen that evening.

Fall Clothing Drive

Our Fall clothing drive will be held from October 18 - 27. Pack up your re-usable and damaged clothing, shoes, purses, hats, backpacks, linens, etc into sturdy garbage bags and drop them off in the hallway outside the gym. The donations will be picked up by Trans-Continental Textile Recycling Ltd and distributed to Third World countries or recycled into rags for sale to local companies. Holly School will be paid by the pound, raising funds for our students. We will require volunteers to move and count bags in short shifts of 15-30 minutes of your time! Contact Kerri Deane at kgdeane@telus.net if you're interested in helping.

Sincerely,

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