



Friday, June 11th, 2021

Dear Seaquam students and families,

The school year is quickly coming to an end with 8 school days remaining in Quarter 4. The last day of regular attendance in classes is Wednesday, June 23rd. The following two days, Thursday, June 24th and Friday, June 25th are I days for students to complete missed assignments, projects or assessments. Please encourage your child to continue to be engaged and focused until the end of the Quarter. The final Report Card for Quarter 4 will be published by Tuesday, June 29th.

Last week was extremely difficult for our community with the report that came out of Kamloops. 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. This report was 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, Seaquam recognized this tragedy with announcements, staff and students wearing orange shirts, teachers teaching lessons about Residential Schools and Truth and Reconciliation, and a "walk-in" on Thursday, June 3rd to show support to our Indigenous students, families and community. Seaquam's Student Council is facilitating a visual display inside of the school that all students can contribute their thoughts and support of our Indigenous community.

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. 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. We recognize that this might be confusing, but schools will continue to follow the protocols that we had in place all year in our attempt to keep students and staff safe at Seaquam.

We are hoping to open our doors in September 2021 in stage 1 and we will be in a Semester schedule (four classes at one time) for next year. Updated Calendar documents were emailed to families yesterday (June 10th) that includes the Semester schedule information. We will once again have flex blocks every other Wednesday, between 1st and 2nd period, and students will make arrangements to work with one of their current semester teachers. This will be a great opportunity to get support and work on homework or missed learning due to an absence.

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.

Stay safe and be well.

Upcoming events:

April 26th to June 23rd

Thursday, June 17th

Friday, June 18th

Wednesday, June 23rd

Thursday, June 24th

Friday, June 25th

Tuesday, June 29th

Length of Quarter 4 classes

Children of the Streets Webinar (see below)

Addressing Gang Violence Presentation (see below)

Grad Photo Session registration due date (3:00pm deadline)

Last Day of Quarter 4 In-person Instruction

Transition/"I-Day" (no classes in-session)

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Quarter 4 Final Report Cards on MyED/Connect

The following information will provide details on timely topics.

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/>

2021-22 Semester Bell Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Period 1: 8:30am-9:50am
Period 2: 9:55am-11:15am
Lunch: 11:15am-11:55pm
Period 3: 11:55am-1:15pm
Period 4: 1:20pm-2:40pm

Wednesday – Collaboration Days

Collaboration Time: 8:30am-9:30am
Period 1: 9:35am-10:40am
Period 2: 10:45am-11:50am
Lunch: 11:50am-12:30pm
Period 3: 12:30pm-1:35pm
Period 4: 1:40pm-2:45pm

Wednesday – Flex Time Days

Period 1: 8:30am-9:35am
Flex Time: 9:40am-10:35am
Period 2: 10:40am-11:45am
Lunch: 11:45am-12:25pm
Period 3: 12:25pm-1:30pm
Period 4: 1:35pm-2:40pm

Semester Schedule Block Rotation

Day 1:	Day 2:
Period 1: Block A	Period 1: Block B
Period 2: Block B	Period 2: Block A
Period 3: Block C	Period 3: Block D
Period 4: Block D	Period 4: Block C

Seaquam's Robotics' Program Shines at World's Competition

During the week of May 17th, Seaquam's Robotics' Program had several teams qualify for the World's Championship. Typically, the team would have travelled to the American south to participate in the competition, but in the pandemic environment, the competition was conducted virtually. Our team performed extremely well and made our school community proud.

World's Results:

- 9181N: Ranked 4th in World for Middle School Skills. Because they are in the top ten, this already qualifies them for worlds next year! *This is the first time we've ever had a team qualify for the next season's world championship before it has even started!*
- 9181W: Subdivision Tournament Champion & Division Finalist.
- 9181X: Final Score of 212, Ranked ~41st in the entire world.

Other News:

While the world championship was ongoing, we started on another special project: We were invited by the props department of a film company to build a robot for a feature-length movie being filmed at Trinity Western University in Langley. Yesterday our special project team visited the set for the first time: Raymond Zhou, Josh Gilevich, and Vincent Chung. Josh was able to drive the robot on camera during the actors' performance. This was just so cool to watch. The robot they designed can drive, pick up and sort crayons, and write full words with them. Here's a video showing the robot during testing earlier this week (I also have footage from the set but not sure if I am allowed to share it yet):

https://youtu.be/5r_SASQiDbA

Grad Photo Opportunity

Grade 12 students will have an opportunity to book a 20-minute session with a group of up to 10 students maximum with an Artona photographer. The Artona photographer will take individual photos, then stitch the individual photos together to create a group photo. Students will have the option of wearing formal, semi-formal, upscale casual clothing attire or their grad gowns. The students can coordinate their group's desired attire. We are not encouraging families to buy anything new.

On these dates, we will be distributing the Grad Gift Bags that will include items from both the school and the Dry Grad Parent Committee. We will distribute the Gift Bags after students complete their photo shoot experience. Those students not participating in this opportunity will be able to pick up their Gift Bags in the main office starting on Monday, June 28th.

Booking Process:

- Students can register their photo session through the Main Office by connecting with Ms. Rivard, Administrative Assistant. To register a group, students will need to have a list of the names and student numbers of each group member and a desired arrival time.
- Each student can participate in one student grouping only, as we will have limited time slots available.
- Student groups will need to book their photo session time by Friday, June 18th at 3pm.

Addressing the Gang Violence in BC

Safer Schools Together will be providing a parent presentation on Thursday, June 17th on the rise of Gang violence in our community. Gangs are recruiting youth at a younger age in ways that we have never seen before. This COMPLIMENTARY presentation will provide BC communities with a greater understanding of the current lower mainland gang conflict and its impact across the province. Learn what you can do to help prevent youth from getting involved in gang associated behaviour and other harmful activities.

Parent session: Thursday, June 17th - 6:30-8:30 pm
Register: <https://bit.ly/2SVUOIM>

Delta Visioning 2030

We encourage families and students to participate in the Visioning 2030 process:

Parent Survey – May 13 – June 15: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/vision-2030-parent-guardian-survey>

Student Survey – Deadline extended to June 15: <https://wsurveys.com/DeltaVision2030Student/>

COVID Update:

On May 25th, the Provincial Government launched a restart plan to safely bring people back together. Learn more here: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PREM0037-001008>

This is extremely welcome news, but to help keep COVID-19 cases low, we must all continue to follow the recommendations from the PHO.

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.

Collection Sample Kits in Schools

Recently, our school received collection sample kits to help make testing for COVID-19 easier and faster for students and their families. The kits come with detailed instructions for parents on how to collect the sample. Samples are to be taken at home and dropped off at a Life Labs location within 24 hours, not at the school.

The collection sample kits will be given to any student that starts to exhibit COVID-19 symptoms while at school, if the parent/guardian wants one. We recognize that not all parents will be able to drop off a kit at a Life Labs location in a timely manner, or some parents may prefer to take their child to a testing location.

All parents are encouraged to continue to monitor their children daily for COVID-19-like symptoms using the [Daily Health Check](#), and to keep them home if they show signs of illness.

Staff Email Transition to Microsoft Outlook:

The Delta School District is moving all staff to Microsoft Outlook and Teams. This process has now been completed at Seaquam Secondary. The District's move to Microsoft should have minimal impact on families, but you will start to see a different ending to staff's email addresses – going forward, staff email addresses will end with @deltaschools.ca. The structure of the front part of the email address is exactly the same, i.e., first initial last name – rmesich@deltaschools.ca

If you send something to @deltasd.bc.ca it will be forwarded to the @deltaschools.ca mailbox. This forwarding will last until the end of our current school year. Students will not be affected at all as Delta is keeping Google and @deltalearns.ca as the primary platform for students.

Food Hampers for Vulnerable Families

Congratulations to Seaquam students, Aditi and Anika Kini, who secured a grant to create 10 Food Hampers that include \$100 in food and a \$25 Gift Certificate. Aditi and Anika secured the grant through the Youth Leadership Society of BC. Thank you Aditi and Anika for your display of compassion and making a positive impact on the lives of others.

Seaquam Students Excel at Science Fair Competitions

Congratulations to Hassan Ahmad, grade 9 student, who won a Gold Medal for his entry into the National Science Fair Competition. Prior to moving forward as a finalist to the CWSF, Hassan won a provincial award – the Sanofi Biogenius Award, and a divisional award (Engineering & Computing Sciences) for his project in the South Fraser Regional Science Fair. You can find the link to his award-winning invention below:

<https://projectboard.world/ysc/project/smart-sight-a-vision-of-hope-pyyzg?rc=c396fec1-8b03-4c0f-92c3-278c39a3b73f>

Congratulations also to Jai Bhatia for winning two provincial awards in the South Fraser Regional Science Fair – the BC Nature Award and the Sanofi Biogenius Award – for his project *Lakebook: A Novel Application to Protect and Conserve Water Bodies With a Tap of a Finger*.

Congratulations Hassan and Jai! The Seaquam community is extremely proud of your accomplishments.

Children of the Streets Live Webinar – June 17th 10:30am

Keeping Kids Safe Online

Kids today are spending more time online than ever before. Sexual exploiters know this and are taking advantage of this situation.

That is why, on June 17th at 10:30am – 11:30am (PST), we're inviting parents and caregivers to join us at our live webinar on how to keep kids safe online.

[Jillian Harris](#) and Courtney Liem will be hosting this one-hour presentation that will provide tools to help you navigate apps and social media, and to recognize the warning signs of online sexual exploitation.

This webinar will also include opportunities for Q&A, a live discussion, and fabulous door-prizes!

Tickets are \$15 per person. Register now: <https://www.childrenofthestreet.com/jillian-harris-event>

All proceeds raised will go to support [Children of the Street](#) in its work to keep kids safe from sexual exploitation.

City of Delta Transportation for Immunizations

The City of Delta is offering free transportation to immunization clinics for students and their families. The city has three 7 seater buses that can pick them up from school or home curbside to and from the Ladner or North Delta vaccine clinics once they have registered and received confirmation they are eligible to book a vaccination appointment. Any student over the age of 12 can register.

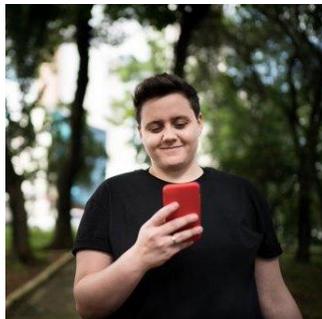
Students/families can register online here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/register>

COVID-19 safety protocols are in place including mandatory masks while on the bus, health screenings and routine cleaning. All rides are booked on a first come, first served basis. For more information, students/families can call 604-597-4876, Monday to Sunday, 9am to 3:30pm.

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/>



Foundry Virtual BC - Foundry BC App

Support that meets you where you are. Access our virtual services through the new Foundry BC app — co-created with and for youth and their caregivers in British Columbia.

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

- Complete the daily health check: <https://se.deltasd.bc.ca/news-events/covid-19/>
- Stay home if you are sick
- Maintain at least 2 metres from people outside of your bubble/cohort
- Wear masks all the time except when seated in your classroom at your seat, when eating/drinking or when a barrier is present. At all other times students must wear masks
- Wash and sanitize your hands often
- Avoid gatherings that are beyond your immediate household
- Ensure your child knows they must not gather with other students before and after school

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**

Informing the School of COVID-Related Health Issues

In the event that a family experiences testing protocols related to the COVID-19 virus, we are requesting that families contact an administrator first to inform us of the testing results. We would like to centralize this process in the collection of this information, so we can effectively follow up to keep our community safe. We will inform the teachers that your child will be absent.

We would request that families do not contact the school for advice on whether to send your child(ren) to school or not. Please conduct the Daily Health Check or call 811 for advice. Our office staff or administrators cannot provide advice on this topic.

To contact an administrator, please call the Main Office at 604-591-6166 or email the appropriate grade administrator.

Mr. R. Mesich (Grade 12) rmesich@deltaschools.ca

Mr. I. Close (Grades 8 & 10) iclose@deltaschools.ca

Mr. V. Nikić (Grades 9 & 11) vnikić@deltaschools.ca

Thank you in advance for your cooperation on this matter.

Overdose Alert

There continues to be increased reports of overdose across the Fraser Health Region. No particular substance has been identified. Some of these events are suspected to be substances contaminated with benzodiazepines. Please see the link below to access a poster from Fraser Health for more information.

https://mcusercontent.com/260cf4948337d63970187334e/files/23ced90b-4bca-44a1-ab6f-10899f79dd47/OVERDOSE_ALERT_FH_Wide_April_28_2021.pdf

Families Reporting Student Absences

The office would like to remind families that if your child will be absent from school, please ensure the main office is contacted to excuse the absence in the system. Some families are contacting teachers directly. Unfortunately, teachers cannot excuse student absences in the system. Families can contact the school at 604-591-6166 to report an excused absence. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Summer Volunteer Opportunity



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
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to subscribe to our email list & receive notices of
volunteer stewardship opportunities

Give yourself & North Delta's environment the gift of better health 😊

COVID PRECAUTIONS AT STREAMKEEPER EVENTS
THERE'S PLENTY OF SPACE for distancing in the great outdoors
PLEASE "MASK UP" for orientation & when walking or working in close proximity
PLEASE BRING your own water bottle, snack & WORK GLOVES if you have them
TOOLS & old-but-laundered work gloves will be available as needed at events

Counselling Team

The vacancy of our grade 11 Counselling position has forced us to adjust service to our grade 11 students until we complete the hiring process. The grade 11 students will be divided amongst the Counselling Team alphabetically. We ask students and families to connect with the Counsellor indicated below.

- Grade 8: Ms. L. Masse (lmasse@deltaschools.ca)
Grade 9: Mr. J. Sall (jsall@deltaschools.ca)
Grade 10: Ms. M. Costin (msalmon@deltaschools.ca)
Grade 12: Mr. H. Mian (hmian@deltaschools.ca)

Grade 11 counselling support:

A - HEWSTON- Mr. Mian

HILL-KULAR – Ms. Costin

L - SECORD - Mr. Sall

SEKHON - Z - Ms. Costin

Please email your child's Counsellor if you need their support.

Mental Wellness Resources

As we move through our school year, many students are struggling with our current environment that is new, fluid and unpredictable. As a school, we planned to implement Dr. Stan Kucher's Teen Mental Health curriculum last year after Spring Break, but due to the pandemic, we were not able to move forward with the curriculum. Some staff are currently incorporating aspects of the curriculum into their classes. We will re-launch the entire curriculum in the future.

Part of Dr. Kucher's curriculum includes a Parent Guide. Please see the link below to access the resource, "How to Parent My Teen".

<http://teenmentalhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/How-do-I-parent-my-teen.pdf>

The complete parent resource section of the curriculum can be accessed in the link below.

<https://teenmentalhealth.org/parents/>

The entire Mental Health Curriculum can be accessed in the link below.

<https://teenmentalhealth.org/>

Crisis Hotlines

- [BC CRISIS CENTRE](https://www.bccrisiscentre.ca/) – 1-800-784-2433 or 310-6789 no area code needed
- [CRISIS SERVICES CANADA](https://www.crisisline.ca/) – 1-833-456-4566 or text 45645
- [First Nations and Inuit Hope for Wellness Help Line](https://www.firstnations.ca/en/first-nations-and-inuit-hope-for-wellness-help-line) – 1-855-242-3310
- [Canada Drug Rehab Addiction Services Directory](https://www.drugrehab.ca/) – 1-877-746-1963
- [National Eating Disorder Information Centre](https://www.nationaleatingdisorder.ca/) – 1-866-633-4220

Resources

- [Bell Let's Talk](https://www.bell.ca/lets-talk)
- [Canadian Association for Suicide Prevention](https://www.suicideprevention.ca/) – 613-702-4446 (not a crisis line)
- [Canadian Mental Health Association](https://www.mentalhealth.ca/) – 416-646-5557
- [Canadian Psychological Association](https://www.psychology.ca/) – 613-237-2144 or 1-888-472-0657

- [Mood Disorders Society of Canada](#) – 613-921-5565
- [Schizophrenia Society of Canada](#) – 1-204-320-3188
- [Mental Health Commission](#) – 613-683-3755

Take care and remember we are here to help in any way we can.

Sincerely,

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