



December 8, 2023

Dear Families and Students,

Learning Updates (Report Cards) will be available on Thursday, December 14 evening on My Ed. They can also be accessed on Parent Connect on Friday. If you have any questions please reach out to your student's teacher. Remember we are on a linear system. The Learning Update is for Term 1 only – that means students have 2 more terms of learning. Please read about the changes to the Report Card in this newsletter.

The Student Council put on a Snowball Dance on Wednesday. It was great to see over 200 senior students attend. Fans, last week, had an opportunity to see some exhibition basketball games in the gyms. When one season end the other starts up in earnest.

Don't forget the Scholarships Music Concert on Monday, December 11 in the Theatre. Various bands and the choir will be performing. More information below.

All the best. Two more week to go.

Grads

On December 20 we have the Grads Breakfast with Santa. We are serving pancakes and sausage starting at 8:30 – 9:00. Its Free. Come with your friends and enjoy. It will be in the cafeteria and there will also be an opportunity to get a photo with Santa.

TVR – If you did not pick up your TVR on Tuesday or Wednesday last week please check in with Mr. Mann in the counselling area between 8:00 – 12:00pm.

Demographic Information

Parents please check your family demographic information on Parent Connect or MyEd parent portal to make sure that phone numbers and emails are correct for parents and emergency contacts. If they are not correct or there is no LOCAL emergency contact please email the school with that information, seaquam.sec@deltaschools.ca, or call us in the office.

Nourishing November Food Drive

The Solution Society Club is running a school wide food drive alongside the Surrey Food Bank. Please bring donations to your Block C classes! Non-perishable items such as: canned proteins and soups, pastas, and baby items, including formula/food and diapers are needed. The class that donates the most food, will receive a mysterious prize.

Career's Corner

<https://deltalearns.ca/careers/newsletters/>

Highlights in this edition:

1. [Parents as Career Coach –](#) North Delta Secondary on Jan 17, 2024 at 7:00pm
2. [BC Labour Market Outlook](#)
3. [UBC Geering Up Clubs](#)

Please see the Career Program Facilitator at your school for more information!

If you would like to come off this distribution list please let Sarah MacDonnell know smacdonell@deltaschools.ca If not, please look for the email from her next month.

International Baccalaureate Program at Seaquam

The IB Diploma Programme at Seaquam is starting the application process for September 2024 entry into the Diploma Programme. All application information will be posted to the Seaquam IB website (www.seaquamib.com). The application deadline is February 5, 2024. Applications that come in after the deadline will be waitlisted based on space available.

Athletics

The Senior Boys Volleyball team finished 5th and the Senior Girls Volleyball finished 8th at the provincial championship last weekend. Congratulations to both teams and coaches.

Basketball is up and running. We have seen lots of practices so far. Exhibition games are starting and some teams are already playing in tournaments. The regular season games will be starting soon. Basketball coach wanted: We are looking for someone to coach the Grade 9 boys basketball team this year. Please connect with Mr. Brown (ebrown@deltaschools.ca) if you are interested.

Hope4Hearts fundraiser

A group of Seaquam students are holding their first fundraiser, the Heartwarming Festival, on December 17th 2023 from 12:00pm to 6:00pm, at North Delta Recreation Centre. The event will have a \$5 entrance fee which will be donated to the Surrey Memorial Hospital's cardiac catheterization lab.. There will be other opportunities to donate money during the event as well through purchasing food, refreshments, and raffle tickets. Our goal is to raise \$2500 for the catheterization lab. The event is family friendly and targeted towards all ages. Activities include DIY candle making, face painting, DIY ornaments, arts and crafts, a photo booth, and more! To maximize this event's positive impact we ask you to extend a special invitation to your students and their families to attend our event. We believe that the values of community engagement and social responsibility should be instilled at a young age, and involving young minds in initiatives such as ours can be educational, inspiring, and fun!

Changes in K-12 Student Reporting

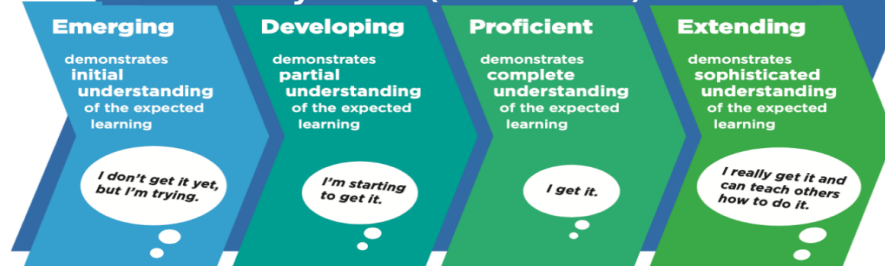
On December 14th a Term 1 Learning Update will be available on MyEd for all Seaquam students and families. From now on you will get two types of "report cards": a Learning Update (term end) and a Learning Summary (end of year). These reports will look different from report cards in the past. The Ministry is requiring teachers to report out Performance Standards on report cards this year for all students enrolled in Grade 8 and 9 classes. Students in Grade 10-12 will get Percentages and Letter Grades. You will still see written feedback (comments) on the reports, but going forward that feedback will focus on students' learning progress. These changes are part of the curriculum modernization that started in 2016. For more information, please visit:

1. [K-12 Student Reporting One Pager for Parents and Caregivers](#)
2. [K-12 Student Reporting Presentation for Parents and Caregivers](#)
3. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2023ECC0051-000985>

A GUIDE TO YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS



Proficiency Scale (Grades 8-9)



Letter Grades and Percentages

(Grades 10-12)

- A excellent or outstanding performance (86-100%)
- B very good performance (73-85%)
- C+ good performance (67-72%)
- C satisfactory performance (60-66%)
- C- minimally acceptable performance (50-60%)
- IE Insufficient Evidence of Learning means student has not provided sufficient evidence of learning
- F has not demonstrated minimally acceptable learning (0-49%)

More info here



Core Competencies



The **Communication** competency encompasses the knowledge, skills, and processes we associate with interactions with others.

The **Thinking** competency encompasses the knowledge, skills, and processes we associate with intellectual development including specific thinking skills as well as habits of mind and metacognitive awareness.

The **Personal and Social** competency is the set of abilities that relate to students' identity in the world, both as individuals and as members of their community and society.

Cafeteria Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Special #1	Sweet Chilli Chicken Basmati Rice	Cheeseburger Macaroni	Fajita Penne Pasta	Meatball Sub	Shepherd's Pie Mashed Potato
Special #2	Rotini Marinara	Pork Schnitzel Oven Roasted Potatoes	Teriyaki Chicken Legs Steamed Rice & Veg	Mac & Cheese Balls Spicy Marinara	Pepperoni or Vegetarian Pizza Pocket

Special #3	Beef Enchillada	Grilled Veggie Panini	Chicken Parmesan Sandwich	Pork & Veggie Skewers Fried Rice	Stuffed Chicken Orzo Pilaf
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Parent Workshops

Virtual Event: ADHD - The Real Deal

Description: Join us in watching a video by Dr. Duncan, who will dispel the many myths surrounding ADHD by presenting scientific facts about cause, prevalence, diagnosis, and treatment. He will explain how and why the ADHD brain works the way it does.

Registration: FamilySmart - Events <https://familysmart.ca/monthly-events/>

Dates:

December 12th 6:30pm-8pm

December 14th 6pm-7:30pm

Virtual Event: Help for the Hard Times Workshop Open House for Professionals

Description: The Help for the Hard Times Workshop series provides a framework for parents/caregivers to consider as they support their child after a crisis. Join this information session to learn more about Help for the Hard Times, and how you, as a Service Provider, Educator, Police and RCMP can help connect families to this free workshop.

Registration: FamilySmart - Events <https://familysmart.ca/monthly-events/>

Dates:

December 13th 12pm-1pm

Calendar events

December

- 11 Scholarships Music Concert
- 14 Report Cards posted on My Ed
- 15 End of Hanukkah
- 19 Grads V Staff in a Kahoot with Educational Questions.
- 20 Grads Breakfast with Santa
- 22 Last Day of Classes before Winter Break

Sincerely,

Mark Robinson, Principal Ian Close, Vice Principal Maggie Callander, Vice Principal