



January 12, 2024

Dear Families and Students,

Welcome back everyone and Happy 2024. The weather is crisp and we have had some snow on the ground. Looks a lot like winter. Please drive safely and have your student wear appropriate clothing for the weather. We will do our best to shovel and salt the sidewalks. Be careful out there. Snow closure days can only be authorized by the Superintendent of Schools for Delta and these only happen in rare occasions. Please assume that schools will be open. If there is a School closure we will post that on our website, on the school app and email students and families.

Unfortunately, I have been away from Seaquam this week. The “bug” that is going around finally caught up to me. We learned many good lessons from COVID that we need to continue to use. Please see the message below from Fraser Health.

Take care and I look forward to seeing all your students next week.

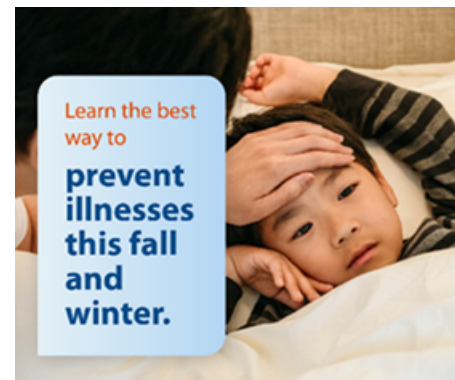
### **Message from Fraser Health**

#### **Protect children from respiratory illnesses this winter**

Respiratory illnesses tend to increase as we spend more time indoors. Common colds, the flu and COVID-19 spread through tiny droplets as people who are sick breathe, talk, cough or sneeze. When other people touch these droplets and then their eyes, mouth or nose before washing their hands they may become sick.

There are a handful of steps both children and adults can take to protect themselves and limit the spread of respiratory illnesses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use alcohol-based sanitizer if soap and water is not available.
- Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, mouth and nose.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow.
- If you have symptoms, stay home and stay away from people at higher risk of serious illness.



### **January Provincial Assessments: Provincial Assessments – Literacy 10**

On January 23 all Grade 10's are expected to write the Province's Literacy 12 Assessment. This assessment is a graduation requirement for all students. Grade 10s will not be in regular classes on January 23 and will be requested to show up to school in either the morning or afternoon session. . Families will be emailed with more detailed information about the assessment itself in the coming days from Mr. Close. There is nothing specific for families to do except make sure students attend the session. In preparation for this assessment, Grade 10's should locate their Student ID card as

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this piece of ID has the Provincial Education Number (PEN) which they will need to login to the assessment. If this card cannot be located, students can find this PEN number in MyED under “My Info”. It is their responsibility to bring this key detail to the assessment.

If there are any Grad 12's who have not written the Literacy 10 assessment please see Mr. Close to register and find out what time you will be scheduled to write.

### **Grad Photos**

Here is a link to book Grad Photos. They will be taken here at Seaquam. Dates are at the start of March. Book Early for the best time slots.

<https://artona.com/schools/SEAQ/programs/graduation>

### **Career Newsletter**

Here is the January Career Newsletter <https://deltalearns.ca/careers/newsletters/>

Highlights in this edition:

1. [Parents as Career Coach](#) – North Delta Secondary on Jan 17, 2024 at 7:00pm.  
Discover high school career program opportunities and learn how you can support your student on their future career journey.
2. [EducationPlannerBC](#) – Online session Feb 7, 2024 at 6:30pm for post secondary programs, admission requirements, and application dates.

### **Calendar events**

January

15	Black Excellence Day
15-19	IB English Orals
19	Earthquake Drill
23	Lit 10 Assessment (Grade 10 classes/students not in regular session)
23/24	Elementary Band Concerts
26	Pro D
29	PAC meeting

Sincerely,

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