



May 24, 2024

Dear Families and Students,

Can you believe that there are only 4 more weeks of regular classes? Its true. Regular classes end on Friday, June 21. June 24-26 are course completion days. Next week I will provide more information about the last were of classes and the bell schedule that we will be using.

Athletic teams have done really well this week. Check out the information below. Wingspan celebration is next Friday. All families, friends and student are invited. See the information below. Grads and families, please have a look at the information below about Grad and Dry Grad

Take care and enjoy the weekend.

Athletics

1. The Ultimate team is in Kamloops for the Provincial Championships. They finished Day 1 with a 2-1 record and will finish in the Top 8. As of publishing time they are likely to finish in the 7/8 spot. Well done team and coaches.
2. The Sr Boys Ball Hockey team for winning the Delta Ball Hockey League Championship. The Seahawks defeated arch-rival North Delta Huskies 4-2 in a hard-fought Championship Game. Congratulations to all players and coaches and thanks to all the Seaquam fans who came out to cheer on the boys!! Go Hawks!!
3. Badminton: Individual standout accomplishments in the Delta Championships: Senior Boys Singles - Gold Medal; Junior Mixed Doubles - Gold Medal; Junior Mixed Doubles Silver Medal; Junior Boys Singles - Bronze medal; Junior Boys Doubles - Silver Medal; Junior Girls Doubles - Silver Medal.

Seaquam Parents and Guardians!

Our last PAC meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the library. We are in need of the following positions to be filled:

Chair
DPAC
Member at Large (1)

Our school relies on the community gaming grant money that we apply for every year but without a full PAC Executive we are ineligible to receive this money (approx \$30,000). These funds go a long way to subsize our athletics programs, theatre improvements, as well as many clubs that Seaquam offers. If anyone is interested in any of these positions, please email seaquampac@gmail.com or come to the meeting on May 27th.

Wingspan Event

Wingspan is a project that have Artists with various exceptionalities come to schools and work with students. We are please to have Seaquam Alumni and Internationally renowned Jugpreet Bajwa, an Indo-Canadian classical, folk, and rock singer working with Seaquam Secondary and Elsie Roy Elementary students to create a performance to showcase at Seaquam School on May 31, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. The Honorable Carla Qualtrough will provide welcome words. This event is open to the public. Please see the news release that will be emailed to all of you next week.

Grads and Parents

- **Valedictory speeches:** Wednesday at lunch in the Theatre. Come and hear some sample speeches of those vying to be the Grad Class of 2024 Valedictorian.
- **Banquet Food:** Food allergies, sensitivities, etc – Please email Ms. Serres (aserres@deltaschools.ca) if you need any consideration for the dinner at the Banquet. Please do this by Thursday, May 30.
- **Baby Pics.** We are looking for pictures of our graduating students from babies to camp to elementary days. This will be shown at our grad banquet slideshow please send photos to swithenshaw@deltalearns.ca Deadline to send in photos is June 5th, 2024
- **Walk across the stage speech.** On the evening of the Grad Commencement, each grad will have their name called and photo displayed during their 15 seconds on stage. In that moment a staff member will read a short statement about what that student's future plans are or state perhaps thanking the people responsible for getting them to this milestone. We request that each grad reflects on their journey and their next steps and captures that in a short statement to be read. Our expectation is that this statement is respectful and positive and adds to the general celebratory vibe of the evening. Consider connecting with a teacher if you are not sure if your comment meets that expectation. Keep the comment short and around 3 sentences max.
The statement should be written in **3rd person** perspective..."Garfield is planning on sitting on the couch after graduation and not moving for several months. He would like to thank Odie for his friendship in helping him through and thank Jon for always filling his bowl." Mr. Close will be connecting with all grade 12 students next week during their English 12 class to prompt students to complete the task and answer any questions specific to the task.
Link - <https://forms.gle/XPFDfABbamaKeh368>
Due immediately! Max June 14th - Any students who do not contribute a statement will have a generic comment read in it's place.

Dry Grad 2024 News/Updates:

- **We did it!** With the incredible support of our community, we've reached our fundraising goal and we're now geared up for an epic celebration. A huge thanks to everyone who helped make Dry Grad possible for the Class of 2024! We couldn't have done this without you!
- **Volunteers Needed:** We need your help to make the Dry Grad celebration a success. Your contribution as a volunteer will ensure a memorable and safe night for our graduates. Whether you can offer a little time or a lot, there are numerous opportunities available for both the Red Carpet Walk and Dry Grad events. To sign up, visit: <https://volunteersignup.org/D8QPL>.
- **Connect with us:**
 - Website: <https://bit.ly/3wMdUyH>
 - Facebook: <https://bit.ly/3lobHw9>
 - Instagram: <https://bit.ly/3uTRQBJ>

- Email: seaquamdrygrad2024@gmail.com.

ERASE / Report It Tool

The [ERASE / Report It](#) tool allows individuals to send a secure, anonymous and confidential message to the school /school district regarding concerning behaviours that they may have seen or heard at school or in the local community. It is important to note that ERASE messages are only monitored during regular school hours. If an individual is reporting an emergency, they should call 911.

Homestay Families Wanted

Delta School District International Programs is placing students for September 2024 and are looking for caring families to host international students who have chosen Delta as their desired study abroad destination. They will arrive from all over the world and have a strong desire to be in Delta.

Delta School District International Programs provides you with access to a team of professionals that have been nominated for an international award recognizing excellence in International Programs for 5 years in a row. They assist you in all aspects of caring for your student, provide monthly activities for students to join, and are always willing to lend an ear and help out.

As of September 1st, 2024, the reimbursement for hosting will be increasing to \$1,150 per month per student. Students from different nationalities can be hosted in one home, although they do require their own bedroom. The majority of students in the homestay program are from Germany, Japan, Spain, Italy, and Brazil. More that 20 different countries are currently represented in the homestay program.

Many of our international students are looking for a family connection and being a part of a family during their stay in Delta. Their study periods range from 3 months to half a school year, to a full school year, to multiple years.

We have two 3-week summer programs where host families welcome younger English learners into their home. It is a great way for students to see what school (and life) in Delta is like and for new homestay families to get a small sample of what hosting is like. Reimbursement for each 3-week program is \$850 per student.

If you are interested in hosting, please reach out to homestay@godelta.ca. If you are not able to host but know of a family who can, please send them our way. There are referral bonuses available for referring families.

Cafeteria Menu

| Seaquam Café Menu | | | | | |
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| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Special #1 | Chicken Fajita Rotini Pasta | Creamy Garlic Shells | Pizza Pockets | Grilled Chicken Ceasar Wraps | Bannock Tacos |

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| Special #2 | BBQ Drumsticks Classic Potato Salad Jalapeno Cornbread | Southwest Chicken Burrito | Teriyaki Chicken & Broccoli | Italian Meatball Penne | Chicken Shawarma Bowl |
| Special #3 | Grilled Tuna Melt & Fries | Vietnamese Lemongrass Pork Bowl | House-made Veggie Burgers | Pork Katsu Fried Rice | Chef's Choice |

Careers Newsletter

Click [HERE](https://deltalearns.ca/careers/newsletters/) for the May Career Newsletter - <https://deltalearns.ca/careers/newsletters/>

Highlights in this edition:

1. Teen Emergency Prep. Program: Apply now
2. [Financial Literacy Sessions](#): Teen session May 8, 2024
3. Fraser Health: Career in medical imaging information

Calendar events

May

- 27 PAC meeting
- 31 Wingspan Celebration

June

- 11 Provincial Assessment make up
- 13 Final Music Concert
- 15 Red Carpet and Banquet
- 19 District Band Concert
- 21 Commencement
- 21 Last day of regular classes – altered bell schedule
- 24 National Indigenous Day
- 24-26 Learning Completion days
- 27 Final Learning Summary (Final Report Card)
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Sincerely,

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