

ANNIEVILLE NEWS

Meeting the needs of all our students

Important Dates

Tuesday, Nov. 10th

Remembrance Day Zoom
Assembly- *For Students only*

PAC Meeting @ 6:30 via
Zoom

Wednesday, Nov. 11th

Remembrance Day- **No
School**

Wednesday, Nov. 18th

SPIRIT DAY- “Whatever
You Like” Hat day

Friday, Nov. 30th

Professional Learning Day-
No School for Children

Wednesday, Dec. 16

Report Cards Go Live

SPIRIT DAY- Tacky/ Glam
Day

Tentative Christmas

Concert Video Release

**More information in this
newsletter**



I hope that you are all doing well and that you are finding ways to enjoy family time, our beautiful environment, and that you are taking care of yourselves and your family members! In the news, they are talking a lot about the mental stress we are all facing because of this pandemic. The human body is not meant to live with constant and sustained stress like we are having to deal with right now.

Add to this, we have some important celebrations now (Diwali) and soon to come (Christmas) that we just aren't going to be able to celebrate in the ways we are used to because of the recently imposed restrictions for the Fraser Health Region.

Admittedly, I am a person with a *Glass Half Full* kind of attitude so I am always looking for the silver lining. Here's one that came to me. Because we are missing all of the easy ways we used to be able to connect, we are seeing how much we value connectedness, and now we are actively looking for new and creative ways to connect. It's truly a thing of beauty and one of the things that makes our community a great place to live!



Diwali Goes Virtual

Diwali, The Festival of Lights is celebrated around the world! Typically it is a celebration with fireworks, great food and dancing to celebrate the triumph of good over evil.

This year the celebrations have had to be adapted to virtual. It's not the same as enjoying the sweet tea, delicious jalebi or the seeing the beautiful dancing in person, but we shouldn't let health orders and restrictions stop us from celebrating with our immediate family!

The Diwali Fest site has a few virtual activities that you and your family might enjoy:

◆ <https://diwalifest.ca/calendar/>

Remembrance Day



On Tuesday, our school will be doing a Zoom Assembly to honour those who are and have been in wars around the world.

In our neighbourhood, usually there would be a ceremony at the North Delta Social Heart, but due to COVID-19 there will be no ceremony this year.

Mayor Harvey will send out a very short message on Wednesday and encourages all of us to take two minutes to remember those who lost their lives in wars.

Indigenous Veteran's Day

On November 8, 2020 we remember and acknowledge the sacrifices the Indigenous Peoples in Canada have made during the great wars and wars through out history.



Here is a special message from the Honourable Minister Bennett, minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations.

<https://youtu.be/6HYPWdFQqiM>

Delta Assist

Delta Assist is an amazing community-based non-profit society. They help Delta families throughout the year.

These are challenging times for many, so if you are able to support Delta Assist, I would encourage you to contact them either by email, inquiry@deltaassist.com or by calling, 604-594-3455

Need Knows No Season



Collecting Donations Year Round:

- Cash
- Non-perishable food
- Gift cards

School Focus

Even in the times of a pandemic, we are thinking of how best we can support **all children's** learning. We know that children, all humans in fact, need certain things in order to learn.

We need to feel safe and connected.

When children feel safe and feel connected to at least two adults in school, they are able to try things that are hard, take risks with their learning, and they become resilient when they fail or things don't go the way they planned.

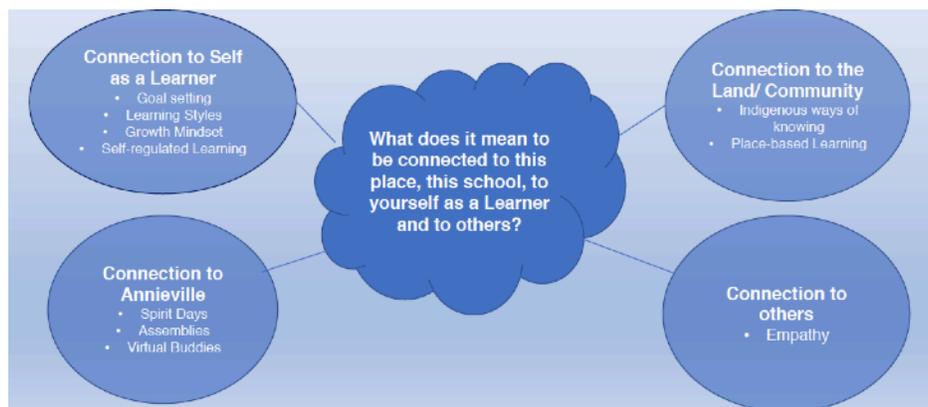
We need to feel a sense of belonging.

When we have fun together, whether it's Spirit Days, learning outside with our class, or playing at recess and lunch, we create a sense of belonging, deepen our value of our school and community, and develop empathy and care for those around us and for our environment.

We love our school and are so very grateful that we get to work in this great community with such wonderful families. In order to continue building a Compassionate and Caring Learning Community, we will be focusing on **connectedness** with four concepts in mind:

- ◆ Students connecting to themselves as Learners
- ◆ Students connecting to others
- ◆ Students connecting to Annieville
- ◆ Students connecting to the land & our community

We'd love to hear from you! What do you love about Annieville? In normal years, what does your family value about Annieville; the community? What are some ways your family normally enjoys connecting with people in our community?





The Breakfast Club

You may recall that last year I shared that we would be starting a Breakfast Club. As it is with everything, the pandemic put a temporary wrench in our plans. Good news! We have received our grant and will be starting the program this month.

There are many reasons why a child may come to school not having had breakfast! Perhaps they've gotten up late and not had time to eat or maybe they've just not been hungry before they left home. What we know absolutely is that learning is hard work and brains don't work well without fuel. Breakfast items will be brought to every class for any of the kids to access so that everybody is ready to learn with a full stomach!

As much of the work will fall to only two people at school (because we're not able to ask for volunteers to assist) the program will have to look a little different this year. Nevertheless, we're really glad that we're able to start!

Christmas Concert Thoughts

I know, it seems crazy to be talking about Christmas! It's just one more thing that needs to be done differently, so I wanted to put out an idea to you all now so we can get started on planning.

With the pandemic, we aren't going to be able to come together to share a Christmas performance this year. What we can do (and, secretly an idea I'm stealing from Heath's principal, Scott Preddy) is a montage video.

We can video performances from each class, put it all together and post in on a closed, for Annieville Families only, online platform. There is a catch however. We do not have consent for every child at Annieville to have their picture taken or to be shared through social media.

The best way to handle this is for us to send out a one time consent for only the Christmas video permission form to those families who have not consented to media/picture sharing. This consent will have the option for those families to opt their child or children out of the concert and we can have them sit out for the recording.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me either via email, j kwasnicki@deltasd.bc.ca or by calling the office, 604-588-1204

