ENGLISH BLUFF ELEMENTARY

*‘Soaring Toward Success’*

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**Family Newsletter #1 September 17, 2020**

**IMPORTANT DATES**: **September 18 Individual Photo Day**

**25 Pro-D Day – SCHOOL CLOSED**

 **28 Terry Fox Run @ 9:45 a.m.**

**October**  **7 Parent/Teacher Conferences**

**(early dismissal @ 2:00 p.m.)**

**8 Parent/Teacher Conferences**

**(early dismissal @ 2:00 p.m.)**

**12 Thanksgiving – SCHOOL CLOSED**

**2020/2021 School Staff**

Ms. Michelle Smith Principal

Mrs. Janice Reid Reynolds Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Kristin Visscher Div. 1 Gr. 7

Ms. Shannon McDonald Div. 2 Gr. 6

Mrs. Lori Schulz Div. 3 Gr. 4/5

Mrs. Ivana Jorgensen Div. 4 Gr. 3/4

Ms. Skye Div. 5 Gr. 2/3

Ms. Laura Leroy Div. 6 Gr. 2

Mrs. Jane Robinson Div. 7 Gr. 1

Ms. Jessica Benson-Mah &

Ms. Zoe Krug Div. 8 Gr.1

Ms. Navine Bath &

Mrs. Kristina Moffatt Div. 9 Gr.KN

Mrs. Sharon Reifel LA Teacher/

Mainstream Support

Ms. Jessica Elkin Teacher/Librarian

Mr. Jon Lee Music/Band Teacher

Mme. Elizabeth McNaughton French Teacher

/International Support

Mr. John Coflin Counsellor

Mrs. Natalie Chalus Psychologist

Ms. Jai Leggatt Speech Pathologist

Ms. Sarah Squires Child & Youth Care

Worker

Mrs. Claire Forster Education Assistant

Mrs. Adriana Greig Education Assistant

Mrs. Christina Moulds Education Assistant

Mrs. Celia Payne Education Assistant

Mrs. Susy Khunkhun Noon Hour Supervisor

Mrs. Shea Milner Noon Hour Supervisor

Mrs. Myrna Jensen Morning Opener

Mr. Lindy Ticong Custodian – Lead

Mrs. Niwayan Santhini Day Custodian

**Custodians**

Due to the increased cleaning protocols put in place by the Delta School District, additional custodians have been hired at all Delta schools. We welcome ***Mrs. Niwayan Santhini***, our Day Custodian, who starts at 11:00 a.m. each day and cleans all high traffic contact areas. We’re happy to report that ***Mr. Lindy Ticong*** continues as our Lead Hand during the afternoon starting at 3:30 p.m. We appreciate their continued efforts to keep us all safe during the pandemic.

**Noon Hour Supervision**

Noon hour supervision of students is provided by ***Mrs. Milner and Mrs. Khunkhun***. Our supervisors are on duty throughout the school during the noon hour. A reminder that students wanting to leave the school grounds who normally eat lunch at school, must bring a dated and signed note from home giving the student permission to leave school grounds.

**School Hours**

Please note our school hours as outlined below:

First Bell 8:45 a.m.

In Session 8:50 a.m.

Recess Group A 10:15 – 10:30 a.m.

Recess Group B 10:30-10:45 a.m.

Lunch 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Dismissal 3:00 p.m.

**Parent Connect**

**and Permission Forms**

**It is mandatory that all forms be reviewed and responded to on Parent Connect by September 30th. To access Parent Connect, go to**

<https://cimsweb.deltasd.bc.ca/schoolconnect/parentsignone.aspzx>

Please email [jreidreynolds@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:jreidreynolds@deltasd.bc.ca) with any changes that need to be made to your information.

**Newsletters, Calendars and Notices**

Monthly calendars will be posted each month to the school website [www.deltasd.bc.ca/eb](http://www.deltasd.bc.ca/eb) .

Newsletters, as well, will be posted to the school website every second Thursday.

Whenever possible, notices will be distributed on **WEDNESDAYS** and will be sent home with the YOUNGEST CHILD of each family attending the school. Please get in the habit of checking for notices on Wednesdays.

**Student Absence and Tardiness**

C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\MEDIA\CAGCAT10\j0332268.wmfIf your child is going to be absent from school, please phone the school **(604-943-0201).** We do have an answering machine for you to leave a message before or after school. Each morning Mrs. Reid Reynolds verifies all unaccounted student absences. To avoid being phoned about your child’s absence, please make your call before 9:00 a.m.

**Life Threatening Allergies/Illnesses**

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If your child has a life-threatening allergy or illness, please tell us. With your help, we will do our best to prevent mishaps and to make sure that all of our students are safe, healthy and able to concentrate on learning. If you would like further information about our practices, please call the school.

**Administration of Medication at School**

Schools are required to maintain a safe procedure for dispensing medications. If your child requires any medication at school, please call the school and request a form. **These forms must be completed each year.**  The form needs to be completed by your doctor with their signature and then returned to the school as soon as possible.

**School Nurse**

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Our school nurse is ***Mrs. Jo-Ann Steed.*** Mrs. Steed only visits the school periodically throughout the school year. If you have any medical concerns regarding your child and you would like to talk with her, you may contact the Fraser Health Unit at 604-952-3550.

**School Photos**

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Individual student photos are tomorrow **Friday, September 18th**.

It usually takes 2 weeks for the proofs to be returned to the school.

**Terry Fox Run**

Our Terry Fox Run is going to look a little different this year. Staff and students will be running/walking in an ‘**All-Day Relay’** for Terry from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on **Monday, September 28th.** Rather than all classes going outside to run together, we will be running/walking class by class (two sessions each) throughout the day. Understandably, we **will not** be inviting parents or family members to join our ranks this year due to the pandemic.

Students are reminded to bring a ‘***Toonie for Terry’*** which we will be collecting up until our run on the 28th.



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**News from the Library**

Hello English Bluff Families!

Welcome to all the new families and welcome back to all of those returning! I hope everyone had a restful break, read lots of stories, and created many memories.

The library will look a little different this year. Unfortunately, the library will not be open in the morning. It is too difficult to physical distance when it is a large group of students from various learning groups. Students are still able to check out books from the library but we will limit this to **two** books. All books will be returned to the green classroom book return bins on the student’s library day, or when they are finished reading them.

I encourage you to visit the EB library website where there will be updates, helpful links for students and parents, and information about special events (I will be updating the website in the coming weeks). Also, I often post to the library Instagram page and occasionally to twitter as well. I post about learning in the library, new additions, book recommendations, displays, and other fun stuff. I do not post anything that can identify students such as full faces or last names.

Website: <https://deltalearns.ca/eblibrary>

Instagram: @eb\_librarylearningcommons

Twitter: @mselkinsLLC

Amazon Birthday Book List: https://www.amazon.ca/hz/wishlist/ls/1WJVR3V1EMM0M?ref\_=wl\_share

Other ways one can help the library are supporting the Scholastic Book Fair in November – which will be virtual this year - or supporting the Birthday Book program I will be sending more information home soon about both of these programs.

If you have any questions or concerns about anything library related don’t hesitate to call me at the school or email: [jelkin@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:jelkin@deltasd.bc.ca)



I look forward to another wonderful year at English Bluff. Please encourage your child/ren to read, enjoy, take care of the library books, and return them for more!

Happy Reading!

Jessica Elkin, Teacher-Librarian

**IB Fees**

The fee module has now been updated on Parent Connect. Student IB fees can be paid online through Parent Connect using Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Debit Card. We also accept cheques made payable to ENGLISH BLUFF ELEMENTARY at the school office.

For those who have not yet paid fees, First Term fees are due no later than **Wednesday, September 30th.**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding fees, please call the school. Thank you for your patience during this year’s start up.

Yours truly,

**M. Smith**

Principal



INDIVIDUAL

PHOTO DAY

TOMORROW