DELVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Delview Families,

We hope our families are well. A reminder to families that tomorrow, May 21st is a Pro-D Day and Victoria Day is May 24th. Students will return to school on May 25th as we begin the second half of our 4th and final quarter of this school year. As we head into the Victoria Day long weekend we are hoping families will take this opportunity to plan local outdoor activities in line with Provincial guidelines and take advantage of the expected sunny weather. As a reminder all Provincial Health Orders put in place as part of the Province's 'circuit breaker' will remain in place through the long weekend. It has been positive to see the COVID-19 numbers across BC start to slow but we all must do all we can to keep those numbers decreasing as the Province ramps up its vaccine roll-out. We encourage you to stay local this weekend.

Health and Safety Protocols:

A quick reminder that Fraser Health and the Provincial Health Officer set the protocols for us to follow as a school. Please keep yourself up to date. Changes are constantly happening depending on the information that they have. Keep safe and well.

We ask students and families to review and continue to adhere to all Health and Safety Protocols:

- wear a face covering at all times when indoors
- disperse in a timely manner at the end of the school day
- maintain physical distancing and wear masks outside the school prior to and after classes
- wash re-wearable masks daily after they have been worn
- keep at least 2 meters/6 feet from people outside of your cohort
- regularly wash/sanitize your hands
- sneeze and cough into the crease of your elbow
- refrain from gathering with people who are outside of your immediate household
- complete the Daily Health Check
- remain at home when feeling ill or showing symptoms of illness

NEW FRASER HEALTH CONTACT NUMBER

The Fraser Health Authority has now created a dedicated telephone line for school COVID-related inquiries. The new number to call for advice regarding COVID-19 symptoms is **604-587-4769**. This number replaces 8-1-1 for COVID-related advice.

Informing the School of COVID-Related Health Issues

In the event that a family experiences testing protocols, or receives a self-isolation notice related to the COVID-19 virus, we are requesting that families contact the school to inform us. We would like to centralize the collection of this information so that we can effectively follow up as necessary in an effort to keep our community safe. Please call 604-594-5491 or email delview.sec@deltasd.bc.ca.

COVID-19 Collection Sample Kits in Schools

This week, our school received collection sample kits to help make testing for COVID-19 easier and faster for students and their families. The kits come with detailed instructions for parents on how to collect the sample. Samples are to be taken at home and dropped off at a Life Labs location within 24 hours, not at the school.

The collection sample kits will be given to any student that starts to exhibit COVID-19 symptoms while at school if the parent/guardian wants one. We recognize that not all parents will be able to drop off a kit at a Life Labs location in a timely manner, or some parents may prefer to take their child to a testing location.

All parents are encouraged to continue to monitor their children daily for COVID-19-like symptoms using the Daily Health Check, and to keep them home if they show signs of illness.

Quarter 4 Assessment

Teachers have been in contact with families by phone or email if students have not been engaging through the start of the 4th quarter. Quarter 4 mid-term report cards will be viewable on Friday, May 28th. As always, if you have any questions regarding your child's progress, please reach out to the classroom teacher by email.

Student Fees

Before the end of June, I would encourage families to see if they have any outstanding balances for their students' fees. You can check balances and make payments on Parent Connect. Another option for payment is to write a cheque to the school or use a debit card at the school. Clearing up school fees is an important thing to take care of by the end of the year. If students have bought yearbooks and they have outstanding fees we will not release the yearbook until those fees are taken care of. If there are any financial hardship requests, please contact me directly and we can see if we can help come to a solution that works for all of us.

Delta School District Visioning 2030

We would like to thank our parents/guardians and students for engaging in the Delta Visioning conversation this past Wednesday evening. The online event was well attended, and it was amazing to hear from many of our students on what they want to see for the future of our District.

In the coming weeks there are additional opportunities for families and students to participate in the visioning process.

Parent Survey – May 13 – June 15 https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/vision-2030-parent-guardian-survey
Student Survey – May 25 – June 8
Community Partners Survey – May 25 – June 8
Links to the surveys will be sent out by email. There may be other opportunities over the month of May and June. I will update you as these come available.

Grad Celebrations

This year's Graduation Commencement Ceremony will be held at North Delta Secondary on the afternoon of June 5th, 2021. We are excited that new Provincial Guidelines will permit us the welcome a maximum of two family members into North Delta to take part in the experience with their graduate.

The google form to submit Grad Commencement comments has now been closed as staff get organized for our event. Any student that did not submit a comment will have a 'canned' comment read. Please email Ms. Minhas at hminhas@deltaschools.ca if you have any questions regarding your commencement comment

Grade 12 families will receive a separate email today containing more information on the event as well as the time slot that your child has been assigned.

Summer Learning in the Classroom is Back

The Delta School District is once again offering a variety of courses for students residing in Delta in grades 8 to 12 this summer. To view what's available please go to our Summer Learning Landing page here:
https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/programs/continuing-education/summer-school-registration/

Staff Email:

The Delta School District is moving all staff to Microsoft Outlook and Teams. This process has now been completed at Delview Secondary. The District's move to Microsoft should have minimal impact on families, but you will start to see a different ending to staff's email addresses – going forward, staff email addresses will end with @deltaschools.ca. The structure of the front part of the email address is exactly the same, i.e. first initial last name – kvasconcelos@deltaschools.ca

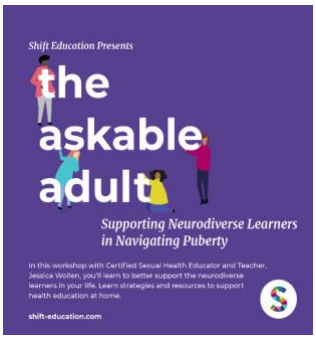
If you send something to @deltasd.bc.ca it will be forwarded to the @deltaschools.ca mailbox. This forwarding will last until the end of our current school year. Students will not be affected at all as Delta is keeping Google and @deltalearns.ca as the primary platform for students.

Our office staff has now updated staff email addresses on the Delview website. If you have any questions, please contact the Delview office at 604 594 5491.

Family Workshops

"The Askable Adult: Supporting Neurodiverse Learners in Navigating Puberty". A free evening of learning for caregivers. **May 26th – 6:30-8:30 p.m. (over Zoom)**

Register early, as spots are limited! https://bit.ly/3bmCJEa



Topics covered include:

- Typical markers in childhood sexual development
- What changes occur during puberty
- Resources to support puberty education for your child
- Online safety: Tips and Tricks
- Clarifying the values you have in your home around healthy friendships and intimate relationships
- Strategies to have conversations with your kids

About the presenter:

"SHIFT Education is me, Jessy Wollen, teacher and certified sexual health educator. Through workshops, professional development training, and resources, I forge the way for teachers, caretakers, parents and grandparents who want to learn how to talk to young people – including diverse learners – about sexuality without being weird about it. IT takes a bit of work and a whole lot of humour."

Upcoming events:

May 21st	Pro D Day (No School)
May 24th	Victoria Day – school closed
May 27th	Quarter 4 Mid-Term Reports
May 31st	PAC Meeting @ 7:00pm
June 5th	Grad Commencement Ceremony

Thank you to our entire Delview school community for your continued support. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Principal, Delview Secondary

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Vice-Principal, Delview Secondary