

Gibson Elementary

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NEWSLETTER

October 2018

Principal's Message:



Happy October, Gibson family. Term one is already well underway, and we are embracing the beautiful season of Fall. With the change in weather, please do send your children to school with appropriate West Coast apparel, including jackets and rain boots, for rainy days. We have a busy October month coming up with some really exciting events happening here at Gibson. Please keep reading below to find out what's happening! At Gibson, we practice our 4 Bs (Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible). Last month, we focused on kindness. Every morning, an announcement was made to share tips on how to be kind. We also witnessed many students practicing kindness with each other and with their teachers! This month, we will be focusing on **SAFETY**. A big reminder to all parents/guardians and students to use the crosswalk when crossing 90th. We see many parents/families crossing unsafely with their children everyday. Thank you, and have a SAFE and HAPPY October, everyone!

Professional Literacy Community

At Gibson, we believe that an effective, comprehensive literacy framework is built on a foundation of 3 Instructional Principles:

1. All learners can engage in joyful, meaning-filled literacy learning.
2. Teachers and students reflect on comprehensive evidence about learning.
3. Instruction is responsive to evidence of student learning



We are excited to announce that Gibson is a part of a Professional Literacy Community along with 7 other Delta schools! As a staff, we will be working on providing an effective balanced literacy program that's designed to help all students build a strong foundation in reading and writing. We will be launching off with an exciting school wide assembly called Gibson's Literacy Spooktacular on October 31st, so be sure to ask your children about what fun literacy experiences they had with their class!

Halloween Reminders



Halloween is just around the corner, and this is a reminder to all students that although costumes are okay to wear to school that day, it is **NOT** appropriate to bring toy weapons (guns, knives, light sabres, etc), costumes showing violence/gore to school. This will still be a regular school day for Gibson, so make sure that the costume will not interfere with learning.

Our Halloween costume parade for primaries (Kindergartens to Grade 3s) will be on October 31st at 1:45pm. Parents and families are welcome to come watch the parade, and we ask that if you are joining us, to go to the gym at 2pm.

Parent Teacher Conferences October 3-4

If you have not already, please log on to your Parent Connect and make your appointment with your child's teacher. A reminder that this conference is **NOT** meant for teachers to provide information on how your child is doing in various subjects, as it they have only been in class for 3 weeks! Here are some things you **can** expect at a this Parent Teacher conference:



- Ask about routines and expectations
- How you can support your child at home
- Find out how you can be involved in your child's learning
- Find out a quick snap-shot of how your child has adjusted to their new classroom
- Offer any important information about your child that you would like their teacher to know



EARLY PICK UP

If you are going to be picking your child up early for a doctor's appointment, etc. please send a note to the teacher so that they can be prepared and have the student at the office waiting for you.

Indigenous Family Bingo Night

BINGO!

The Indigenous Education Department is pleased to invite you and your family to join us for dinner and BINGO!

Last year's event was so much fun!

Thursday October 25th
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Gibson Elementary School (in the gym)
1451 90th Avenue
North Delta

RSVP: Darlene Cankison
dcankison@fclnisd.bc.ca or
604-902-0006

The right side of the flyer features a photograph of a group of people, including children and adults, sitting around a table and playing bingo. They are looking at their bingo cards and smiling.

Keep Your Eyes on the Road and Wear a Helmet

A reminder to parents and students of the importance of bike safety when commuting to and from school.

Cycling is a fun, healthy & social way to exercise, be independent, and get around!

Students all across Delta

School District can be seen every day pedalling to school and home.



Here are some tips and reminders on how to stay safe on your bike.

- 1. Wear a helmet.** It goes without saying that wearing a helmet significantly decreases your chance of injury to the brain in the event of a fall or crash... and it's the law.
- 2. Be Seen.** Use lights (white = front, red = rear) and reflective clothing, including those that can be seen from the side. Use a light on your helmet - it points wherever you're looking.
- 3. Be Aware.** Ride in a straight line and try to be predictable in your movements - effective positioning will help you be seen on the road. Don't use mobile devices or headphones while cycling - stay distraction-free
- 4. Lead by example.** One of the best ways to ensure your child is wearing a helmet when they are riding their bike to and from school is for parents to lead by example. When out and about on your bike, be sure to wear a helmet, and communicate proactive cycling safety with your child.

Local cycling not-for-profit HUB CYCLING has some great tips on bike safety:

10 Cycling Tips

<https://bikehub.ca/resources/10-cycling-safety-tips>

Be Seen at Night

<https://bikehub.ca/sites/default/files/hub-travelsmart-bikelight-giveaway.pdf>

Delview Secondary's Annual Thanks For Giving



Delview Secondary's 26th Annual Thanks For Giving is on Thursday October 11th this year! We're getting ready to canvass various areas in North Delta with our student teams that night so we would like you to help us out and "Save Your Cans"!

Every year, we collect over 10,000 non-perishable food items for the Surrey Food Bank and Deltassist. This is the largest one-day food drive in B.C.!

Please help us out and gather together some non-perishable food items and have them ready for our students to collect at your homes on the evening of October 11. Our students will be accepting non-perishable, food items, refundable cans and bottles, and cash donations. Thank you for your continued support".

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

October 3	Parent-Teacher Conferences 2pm-6pm
October 4	Parent-Teacher Conferences 2pm-4pm
October 8	Thanksgiving Holiday - No School
October 18	Photo Retakes
October 19	Prol Day - No School
October 22	Non- Instructional Day - No school
October 23	PAC meeting 7pm: Elections
October 25	Indigenous Family Bingo Night 5:30pm
October 31	Halloween -Halloween Spooktacular -Primary Halloween Costume Parade 1:45pm

PAC NEWS:

WHO IS THE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

All parents and guardians of students registered in the school are automatically voting members of the GIBSON PAC. The School Act gives parents the right, through the PACs, to assume an advisory role in every school.



HOW DOES A PAC WORK

PACs, with strong participation from parents, have an important influence on life at the school and the feelings the community has towards the school and education. There is strong evidence that increased parent involvement in the school results in increased student achievement, accomplishment, satisfaction and bonding: all of which we want our children to have!

THE PURPOSE OF THE PAC IS

- To encourage and promote communication between the parents/guardians, school staff and administration;
- To provide parents with the opportunity to gain greater understanding of our school;
- To give input into school-based decisions;
- To improve the sense of community in our school/neighborhood;

Parents are encouraged to:

- Attending monthly PAC meetings (tba)
- Contacting a PAC executive member with ideas/suggestions (tba)
- volunteer to help out with hot lunches, movie nights, and other PAC fundraising events