

September 24, 2020

Week two is now done and school is feeling more like it used to, but still different. Students and Staff are doing amazing with the safety protocols and they all seem to be settling in with the new way of school. Once again, I would like to thank families for your support and encouraging and guiding your students. We are all doing our best to support your students in their learning and keeping them safe.

I would like to share with you some important information that is new as well as some reminders.

Upcoming Events

Friday, **September 25** is a Professional day. School is not in session.

Parent/Student Connect should be open starting Monday, **September 28**. See below for information on Student Support (Flex) sign up and student schedule viewing.

Wednesday, **September 30** is Orange Shirt day. This is a recognition of survivors of residential schools and the Canadian road to reconciliation. Staff and students are encouraged to wear orange shirts or orange clothing that day. Staff may be teaching lessons which focus on residential school and reconciliation.

The school district is hosting a livestream presentation for families on internet safety by social media educator Jesse Miller on Wednesday, **September 30** from 7 – 8:30pm. Please visit this webpage for more information: <https://deltalearns.ca/internetsafety/>

Sands will be celebrating the Terry Fox run on Thursday, **October 1**. Classes will be walking one of two 1.5 km circuits starting and ending at Sands. Students will remain in their cohorts while on the walk. Block A classes we will be collecting a Toonie for Terry. Please contribute.

Photo Day will be on **October 6**. Students will be called down by their cohorts to the Canteen to get their photo done. Social distancing and COVID protocols are in place. Families can go to Artona.com to order their photos online.

Safety Protocols

If your child is sick or not feeling well, please make sure they stay at home. Please refer to the link below for the Daily Health Checklist – this is a new version provided by the MOE.

<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/09/BCCDC-Daily-Health-Check-Sept-11-2020.pdf>

Grad Information

Grad is an important milestone in a student's life. We do have a venue booked for May 26. Any events will need to be in-line with the health requirements set out by the Provincial Health Officer. We are not sure how we are going to celebrate this milestone but we will begin to have discussions with Grads in October to see how we can plan some celebrations.

In October, Grade 12 students will be asked to complete a “Grad Checklist” to see if they meet all graduation requirements.

The Sands Career and Post-Secondary Centre is up and running. Please check out the website (<https://sandscareercentre.weebly.com/>) for important information about admission, options, and scholarship information. We encourage grade 12 students and their families to visit the site often and subscribe to the email list for the most up to date information. Our Career and Post-Secondary Advisor, Ms. J Sansregret is accessible via email at jsansregret@deltalearns.ca to answer questions or book an appointment. Please do not drop in.

Student Fees

Student fees and deposits will be assessed prior to October 13. Some fees are being reduced to reflect the reality of COVID and that some opportunities will not be available to students. We are encouraging families to use the online feature in Parent Connect to pay. If families want to pay by cash or cheques they can do so on October 13 – Fee Day. More details will come out closer to the date. If there is a financial need please contact me and we can discuss how Sands can help.

Quarter Date and Reporting Date for 2020-21

- Quarter 1 – Sept 14 (M) - November 13 (F)
- Quarter 2 – November 16 (M) - January 28 (Th)
- Quarter 3 – January 29 (F) - April 20 (T)
- Quarter 4 – April 21 (W) - June 25 (F)

Interims from teachers to families will be in the form of either a phone call or an email. These Interims will be for students who are struggling or have a mark below 60%. Not all students will get an Interim. Midterms and Final report cards will be formal and can be viewed on MyEd when they are available.

QUARTER CLASSES

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Interim	02-Oct	04-Dec	19-Feb	14-May
Midterm	15-Oct	17-Dec	04-Mar	27-May
Final	19-Nov	03-Feb	26-Apr	29-Jun

SEMESTERED CLASSES

	Semester 1	Semester 2
Interim	15-Oct	04-Mar
Midterm	19-Nov	26-Apr
Final	17-Jan	22-Jun

LINEAR CLASSES

Interim	19-Nov			
Midterm		03-Feb	26-Apr	
Final				29-Jun

Counsellors, Youth Care Worker and Course Changes

If your student needs to meet with a Counsellor or Youth Care Worker, please email them for an appointment using their deltalearns account. We are not accepting drop ins. If there is an emergency and your student needs to see a Counsellor or Youth Care Worker have them please see our receptionist at the office.

Mr. A. Randhawa – Counsellor (arandhawa@deltalearns.ca)

Ms. K. Mcphedran – Counsellor (kmcphehdan@deltalearns.ca)

Ms. K. Watters – Youth Care Worker (kwatters@deltalearns.ca)

We are still working through the schedule for students in Q2-4 and fixing errors that we have discovered. On Monday September 28, families and students should be able to log onto Parent/Student Connect to see their schedules. It will be at this time that we will start to entertain requests for course selection changes in Q2-4. Students/Families will need to email the counsellor for that request – please do not drop in. We are going to be limited in the changes we can make because of learning groups and what courses are coupled with. Please be patient as we work through this.

When students are done for the day, we are asking that students leave the building as quickly as possible. We would like to ask that students do not congregate in groups on the school property or in the community, especially if they are not wearing masks, and return home ASAP.

Student Support

Most students have classes in Block A and B. This means that most students are done school at 12:55 pm unless they are coming to Block C for support. I would like to remind families and students that teachers are available to support students' learning in the afternoons after lunch starting at 1:30 pm. Teachers will set up office hours or a flex style signup. Once Student Connect opens, students will be able to book times to work with teachers (see the other attachment in the email). Whether a student attends this support is based on their needs and should be a conversation between students and families. There will be some situations where teachers will encourage students to attend.

LA/LD/Grad Quest and Supportive Learning teachers are available each day from 1:30 pm to support students. For these students they may be required to attend some last afternoon sessions to receive help as needed. This is an enrolling credit course. Support teachers will work with students to build a support system designed for them. Students in these support classes should also be seeking help from their individual class teachers when needed.

As always, if you need support or are seeking answers please contact teachers, counsellors, admin or contact the office. We are here to help families and students.

Take care, be safe and healthy.

Mark Robinson
Principal

Joanna Macintosh
Vice Principal