

SANDS SECONDARY

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“Creating Our Future Today”

Friday, April 17, 2026

Mission Statement: Sands is an inclusive and nurturing community which challenges individuals to strive for educational excellence, as well as personal responsibility, integrity and growth.

School Inquiry Question: Will a school wide focus on fostering staff and student health and wellness have a positive effect on well-being, engagement, and achievement?

Dear Sands Secondary students and families,

As spring arrives and our days grow brighter, we are invited to pause and appreciate the season of renewal around us. This time of year reminds us that learning, like nature, is a continual process of renewal—built on reflection, perseverance, and growth. While we enjoy the promise of spring, we are also looking ahead with purpose and excitement. Planning for September is already underway and the next few months will include both opportunities for celebration of the year we’ve had and considerations for next year.

Sands continues to be a busy place where students participate in many activities. This week we celebrated Vaisakhi. Our Heartwise Club organized a lunchtime floor hockey tournament that brought various spectators and participants into the gym. Athletics teams have been enjoying the sunny weather as they participate in various events outside. Our Theatre students continue to work late into the evening preparing for the upcoming performance of Footloose. We hope that all members of our Sands community take advantage of the many opportunities offered to be involved in these activities as a participant, spectator, or supporter.

Sincerely,

Mrs. T. Farnden (Principal)

Upcoming Important Dates:

- Tuesday April 21st – PAC Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- Wednesday April 22nd /Friday April 24th – Provincial Assessments
- Wednesday April 22 – ICBC Presentation for Grade 11/12 Students
- Tuesday April 28th – Saturday May 1st – Footloose Theater Production
- Friday May 1 – Reporting to Families – early dismissal @ 1:00 pm
- Friday May 8 – Written Update (Report Card) Posted on MyEd

Footloose Production

Students have been working hard preparing for our Spring Musical Production of Footloose. Performances will take place from April 28 (Preview night) – May 1 in our canteen. Performance begins at 6:00 (doors open at 5:30 pm) and tickets are \$15 (\$10 on preview night). Please come show your support for our Theatre students - It's going to be a great show! Tickets can be purchased in advance at the following link: <https://sands-secondary.tickit.ca/events/34168>



Provincial Assessments

Most students completed the required Provincial Assessments (Literacy 10, Numeracy 10, and Literacy 12) in January. Any students who missed writing a Provincial Assessment have been scheduled to complete it on either Wednesday, April 22 or Friday, April 24. If your child believes they have missed one of these assessments but have not received information regarding writing it next week, they should contact Ms. Marieiro or Mr. Inkster.

2026/27 District Budget Recommendations

Phase 1 of this year's budget public consultation process resulted in 167 online survey responses from parents/caregivers, students, staff, and community members on their budget priorities for the upcoming school year. Thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback. You can see a summary of the feedback, along with general information on where the school district's funding comes from and how it is spent [here](#).

Following consideration of this feedback and the Ministry's funding announcement, the Delta Board of Education released the [draft budget recommendations for 2026/27](#) on Thursday, April 16. The Delta Board of Education is now inviting you to provide feedback on these via a short [online survey](#) or by sending an email to

budget@deltaschools.ca before noon on Monday, April 20. This will enable your feedback to be shared with the board prior to the Special Public Board Meeting for Budget Input on April 21.

Alternatively, if you would like to share your thoughts in person, you are welcome to attend the meeting on Tuesday, April 21 at the School Board Office, 4585 Harvest Drive, Ladner. The meeting will follow the Regular Board Meeting and is expected to begin at approximately 7:30 p.m. To sign up to speak at the Special Public Board Meeting, please email kaquino@deltaschools.ca by 5 p.m. on Monday, April 20.

Post-Secondary Institution Selections for 2026 Graduates

Graduating students are reminded to make their post-secondary institution selections in the [Student Transcripts Service](#) (STS). Most public colleges and universities in Alberta and B.C., and the Ontario Universities' Application Centre, can retrieve ongoing transcript updates as soon as authorized by the student in STS. More information is available [online](#).

ICBC Presentation

On Wednesday, April 22nd, Grade 11/12 students will experience a presentation by Ted Swan who will share his experience as a paramedic responding to vehicle crashes. In his presentation, Ted describes the science (physics, anatomy and physiology) involved in a crash, for both the vehicle and the passengers, using calls he has attended to emphasize his points. He will describe what a crash scene might look like, how paramedics attend to patients, what to expect at the hospital and how peer pressure impacts youth. Ted's presentation is sponsored by ICBC and he has presented to schools throughout British Columbia.

Graduation Events

Students and families of Grade 12 students have been emailed specific information regarding upcoming Graduation events. The Red Carpet, Grad Banquet, and Dry Grad events will take place on Friday, May 22. Grad Banquet tickets will be on sale May 4 – 8th in the office. The Commencement Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, June 24th at North Delta Secondary. More information regarding tickets to the Commencement Ceremony will be shared at a later date.

Dry Grad 2026

The 2026 After Grad Party is set to take place after the graduation banquet on May 22. The Dry Grad Parent Committee will be selling tickets during lunch hour in the lobby on the dates listed below. Further information will be shared in the coming weeks.

GRADUATING CLASSES OF BURNSVIEW, DELVIEW, NORTH DELTA, & SANDS



Grad 2026
After Party

FRIDAY MAY 22 AT 11:30PM - 5:00AM SATURDAY MAY 23
@ THE NORTH DELTA REC CENTRE

CASINO · MONEY BOOTH · MECHANICAL BULL · NON-STOP FOOD · AND MORE!
Over \$14,000 in prizes including Beats, iPads, \$500 cash, and much more!

 EVERYTHING INCLUDED WITH YOUR TICKET! 

Ticket sales
in the foyer at lunch

Early bird: Tue Mar. 3 - \$60
Reg. Price: Wed Apr. 15 & Thu May 7 - \$75

Cash, e-transfer, or cheque payable to Delta North Dry Grad Committee

Excused Absences

At times, students need to miss school due to illness or medical appointments. Parents should call or email the school to report an excused absence. Please note that students are still responsible for making up any missed work or assessments when they are absent from school. Students should communicate directly with their teacher to determine what they have missed and need to complete.

Spring Athletics

This Spring we have students participating in Ultimate, Badminton, Girls Soccer, Golf, Ice Hockey, Rugby, and Track and Field. Thank you to all of the staff and community members that are volunteering their time to coach these teams.

Athletics Fees Reminder for Families

If your child tries out for and is selected to be part of a Sands school athletic team, please note that there are fees associated with participation. These fees help cover the costs required to run safe, organized, and competitive athletic programs for our students.

Athletics fees may include:

- South Fraser League fees
- Referee fees
- Delta School Sports fees
- Tournament entry fees (if the team is registered)
- Basic equipment wear and tear
- Athletic awards

- Jerseys/uniforms
- City field usage (if applicable)
- Additional equipment requests (if applicable)

Please note that athletics fees vary from team to team and may change from year to year. All fees will be posted on Parent Connect once teams are finalized. If your child has participated in Athletics this year, please check to ensure that these fees have been paid. Please reach out to Mrs. Farnden if you have questions or concerns.

We appreciate your support in helping make school athletics possible for our student-athletes.

Career Programs

Biomedical & Health Science Dual Credit

Still accepting applications

- If accepted the school district will pay the tuition.
- Start at KPU Surrey Full Time Feb 2027 & take 2 Biology courses, English & Psych
- Biology 11 and 12 required; Chem 11 required (Chem 12 recommended)
- Learn more: deltalearns.ca/careers
- For students interested in careers in
 - Nurse or Psych Nurse, Biomedical Scientist, Public health, Medical manager or more in health fields!

See your school Career Program Facilitator for more information



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Business Dual Credit Program

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- Start at KPU Surrey full time Feb 2027. Take marketing, organizational behaviour, intro to accounting & applied communications
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- For students interested in careers in
 - Accounting, Entrepreneurship, Social Media, Marketing and other business fields

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Please reach out to us if you have any questions about the upcoming events listed above.

Mrs. T. Farnden
Principal
Grades 8 & 12

Mr. T. Inkster
Vice Principal
Grades 9, 10, 11