



April 5, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had a restful and fun filled Spring Break. It's been very nice to see the students back and hear about their adventures over the break. Please take a look at some important information from the district, as well as upcoming school events and updates.

PARTIAL SOLAR ECLIPSE – APRIL 8, 2024



A partial solar eclipse will take place on Monday, April 8 and **schools will be open**. While this is an exciting astronomical event, it's important that students know not to look directly at the sun at any time to guard against temporary or permanent damage to their eyes.

During a solar eclipse, the moon moves between the sun and the earth, partially or completely blocking the Sun's rays. Looking at the eclipse directly, or through sunglasses, windows or a camera even for just a few seconds is not safe as the sun's intense radiation has the potential to cause eye damage.

In Delta, the solar eclipse is expected to begin at 10:42 a.m., peak at 11:30 a.m., and finish by 12:20 p.m. These times fall between recess and lunch and students will be safely inside the school. (<https://www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/in/canada/delta?iso=20240408>)

A safe way to view the eclipse is online at [NASA/Exploratorium livestream](#) or [Space.com](#). We have shared this link with teachers and are encouraging them to show their students this option of viewing the eclipse.

CITY OF DELTA MAYOR FOR A DAY CONTEST

The City of Delta is pleased to once again be launching their annual Mayor for a Day Contest—an exciting opportunity for local students in grades 5-7. The Mayor for a Day contest is a chance for Delta's youth to immerse themselves in a day of civic leadership. The aim is to foster a deeper connection with the community and inspire future leaders, in addition to providing a memorable educational experience.

Applications for the contest open on April 3, and the mayor invites you to encourage your students to apply for the program at delta.ca/MayorForADay. **The application deadline is Friday, April 26**, after which, two students will be invited to serve alongside Mayor Harvie as Mayor for a Day. The winning students will be notified of the date upon selection. While this contest gives youth the opportunity to take a look behind the scenes at City Hall, the mayor has always appreciated it as a way to meet with and learn from some of the thoughtful and inspiring students that call our community home. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the mayor's office if you have any questions.



DELTA DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE AND SOCIAL



The Delta District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) would like to invite all parents and caregivers to attend their Annual Open House and Social:

Date: Monday, April 8, 2024
Time: 7pm - 8:30pm
Location: School Board Office, 4585 Harvest Drive, Delta
Contact Name: Jennifer Rak, Chair, DPAC
Email: deltadpac@gmail.com
RSVP by: Friday, April 5th

This is an opportunity for parents, caregivers and those in our school community to meet district employees, community partners and of course, your DPAC Executives. The evening will start with short introductions before opening up the floor to socialize, gather information and enjoy a snack. Children are welcome since this will not be a formal meeting.

It is also the last meeting before the **DPAC AGM on Monday, May 13th** where the elections for the 2024/25 DPAC Executives will happen. If any parents or caregivers are looking to get more involved at the district level, this event will be an opportunity to speak to the DPAC Executives regarding positions and ask any questions they may have.

Please **RSVP** to deltadpac@gmail.com by **Friday, April 5.**

EQUITY AND JUSTICE ACTION PLAN OPPORTUNITY

Staff and parents from all backgrounds (that's you!) are invited to influence the draft Equity and Justice Action Plan in the Delta School District.

The District has drafted the Equity & Justice Action Plan based on the information shared in previous surveys regarding equity and systemic oppression. It's time to make sure this plan is the right plan for right now and your feedback is essential to do that. The goal? To make schools and the district a better environment for generations to come.

You are invited to participate in a 90-120 minute listening circle led by [Chanelle Tye Equity & Inclusion](#), an external EDI consulting team (that's us!). In the session, you will be asked to share your ideas and honest feedback about Delta's Equity & Justice Plan. Confidentiality is essential for something like this to work, so your personal information won't be shared with anyone who works in the school district office. We'll take extensive notes and present an anonymized report to Delta School District leadership.

An honorarium of \$100 will be provided for your time. Childcare and food will be provided, too.

Spaces are limited and we are committed to hearing from a diversity of voices and perspectives among those who attend listening sessions.

Listening sessions for staff will be in April and May at the [East Delta Community Hall](#). The Listening session for parents will be held at a secondary school in North Delta on Monday, April 29th.

[Register your interest here by Monday, April 15th, 2024.](#)

If you have any questions about the process, please contact us (the consultants) directly at hello@chanelletye.com.

Looking forward to hearing from you,
Chanelle
Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Advisor

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PAC NEWS

The PAC will be hosting a Spring Dance on April 19th, 2024! There will be two different times for different grade groups. Kindergarten – Grade 3 students times will be 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.. Grade 4 – Grade 7 students will be able to come from 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Tickets and concession are available on Munch a Lunch until April 15. You will also be able to purchase tickets to enter the dance at the door. An adult will need to accompany your child. There is no Drop Off.

The next PAC Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. Everyone is welcome and help is much appreciated for upcoming events at the school during our exciting last term.

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY REMINDER – 2023/2024

We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. Grade 4 and 7 students, as well as staff, will also be participating in the survey.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link without an logon code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until May 3rd.

Upcoming Events

Friday, April 12 th	Vaisakhi Assembly
Wednesday, April 17 th	Class Photo Day
	Early Dismissal for Student Led Conferences at 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 18 th	Early Dismissal for Student Led Conferences at 2:00 p.m.
Friday, April 19 th	PAC Spring Dance

Respectfully,

Mr. J. Mann
Principal

Ms. T. Sohal
Vice-Principal