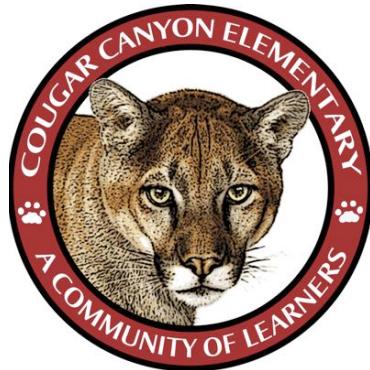


COUGAR NEWS

Calendar

- Sept. 26 Individual Photos
- Sept. 28 Terry Fox Run 1:30pm
- Sept. 29 Orange Shirt Day
Parent Tea (1:30pm)
- Oct. 6 PAC Mtg. 9:15am
Hot Lunch
- Oct. 9 Thanksgiving
- Oct. 11-13 Gr. 7 Outdoor School
- Oct. 11 Cross Country Meet- Sunshine Hills (3-5pm)
- Oct. 13 Gr. 6 Immunizations
- Oct. 18/19 Parent Teacher Conferences (2pm dismissal)
- Oct. 20 Pro-D Day (no school)
- Oct. 23 Pro-D Day (no school)
- Oct. 24 Photo Retakes



Principal's Message

First of all I would like to welcome everyone back to school. I'm so glad to finally meet all of our staff, students and parents. It is wonderful to see our school full of energy and eagerness to get started on what I anticipate will be an exciting school year. I feel privileged to be part of this school community and look forward to getting to know each and everyone of you. In particular I would like to welcome all of our new students here to Cougar Canyon. As a new principal to Cougar



Canyon it will take some time to get to know your names. I encourage parents and students to please introduce yourselves. My door is always open so please stop by if you have any questions or concerns.

New Staff

While most of the staff is returning from last year, there are a few new faces. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to the following new staff members:

Administrative Assistants: Ms. Gudmandson & Ms. Huffington-Thurston

Teachers: Ms. Copland - Gr. 3/4
Mrs. Stafford- Kindergarten
Ms. McKay -Kindergarten
Mrs. McBurney -Intermediate Resource Room
Ms. Jain - Primary Resource Room
Ms. Mann- Learning Support Teacher

School Counsellor:

Mrs. Lum

Speech & Language Pathologist:

Mrs. Kallo

Education Assistant:

Mrs. Squarebriggs

If Your Child is Absent

In order to ensure that your children get to school safely we phone home each morning to check on those students who are absent from school and whose parents have not notified the school. Please make sure to contact the school to let us know if your child will be late or absent. You can do this by:

-sending a signed note to the office

-leaving a message on the **school's answering machine at 604-591-8676**. Please leave your child's name, teacher, division, date of absence and reason (e.g.type of illness, dates for vacation...)

Terry Fox Run

We will be participating in the annual Terry Fox Run Day on Thursday, Sept. 28th. We will be gathering in Terry's name to raise awareness of the fight against cancer and by raising money for cancer research.



All this week students will be collecting Toonies for Terry. I would like to thank the Cougar Canyon community for their support in sharing Terry's dream.

Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of *Phyllis' story* of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually.

This year, we are recognizing **Orange Shirt Day on Friday, September 29th** in the Delta School District. Students are encouraged to **wear an Orange Shirt** this Friday.

Parent Tea

The Cougar Canyon Parent's Advisory Council will be having a Parents Tea on **Friday, September 29th at 1:30pm** in the school library. We hope to see you there!



Cross Country Challenge

Students in grades 3-7 are invited to join our Cougar Canyon Cross Country Team. Practices will take place during lunch hour on Wednesdays and Thursday from now until mid October. After school on Wednesday, October 11th, Sunshine Hills will be hosting its 16th Annual Cross Country Challenge. Students on the Cross Country Team are encouraged to come out for this fun and challenging event. Students from all around the district will be there. More information regarding Cross Country and this event will be coming home with students interested in joining the Cross Country Team.

Parent Connect

A link to Parent Connect can be found in the parent section on our school website. **Please make sure that all phone numbers for you and all your emergency contacts are up to date.** In an emergency it can be very distressing especially for young students if we are unable to contact you. Kindergarten parents should be receiving information on how to ‘sign in’ shortly. If you need assistance please contact the office. **Please see below (last page) for important information on ONLINE FORMS that MUST be filled in on Parent Connect. With walking field trips already planned it is important that these consent forms are completed by September 29th.**

Accessing Parent Connect:

Welcome to Parent Connect, an online information portal that allows you to monitor your child’s school records and attendance, and update demographic information, emergency and out of province contacts. The system can be accessed from anywhere you have Internet access.

* Note: The system is hosted on the school district’s server and has the same security measures applied to it as our payroll system. The ‘S’ at the end of the ‘https://’ notifies you that this is a secured site. You will also see an icon of a padlock on either the top or bottom bar of your browser. This indicates that the information you enter will be encrypted for security.

Parent Connect will allow you to review your child’s:

- Attendance – in real-time for the current day and previous days and years
- Report card marks, interim marks and comments, where appropriate
- History of final grades and transcripts for all previous years while in the Delta School District

- Demographics - address, guardian and emergency contact information, bussing route
- Parent-Teacher-Interview times
- Student Individual Education Plan (IEP) documents
- Send messages to the teacher, the principal or the office
- Print your child's schedule, transcript, attendance, report cards and student profile information
- Update the guardian information (e.g. cell phone numbers, employer name, email)
- Update emergency contact information (e.g. emergency contact, doctor, dentist)

Accessing Parent Connect

1. Open your web browser (e.g. Internet Explorer, Firefox) and go to the district website at <http://web.deltasd.bc.ca/content/resources/forparents/parentconnect>
2. On the displayed page, there are two options for accessing Parent Connect
 - a. Using the student's Provincial Education Number (PEN)
 - b. Using your email account as defined on the student's record**
3. **We suggest that you use the option b** (using your email account) and bookmark the Parent Connect site and add it to your Favorites for quicker access in the future.

Common problems trying to sign in are:

- accidentally mixing up one child's PEN or password with another child's PEN or password
- entering a wrong postal code or email address; this may be due to you accidentally typing it in wrong or perhaps the school accidentally entered it wrong in the student system; if this happens please check with the school to ensure the email and/or postal code against your name is correct
- Caps Lock is on

Forgot Your Password?

If you have never signed on before and do not know your password, or you have already been on the system and just forgot your password, you can ask the system to email you the password. Passwords are sent to the parent email addresses defined on the child's student record. To have the password emailed to you, click on the "Forgot My Password" link next to the Password box. A popup screen will be displayed. Depending on which access option you originally selected, the popup box will either ask for your email address OR your child's PEN (or Student Number) and Postal Code. In order to get the popup to display on your screen, your browser must allow popups (instructions on how to turn off the popup blocker for your particular browser can be found by clicking on the POPUP tab).



Permission Forms Information

The following forms have been posted on **Parent Connect** for you to review and authorize. Please login to your Parent Connect account, review the notices and select the appropriate response to each form. It is mandatory that all forms be reviewed and responded to by your child's parent/guardian by September 30.

Personal Information Consent Form

In accordance with the *BC Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the Board of Education of School District No. 37 is seeking your consent to collect, retain, use and disclose photographs, videos, images and/or names of students and groups of students in a variety of publications and on the School District's website(s) for educational purposes.

Outside Media In Schools

Media (including radio, television, newspapers, and other print and online media) are sometimes permitted or invited to come to the school or to school activities and allowed to take photos/video or conduct interviews with students, for the purposes of promoting public understanding of school programs, building public support for public education, and encouraging student achievement.

Electronic Communications

Canada's new anti-spam legislation requires us to obtain your consent in order to provide you with electronic information about many of the happenings and events occurring at your child's school or within our school district.

Walking Field Trips Permission

During the school year, teachers may take students for excursions in and around our neighborhood. The teacher will provide supervision on these neighborhood trips, with the assistance of parent volunteers, as required. When longer trips involving travel outside our local area are planned, you will be informed in writing and will be asked to sign a separate permission slip for each trip.

B.C. Fruit and Vegetable Program Permission

Our school is involved in a province-wide healthy living initiative sponsored by B.C. Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation and ActNowBC. One of the goals is to encourage healthy eating by providing fresh B.C. fruits and vegetables to the students during classroom time. The students will receive picked, washed, and ready to enjoy produce every other week at no charge.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, PLEASE ALSO REVIEW AND VERIFY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON PARENT CONNECT:

Demographic Information

Please take a moment to review your demographic information on Parent Connect. Update as necessary your cell phone number(s), email address(es) and emergency contacts. If you have a change to your address and/or home phone number, please call your school, or send a note to the office.

Student Emergency Release

In the event of an emergency resulting in school closure during the school day, and you are unable to collect your child(ren) from school, you authorize the release of your child(ren) into the custody of temporary adult guardians. The Out-of-Province contact name and telephone number would be used if local telephone service is disrupted.

***IMPORTANT* - ONCE ALL OF THE ABOVE FORMS AND INFORMATION ARE REVIEWED AND/OR UPDATED, PLEASE SELECT THE APPROPRIATE FORM RESPONSE ON PARENT CONNECT.**

To access Parent Connect, go to <http://web.deltasd.bc.ca/content/resources/forparents/parentconnect>

Detailed instructions on using Parent Connect are available by selecting the "Help" button on the Parent Connect Sign In screen.