



Dolphin Ripples



From the Principal

Equipping Children for Life

Last week Friday we had the opportunity to practice creation care in a wonderful way. Grade one through seven went to Tsawwassen First Nations to clean up the shore and beach on the north side of the B.C. Ferry causeway. The students, teachers and many parents spent about an hour and a half picking up trash from the beach, the shoreline beside the causeway, and the dike protecting the land. Before we left we had collected a small mountain of garbage that we estimated to be about 240 lbs. of trash. During the walk, the students also discovered animals and vegetation that live in this beautiful area. Several of the highlights for the students was finding a seal carcass, an old tire, a big piece of drywall, shells and beach glass. We take creation care seriously at Delta Christian School. One of our middle school H.E.A.R.T.S. committees takes the leadership in our paper recycling program. Throughout the school the upper grades are also responsible for picking up garbage on the school grounds, at McGee Park and along 53A Street. The grade 7 class also recycles empty juice and pop containers which you can drop off at the school throughout the year. The school staff, as well, seeks out ways to reduce paper usage through the activities they plan, the ways that they file, and the communications they send. Our goal is to show our gratitude to our Creator through caring for the creation.

Last week Friday night we held our first middle school camp-in. The students and their teachers enjoyed swimming after school, pizza for dinner, games, worship time and a movie and snack before going to sleep. The next morning a group of parents made an awesome pancake breakfast and the students worked on several crafts and played some more games before heading home at noon. The students and teachers loved their camp-in and plan to do a few more, and the parents appreciated their date night.

Thank you for responding to our need for homestay families. We are still looking for a few more families to host a homestay student for our upcoming short term international education program. We are looking for room and board from Sunday, October 13 through Wednesday, October 23. The student would participate in normal family life including going to church with your family, you would also be responsible for providing a separate bedroom, meals including a packed lunch for school days, and transportation to and from Delta Christian School. All of the students are girls, about 16 years old, and you would receive room and board of \$30 tax free income per day if you participate in this short term homestay program. Please contact Maria Staunton at mariastauntonhomestayfamilies@gmail.com.

DCS Mission Statement

Equipping children for life through a Christ-centered curriculum that promotes intellectual, social, physical and spiritual excellence for the purpose of training our children to serve God and to become faithful stewards of God's world.

2013
Delta
Christian
School
Theme

Living
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Announcements

Dates to Remember

Oct. 10-11—No School

Teachers' Convention

Oct. 14— No School

Thanksgiving Day

Terry Fox Run

Thank you to all!

We raised \$453.25

The **Dolphin Ripples** newsletter is published on Tuesdays and a pdf copy is put on the school website with a link sent to you via email.

Our school website is www.deltachristianschool.org. To access the parent-only area on our website, please click the link at the top of the webpage that says 'Parent', the password is **dolphins**. Once you have logged in you will have access to parent only information such as newsletters, the school directory, photo gallery. If you have any questions or problems accessing the Parent-only area, please email the school and we will be happy to help you.

Marian van Tol (secretary & webpage administrator) - deltachristian@telus.net

Delta Christian School is a nut & peanut free environment.



Uniforms

The uniforms are really starting to come together and the students look fabulous! For your information, Cambridge is offering a special group rate of \$70 for their black jackets. These are really nice and are both lined and waterproof. A sample of various sizes will be available at DCS from September 30th—October 3rd for students to try on.

Jai Leggatt (Uniform Coordinator) dcsuniforms@gmail.com

Chapel

Sept. 26: Theme Chapel: Earth Keeping

Oct 10: - No school

Important:

Chapels are held on Thursdays from 2:10 - 2:55 pm
Come join us.



Middle School Camp In



Highlights of the September 17, 2013 School Board Meeting

- School Board member Angela Nottingham opened the meeting in a short devotional and prayer. The school board m/s/c to adopt the agenda without additions and m/s/c to approve the minutes of the previous school board meeting.
- Board member Deborah Broznitsky and the principal were tasked with reviewing the new format of the SCSBC contract templates and report back the school board at the November school board meeting.
- The school board recognized the efforts of the Maintenance Committee for all of the capital improvements of the last few months. The Maintenance Committee will submit a report at the October board meeting regarding options for the Outdoor Classroom. Several board members will follow leads on repairing the school field.
- The principal reported on the daily affairs of the school, a fund raising proposal from PAC, hosting a group of international students from Japan for two weeks in October, and presented a FISA document on procedural fairness for discussion at the next board meeting.
- It was reported that the SCSBC religious percentage forms were completed. The Treasurer will contact SCSBC to clarify the report.
- A complete budget forecast for the balance of the 2013/2014 school year will be provided by the Finance Committee at the next Board meeting.
- The Development Committee reported that the search for a School Advancement Coordinator is ongoing and that the committee is preparing to begin the Fall Drive. The board m/s/c to offer Free Kindergarten for the 2014/2015 school year.
- The Admissions Committee reported its need for additional members to conduct interviews.
- The school board requests that the Education Committee submit a final recommendation on the appropriate technology platform (SMART Board, Apple TV, or other) for the school going forward.
- A Purchasing Protocol that establishes that DCS will endeavor to obtain at least 2 quotes for projects with a cost greater than \$7,500 prior to seeking Board approval was m/s/c.
- The Board discussed recent news item regarding a private school in Delta and a transgender student. The principal will address this topic at the SCSBC Administrators meeting on Oct 26th to determine if collective guidance can be established for dealing with such an issue should it arise at DCS.
- The board Secretary will forward the minutes of the AGM to the auditor.
- The principal will discuss managing traffic flow in the Kiss and Go area with Wind and Tide staff. A Maintenance Committee member will put up signs in the parking lot to facilitate the school's parking procedures.
- The school board m/s/c a policy that DCS only accepts designated gifts when specifically requested, otherwise gifts are attributed to the greatest need of DCS as determined by the board.
- The school board held a brief "in camera" meeting.



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DCS Vision Statement

We, at Delta Christian School, together with the home and church, seek to equip and nurture our children for a life of joyful Christian service based on God's Word. We strive to create an environment in which each person can discover and celebrate their uniqueness, and appreciate the gifts and needs of others. Our children are led to discover the wonders of God's creation, to develop a Christian perspective of life and to critically weigh the issues of the day. Recognizing our God-given responsibility, it is our purpose to train our children to serve God and neighbor, and to educate them to be faithful stewards of God's world.

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