



Holly Elementary School

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What's Happening

April	
27	Grade 7 Trade & Technical Career Fair (10:50 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.)
27	Bingo Packs & Food Vouchers Go Home
28	Cupcakes Drop Off to Computer Room for Judging (8:45-9:00 a.m.)
28	Family Bingo Night (Doors open at 5:45 p.m. Food can be picked up between 5:45-6:30, games start at 6:45 & bingo starts at 7pm!)
May	
1	Author Visit – Holman Wang (9:15-10:15 a.m. primary & 11:00-12:00 p.m. Intermediate)
3	Red Cross Babysitting (1:45 -3:45 p.m. MPR)
3	Mini Meet (3:15-4:15 p.m. DSS)
8	Fruit & Vegetable Program (Mini Peppers)
10	Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs/Sushi
10	Spring Plant Pick up (1:30-3:30 p.m. MPR)
10	Red Cross Babysitting (1:45 -3:45 p.m. Room 101)
11	Regional Track Meet at DSS (Alternate Date May 12 at DSS)
May – Dates to keep in mind....	
16	PAC General Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
18	District Track Meet at SDSS
19	Non Instructional Day (NO SCHOOL) (Day in Lieu)
22	Victoria Day
23	Starting with Stories (Children in the MPR and Parents in the Library)
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Posted on Web Site

- ✓ Parent Information Form – Class Placements 2017/18
- ✓ Application Form – On-Call Noon Supervisors/Crossing Guard

Family Bingo Night

In past years, the major PAC fundraiser alternated between the Parent Dance and the Spring Fair. However, when our PAC put out a parent survey, it was clear that you preferred a family event. As such, we are excited to announce that this year we will be hosting a **FAMILY BINGO NIGHT** on Friday, April 28th.



If you haven't pre-ordered your Bingo supplies, please note you can still purchase Bingo supplies and treats at the event. If you pre-ordered food, it will be available for pick up between 5:45-6:30, first game of Heads & Tails will be at 6:45 & bingo starts at 7pm!

The Bingo Night will be held in conjunction with a raffle, just like the one last year. The winners of the raffle will be drawn at the event. This fun night will be held in the Holly gym. We will provide a concession and sell all that you need for a fun night of bingo... and yes, there will be **prizes!** Invite your neighbours and your friends!

As with all such events, our PAC will need your help. Currently there is still a need for people interested in lending a hand at the event. This is the **main PAC fundraiser for Holly this year.** Your volunteerism will ensure that this event is successful. All funds raised go to support many of the activities and programs students enjoy here at our school.

Kindly email info@hollypac.ca to let organizers know where you would like to be involved.

Thank you in advance!

Now Hiring: Adult Crossing Guard

We are looking to hire a new adult crossing guard for the crossing at Ladner Trunk Road and 62nd St effective as soon as can be arranged. Hours are 8:20 am - 8:50 am (M-F) and 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm (M,T, Th, F) and 1:30 pm - 2:00 pm (W).



Crossing guards would be responsible for correct use of safety equipment and must have a good working knowledge of traffic patterns around the school to ensure students can safely get to and from school.

If you are interested in applying, please complete the [application form](#) (available on the school website under the PARENT tab), including references, and return to the Holly Elementary Office as soon as possible.

Planning For Next Year



At this time of year, we spend a lot of energy preparing for the next school year. You can help us in the following ways:

Your Child's Class

The staff will soon be planning next year's classes. We want you to know that when students are assigned to new classes by their teachers many factors are considered. *We always try to place students in the class where we believe they will experience the most success.*

This is an important decision and if you have information about your child that you would like us to consider, please:

- complete a "[Parent Information Form](#)" and return it to the office **no later than Tuesday, May 23rd.** Please keep in mind that this information **will be shared with all staff members** and considered when putting together next year's classes.
- be reminded, while friendships are important, not all friends can be placed together and in many cases doing so is not conducive to the learning situation. However, good friendships can and do continue outside on the playground;
- also, take into consideration that since some of our classes are combined (split), many students may be placed in a combined class more than once during their elementary years.
- note that it is not possible for parents to choose their child's teacher

Please remember that we have many considerations in placing students.

Traffic Safety

Thank you to all drivers for slowing down and being cautious for pedestrians in our school zone. We appreciate the smiles and waves for our crossing guards – especially on cooler/wetter days!

Now that the weather is more cooperative, it has been wonderful to see more students on bicycles, scooters, inline skates, and skateboards on their way to and from school. Helmets are mandatory and please remember that school grounds are a 'Walk Zone' to keep all types of pedestrians safe on the crosswalks, paved pathways and playground areas.

Several students have been seen crossing in between the crossing guards – after the turf field – on 62nd St. Please use road sense and only cross the street at the supervised crosswalks when entering and leaving the school grounds. It is very busy on 62nd St. before and after school.

Please review basic traffic safety with your child to make sure that everyone stays safe.



Holman Wang – Author Visit



Holman Wang is a local author, illustrator, lawyer, father, and former teacher. He and his twin brother Jack have been writing and illustrating books as a team since the third grade. They create needle felted characters out of wool for famous stories we all know and love, like The Wizard of Oz and Star Wars, and tell each story in only 12 words! Holman loves sharing his hand-made creations and the story of his creative process. He will be joining us at Holly

Elementary on Monday, May 1st to share his stories with the primary (9:15-10:15am) and intermediate (11:00-12:00pm) students.

Dress Up Days

Don't forget to wear your Star Wars costumes/t-shirts on Monday May 1st and Thursday May 4th (no replica weapons please) to help celebrate "May the Fourth Be With You" and Holman's Star Wars stories!



Red Cross Babysitting Course

Beginning May 3rd, there will be an opportunity for students in grades 6-7 to take this course at Holly. It will run for four consecutive Wednesdays from 1:45-3:45 p.m. Babysitting with First Aid Hero emphasizes learning through real life scenarios. Information covered includes: exploring the business of babysitting, creating safe environments, safely caring for ages 0-12, and first aid skills.

Dates: May 3, 10, 17, 24, from 1:45-3:45 p.m.

The cost of the course is \$60 + GST.

For online registration go to <http://www.firstaidhero.com/babysitting-vancouver.html>

Spring Plant Fundraiser

IN TIME FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Plants will be ready for **pick up on WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 at 1:30-3:30 p.m.** in the Multi-Purpose Room.



Electronic Recycling Contest

Holly is participating in the second annual ElectroRecycle Round-up as a green initiative to reduce the amount of electronic devices in the landfill.

Products such as personal care items, kitchen countertop appliances, power-tools, exercise equipment, heating and cooling appliances are accepted.

Top 10 items that are usually recycled are:

1. Vacuums
2. Fans
3. Toasters
4. Blenders
5. Hair Dryers
6. Microwaves
7. Coffee Makers
8. Shavers
9. Toothbrushes
10. Hand-held drills

Electronics such as televisions and computers are part of Return-It and will not be accepted by ElectroRecycle. A bin will be available to drop off unwanted electrical appliances at Holly from May 1-5th

Last Year Collected 1952 kg

2ND ANNUAL RECYCLING ROUND-UP CHALLENGE May 1st to May 5th

Bring in your broken or unwanted small appliances and power tools and your school could win:

\$1000 towards green initiatives. Pizza Party

For more information on accepted products visit ElectroRecycle.ca

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RECYCLE. REUSE. PROGRESS



Track and Field Season



Track season has arrived! Students in grades 4–7 have been training hard, rain or shine.

Thank you to all of our coaches (teachers, parents, and grandparents!) for organizing our largest school team of the year!

The **Mini Sprint Meet** will be held on **Wednesday, May 3rd** at Delta Secondary. The Mini Meet is focused on allowing students to practice the 60m sprint, 60m shuttle relay and 100m sprint only. This will help to prepare our athletes for the Ladner Regional Meet on May 11th. Thank you to all of the parents for driving and making the time to support our athletes.

The **Regional Track Meet** will be held on **Thursday, May 11th** at Delta Secondary. An alternate date in case of heavy rain/wind is Friday, May 12th (please listen to CKNW that morning for cancellations). A permission form will be sent home with participating athletes on Thursday, May 4th. These forms are due Friday, May 5th in order to organize rides. We will need parent drivers for this event and also to help supervise throughout the day. An order of events will be attached to the permission form. Events begin at 9:30 am (sharp) and should conclude by 3:00 pm. We hope that you will stay and cheer for our athletes.

On May 11th, students should report to their classroom for attendance and track meet participants will be called to the gym for final information and assignment to drivers. **Parent drivers** need to be here **no later than 8:45 am** and **please remain outside the main school door while students are organized in the gym**. We will be leaving before 9:00 am. Students who are not participants in the Track Meet are expected to attend school as usual.

Some things for competitors to remember:

- Students are to be on their best behaviour. This is a school day and track team members are representing Holly. All students are expected to cheer on our athletes from our spot on the hill.
- School Location – look for our school banner near the 60m Start Line. Stay in this area all day except when **at your event** (running events marshal in middle of track), at the **washroom** (by long jump pits), or at the concession (by high school) - notify a teacher before you go - **then come back to the school group**.
- All students are to **stay off the infield** unless their event has been announced. Students must walk around the infield to use the washroom, go to the concession or go to a field event.
- The high school is out of bounds.
- **Clothing** – shorts, t-shirt (uniforms will be handed out for events and collected directly after each event for redistribution) and runners (**double knotted**) for all events. No hats are to be worn during an event.
- **Be prepared** for wet weather first, then sun. It is strongly recommended that students have a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and a water bottle. Students should be prepared for cool weather by wearing layers. An extra garbage bag is also necessary for sitting on the grass and can be used in case of wet weather.
- **Before your event:** Warm Up – short jog (even field events), gently stretch.
- **Lunch** – Please pack a nutritious lunch, high-energy snack & water bottle/drinks for your child. Students should avoid eating or drinking 30 minutes before their event. It is best to eat small amounts of your lunch throughout the day. Food may be purchased at the concession.
- Our entire area has to be cleaned up before dismissal. Please lend a hand to make it easier for everyone. All garbage is to be placed in garbage bags provided.
- **At dismissal time**, students are to have their name checked off with the teachers on the hill to let them know how they are getting home.
- **Above all, have FUN!!** Try your very best!! CHEER your competitors' efforts!! Show good sportsmanship and good attitude at all times!!

The **District Track Meet** will take place on **Thursday, May 18th** at SDSS for those students that qualify. This event will take place rain or shine.

Thank you for your support.

Parent Survey

Dear Parents:

The Indigenous Education Department is conducting a survey to hear the voices of the families with Indigenous ancestry to hear your thoughts for the future of Indigenous Education. This survey has 16 questions and should take approximately 10 minutes of your time. Your comments will be used to help us develop a new Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement (AEEA).

If you have already completed the survey, thank you. Your name will be entered into a draw for a mini i-pad to be drawn at an upcoming community gathering on May 31, 2017. *More information on this will follow shortly.*

If you have **not** completed the survey, you still have time to fill it out and enter into the draw for a mini iPad. Here is the link for the survey:

[Parent Survey](#)

If you would prefer to get in touch with the Indigenous Education Department at a time that is more convenient for you, please call Diane Jubinville, District VP, Indigenous Education at 604-952-5058 or email:

djubinville@deltasd.bc.ca

Police Day



The poster is a collage of images and text. At the top left is the Delta School District logo. To its right, the words "POLICE DAY" are written in large, bold, white letters on a dark grey background. Below this, a photo shows a German Shepherd dog lying on a mat. To the right of the dog photo, a green box contains the text "Thursday May 19th 2016". Below the dog photo, the event location and time are listed: "North Delta Recreation Centre, 11415 84th Avenue, Delta, 11am - 7pm". To the right of the location text is a photo of a person in a bear costume. Below the location text is a photo of a police helicopter at night. To the right of the helicopter photo is a list of activities. At the bottom left, a green box contains the text "Bring the family for entertainment, raffle prizes, demonstrations, displays and more!". At the bottom of the poster are logos for "CRIME PREVENTION", "Transit POLICE", and two police crests.

POLICE DAY

Thursday
May 19th
2016

North Delta
Recreation Centre
11415 84th Avenue, Delta
11am - 7pm

Bring the family for
entertainment, raffle prizes,
demonstrations, displays and
more!

- Emergency Response Team
Tactical Armoured Vehicle
11am - 3pm
- Integrated K9 Unit demo
1pm & 3pm
- RCMP Air One 11:30am
- ICBC Driving Simulator -
3:30pm - 6:30pm
- Academy of Martial Arts
demo - 4:30pm
- Deas Island RCMP
- Transit Police
- CN Police

CRIME PREVENTION

Transit POLICE

Sincerely,

Mr. B. Thompson
Principal

Ms. D. Palmer
Vice-Principal