

PENDER SCHOOL NEWS

February 23, 2010

The week of February 22nd to 25th is a **Monday to Thursday** week.

The week of March 1st to 4th is a **Monday to Thursday** week.

Please forward your comments or questions to the office for any area of the school and our daily activities. Child oriented news items are welcome for our Newsletter!

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, March 2nd, and

Wednesday, March 3rd, 2010

Friday, March 5th through to

Sunday, March 21st, 2010

Wednesday, March 17th and

Friday, March 19th, 2010

- District Retreat (SSI)
- Spring Break (School closed to all users)
- Paralympic Sledge Hockey during March Break
If interested, please call.



Pender Grades 4, 5 and 7 visited the Bloedel Conservatory and attended a curling event at Queen Elizabeth Park in Vancouver

PARALYMPICS – March 17th and 19th (Sledgehockey)

Last week letters were sent home with each student who did not attend any of the Olympic venues asking if families would like to attend the Paralympics in March. There is a limited number of tickets and families need to respond early in order to get some. Please call Karen at (250) 629-3711 to let us know if you wish to be included. Preference will be given to those families whose children have not attended an event.

LINK TO REPORT CARD INFO

As we approach the second reporting period, and having been party to a lively PAC discussion about the school district's new report card format, introduced here last fall, it occurs to us that parents might appreciate this link to report card information on the district website:

<http://sd64.bc.ca/achievement/index.html>. If you'd like a hard copy, please let us know.

PENDER GALLERY



Rowan's game attracts some before-school attention



Jeffrey pauses to admire Primary students pavement art.



Tim Frick snapped this great shot when the Grades 4,5, and 7 went to their Olympic Curling Event.



Destin and a member of the SIMS boys team struggle for control of the ball.



Pender and Phoenix battle it out.



Jarod dives for the ball as Destin and Nathan look on.

BASKETBALL ACTION

The grade 6/7/8 basketball team experienced their first action of the year at the Salt Spring Island Middle School on Monday with a three game outing. The squad of 16 keen basketball players gradually improved their individual and team play throughout the day, beginning with a 65-23 victory over Phoenix Elementary. The competition gradually got stronger as the Middle School girls and boys traveling teams provided experienced and skilled opposition. We lost 22-40 and 10-78 respectively but then held a brief lead in a final mini-game before dropping an 8-14 decision. Despite the scores in the final games our play continued to improve and our enthusiasm for playing the game remained strong. Afterwards the team decided that while we worked well as a team and communicated well from the bench, we needed to work harder at practice on our individual defensive positioning, our intensity during drills and the execution of our offensive principles. Thanks to the parents for driving and spending the entire day on the gym bleachers! Our fans were really supportive and many former Pender students dropped by at lunch time to cheer on the team. The coaches felt that the platoons of players that entered the games each quarter throughout the day did a really good job of knowing their positions and staying focused. When asked if anyone wanted to play one more game (i.e. the final mini-game), the team erupted in a raucous and emphatic chorus of "I do, I do". Overall, a really positive day for our students and a great learning experience.

Thanks to coaches Tim Frick, Mike Wiley and Richard Philpot, and to the accompanying parent/supervisors, for your contributions to the success of the day; and thanks for donating your ferry reimbursements to the Team Uniform fund!

SCHOOL DISTRICT 64 (GULF ISLANDS) DISTRICT RETREAT – MARCH 2 AND 3, 2010

A number of parents have expressed an interest in attending the District Retreat this year. Those parents not involved in PAC, DPAC or the School Planning Council are also invited to attend. The registration forms are available in the office on the counter if you would like to attend. There will be a nominal fee charged for those not attending as a group representative. More information about the retreat and accommodation (if required) is available on the district site under "Annual District Retreat Info" on the home page.