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# Mission Secondary Newsletter

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## School Hours

8:44 am – Warning Bell  
8:47 – 10:04 - First class  
10:10 – 11:27 – Second class  
11:27 – 12:10 – Lunch  
12:10 pm – Warning Bell  
12:16 – 1:33 – Third Class  
1:39 – 2:55 – Fourth class

Following the final bell of the day, school buses are loaded very promptly at the bus loop on the east side of the building. The office is open 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The month of April was extremely busy for students and staff of Mission Secondary. Our Grads are busy with fundraising in preparation for our Prom and Dry Grad evening, May 28, 2010 at Swan-E-Set Golf and Country Club. Our Dry Grad committee has been working extremely hard to raise funds for the Dry Grad event and I know it will be a huge success.

The French Immersion students performed very well in a public speaking competition. Some of our grade 12 students were interviewed for Mission Foundation scholarships and I know they did extremely well. This year we will have forty students write Advanced Placement exams starting the week of May 4. Our staff has worked long hours preparing these students to write the exams and I would like to give a big thanks to the staff for giving up their time to run extra tutorials for the students. The grade seven transition program kicked off with a bar-b-que followed by an afternoon of information workshops. It was a huge success and a job well done by everyone involved.

The Fine Arts department is also very busy. Ms. Brown Evans and the Theatre Production class are preparing for our Annual Shakespearean production. Please come out and support our actors and actresses.

Finally, with the arrival of better weather, we will all need to encourage our students to stay focused, complete their homework and have a great fourth term.

Sincerely,

Jim Pearce  
Principal



## International Department

We are currently looking for quality home stay families to provide room and board for elementary or secondary International students. These paid positions are a wonderful opportunity to learn about another culture.

For more details, please contact:

Judy Kellington at  
604-826-6286 ext 322

Home Stay applications are available at the Board of Education Office  
33046 Fourth Avenue,  
Mission, BC V2V 1S5

## RJ News

Every year Mission Secondary's Restorative Justice Class has a Global Initiative. This year we are sponsoring a "Coffee House Concert" on May 13th at 6:30pm at Mission Secondary. A number of acoustic bands will be entertaining the audience and coffee and cake will be served. Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$5 for Elders and Youth. All proceeds are to benefit those who survived the Haiti Earthquake. Please join us for this very important event and enjoy an evening of relaxing music and refreshments.

## Career Center News

1. Grade 12's – it's not too late to apply to most colleges and universities ☺ But you should do it NOW!
2. PSI – Grade 12's who have applied to a post-secondary institution MUST register immediately in order for the college or university to have access to their marks in May: [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/)
3. Grade 11's can apply to Thompson Rivers University between May 1<sup>st</sup> & June 15<sup>th</sup> for Fall 2011 entry. Students with a B average, based on English 11 and three additional academic courses, will be awarded Advanced Priority Registration for their selection of courses for Fall 2011–Winter 2012 semesters. Wouldn't it be great to be accepted into university while you're still in Grade 11? Check out TRU's website to apply: [www.tru.ca](http://www.tru.ca)
4. The University of Victoria invites Grade 11 & 12 students and their parents to "Experience UVic" on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. This popular fun, one day event provides opportunities to find out about life at UVic. Check their website for more information: <http://transition.uvic.ca/experience/>
5. Volunteers are needed for the Fraser Valley Children's Festival on Sunday, June 13 at Heritage Park. This is a great way for students to get their Graduation Transition Volunteer Requirement. Sign up in the Career Centre or email Mrs. Janzen.
6. The FOODSAFE Level 1 course is available online through a partnership between FOODSAFE Secretariat and Open School BC. Visit [www.openschool.bc.ca/foodsafe/infopage.html](http://www.openschool.bc.ca/foodsafe/infopage.html) for information.

Linda Janzen, Career Advisor

## Dry Grad Update

Prom and Dry Grad are fast approaching and everyone is getting excited. We have been planning for Dry Grad for approximately 6 months with many activities and fundraisers happening. Our goal this year was to raise \$20,000 and to date we have approximately \$15,000. This money will go towards the evening as a whole. We want to make this event exciting and fun for all of the 2010 MSS Grads.

Some of the few fundraisers that we have done are: Poinsettia and Krispee Kremes, Bottle Drive in early January, Burger and Beverage Night in February, Bottle Drive in early April and the car wash on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

We have some on-going fundraisers: the Money Raffle and Plant Sale, and the Car Wash was held at Paramount Auto Body on South Fraser Way in Abbotsford. A huge thanks to the Macleod's for letting us use their place of business to hold this event.

One event that is on-going is the Dry Grad donation through the Best Foundation through the Mission School District. Donations forms can be picked up and dropped off at the school office. Any money that you donate will receive a tax receipt in the mail. No amount is too small and all is appreciated.

All of these events have been successful. We want to thank the Grade 12 students that have been coming out to help with the fundraisers. You have been great; let's keep it up!

We are looking for support in running the dry grad evening. If you are able to help out, please come to our next meeting which takes place on May 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the library.

## CALLING ALL FAMILY MEMBERS!

A Family Support Service Plan is being developed by Fraser Health Mental Health & Addictions.

If you are a family member, or a person supporting a loved one in their life with mental illness, we would appreciate your ideas, thoughts and feedback. **YOUR input will help design a plan to enhance the capacity of family members to participate effectively in the treatment process with their loved one.**

You can provide your input in one of two ways:

1. **Attend a focus group in the Abbotsford/Mission area**

**Topic: Strengthening Family Support Services**

**When: Thurs. May 13th, 6:00 pm – 8:45 pm**

**Where: 2776 Bourquin Cresc., Abbotsford**

**(Communitas Supportive Care Society)**

**\*\*Food and drinks will be provided**

\*\*\*Focus groups will also be held in other communities in Fraser Health.

**You must pre-register to attend the focus group.** To register or obtain information on other focus groups, please call: Renee German – Chairperson - Abbotsford Mental Health & Addictions Advisory Committee

at: 778-878-9855, or email address: [reneegerman@telus.net](mailto:reneegerman@telus.net)

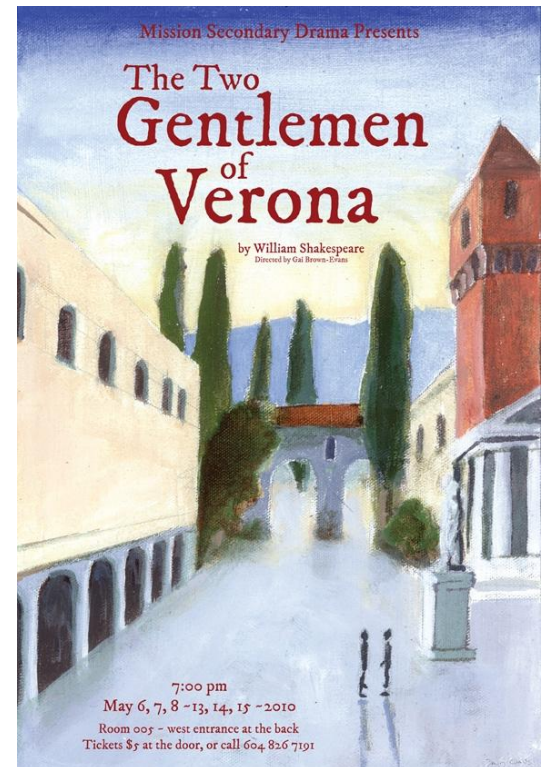
2. Go online and fill out an anonymous survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FSSPFamilyMembersSurvey>

(The survey can be accessed between May 13th and June 13th)



## Drama News



'The Two Gentlemen of Verona' runs May 6-8 and 13-15 at 7 pm in the drama portable. Tickets cost \$5 each and are available at the school office or by calling and reserving at the school, as well as in the drama portable or at the door, contingent upon availability.

## Grade 12's – Important Notice! Post Secondary Institutions (PSIs)

All Grade 12 students who are planning to attend a Post Secondary Institution (University, College, etc.) after grade 12, **MUST** arrange for their final transcript to be accessible by the Post Secondary Institutions. This "online" process **MUST** be completed ASAP!

Go to the following link and follow the instructions.

<https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student> (notice 'https' above)

You will require your STUDENT PEN NUMBER which is printed on each report card – upper left corner

Need help ...? See Mr. Love, Mrs. Shaw, or Mrs. Janzen.



### **School Calendar**

May 21	Non-instructional Day
May 24	Victoria Day
May 28	Prom & Dry Grad
June 3	Commencement 7:00 pm Clarke Theatre
June 7	Year end concert – all musical groups 7:00 pm
June 18	Last day of classes
June 21-23	Year end exams
June 21-29	Provincial Exams
June 29	Report Cards 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
June 30	Report Cards 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

### **Prom Aide**

If you are a student wishing to attend Prom but difficulty financing tickets, clothing, etc. is holding you back, please see Cyndi in the Counselling office. Help is available!

### **Mission Secondary School**

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We're on the Web!

See us at:  
<http://mss.mpsd.ca>

### **MISSION SOAPBOX 12th ANNUAL DERBY**



**RACES BOYS & GIRLS 8-14 yrs.  
HOT DOG EATING CONTEST**

**PUDDING EATING CONTEST  
TOTS & PARENTS RACE**

**SATURDAY JUNE 19, 2010  
START 9 am STAVE LAKE ST. & PRENTIS AVE.,  
MISSION**

**PRE-RACE & ENTRY DEADLINE:  
SUNDAY JUNE 6, 2010  
START 9am AT MISSION LEISURE CENTRE  
[www.missionsoapbox.com](http://www.missionsoapbox.com)  
[webinfo@missionsoapbox.com](mailto:webinfo@missionsoapbox.com)**