

# 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:

April was another busy month for students and staff of Mission Secondary. Our Grads have been very active with fundraising in preparation for our Prom and Dry Grad evening, May 23, 2014 at Swan-E-Set Golf and Country Club. The Dry Grad committee has been working extremely hard, and everybody is looking forward to this special event. Many parents attended our parent teacher interviews which took place on Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup>. If you did not get a chance to come in, report cards have now been sent home with students and you can still make an appointment to see a teacher.

The Fine Arts department is also very busy. Mrs. Brown and the Theatre Production class are preparing for our Annual Shakespearean production, "Much Ado About Nothing". Students and staff in our Fine Arts and Applied Skills departments are also busy preparing for the Applied Skills and Fine Arts Showcase, on May 14. The play is special because it will be the last one directed by Ms. Brown, who is retiring at the end of the year. The Showcase is special because we have not done one for a long time. We hope you will be able to attend both of these events.

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,

Brian Tucker  
Principal



## Bus Transportation for 2014-15

Families are advised that registration of students who will be seeking bus transportation for the 2014-15 school year will run from **April 22 through June 30, 2014**. In order to ride a district school bus all new and returning riders must register. School District policy applies to all applications and can be viewed here on our website.

Students that qualify to use district transportation services but who have not registered by June 30<sup>th</sup> will not be guaranteed a seat on a bus. Any registrations received after the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline will incur a **20% surcharge fee**.

Registration can be done in person at the School District Office at 33046 Fourth Ave during regular business hours 8:00am – 4:00pm M-F. If you are unavailable during those hours, alternate arrangements can be made by calling 604.826.6286 ext. 3246

## Grade 6/7 Orientation day

Thank you to all teachers who presented or opened classrooms for the Gr. 6/7 Orientation Day on April 4<sup>th</sup> and to MSS students who gave up their free time to do presentations, help set up, clean up and lead tours. Also, to the Education Assistants and staff who helped in all areas (especially Mike Johnston for his amazing BBQ skills). The afternoon went well, the presentations were amazing and the Gr 6's each left happily with a gift courtesy of the district aboriginal department.

## CAREER CENTRE NEWS

1. **Grade 12's** – it's not too late yet to apply to most colleges and universities ☺ But you should do it NOW! See Mrs. Janzen for more information.
2. **Grade 12's going to UFV:** Need help selecting courses for September? Still have some unanswered questions about going to UFV next year? **UFV Educational Advisors** will be at the school for individual 15 minute appointments between 11:00 am & 1:00 pm on:  
 Tuesday, May 6 @ MSS  
 Sign up for an appointment on the form posted on Mrs. Janzen's office door.
3. **Career Fair** for grade 10, 11 & 12 students with 15 different presenters, at MSS on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:15 – 7:30 pm.
4. Going to look for a summer job in the food industry? Getting the **FoodSafe** and / or **Serving It Right** certificates may improve your chances of being hired. The FOODSAFE Level 1 course information is available online at <http://www.foodsafe.ca>. The Serving It Right certificate course info is available online at: <http://www.go2hr.ca/serving.aspx>.
5. UFV's Pre-Med Student Assoc. would like to invite you to an information session about the requirements for medical school, etc. on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7 pm at the UFV Abbotsford Campus in room B132.

Linda Janzen, Career Advisor  
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## COMM REC TRIP

MSS Community Recreation just completed their annual trip to the Stein Valley (near Lytton, BC) from April 24-27. The trip took 4 days and 3 nights, and we hiked over 40km. This year we had 15 students and 5 adult chaperones. The hike follows the Stein River up the lower end of the Stein Valley. There is minimal elevation gain on this hike, however, it still presented a sufficient challenge for those who came on the hike. After having climbed the dreaded Devil's Staircase (a steep ascent over a huge rock bluff), the rest of the hiking trail was a gradual ascent up the valley. The trail is renowned for its cultural significance for the First Nations people in the area. The trail itself has been used as a trade route for hundreds, if not 1000s of years. We saw pictographs and evidence of culturally modified cedar trees. We spent a night camping at Earl's Cabin (a local trapper) and made it to just past the newly restored suspension bridge where 2 Mission students were brave enough to partake in the organized cliff jumping activity. The last night was spent with Mouat Secondary School from Abbotsford. The students partook in an Inuit leg wrestling game and ended the evening playing games around the fire. The weather was amazing and the students did an awesome job. So proud of you MSS Comm Rec!



## Trip to Vancouver Art Gallery

Photo 11/12 students were fortunate enough to visit Vancouver Art Gallery on April 7th and with the guidance of gallery docents visited the Edward Byrtynsky show. His work talks about the ravages of our environment around the globe and in a starkly reflective way brings us to think about the damage we are all complicit in through the conscious choices we make daily.



Mission Potter Molly Magid very graciously offered her services to Ceramics 11/12 students on April 4th in the form of a workshop. Students were shown how Molly works with wet clay to make a unique treasure box.

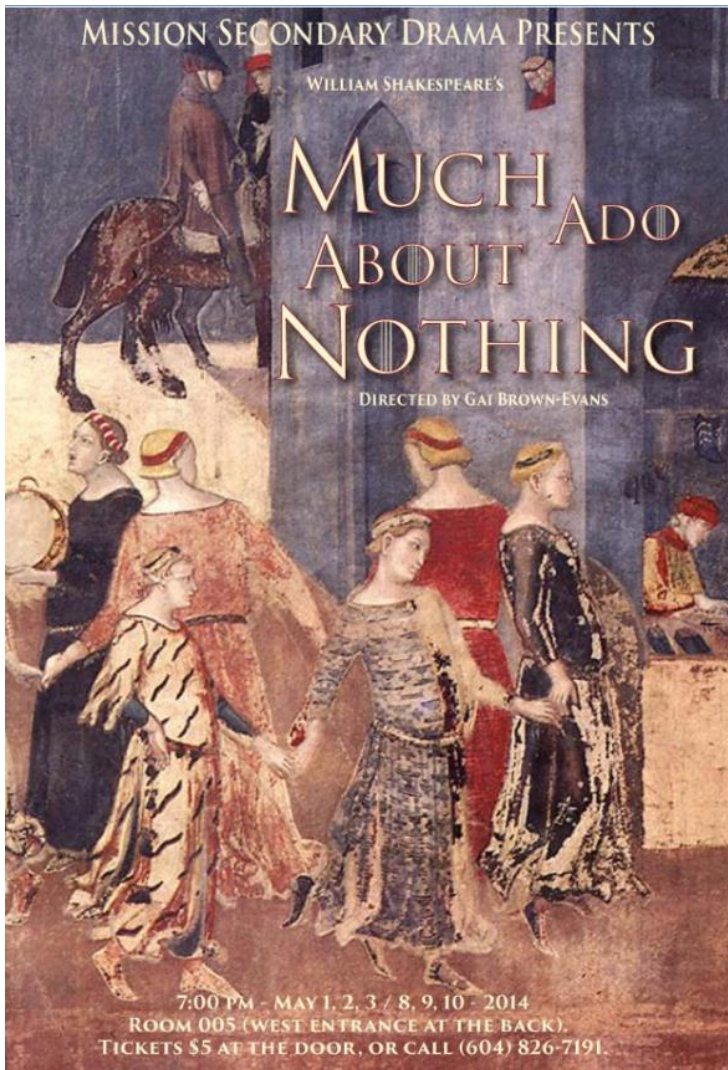


Fencing workshop. Liam Johnson parries with master Ian Harrison





**DRAMA NEWS**



MSS production of 'Much Ado About Nothing' is playing May 1,2,3<sup>rd</sup> & 8,9 10<sup>th</sup> in the drama portable. Tickets are available at the school office or by calling 604-826-7191. Doors open at 6:30 and the show goes on at 7:00 pm. We hope to see you there!!

**MSS Aboriginal Department**

**Our Annual Family of Schools student awards dinner is May 1st from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. in Gym B @ MSS**

**The Horses Helping Humans program**

Equine Facilitated Psychotherapy - has had 2 sessions to date where 8 young ladies have participated in Wednesday 1/2 day's learning the handling of horses while learning about themselves. It is amazing to see the development of teamwork, peer mentoring and joy in these young ladies while they enjoy a day with the horses.

**Life Ready Game Ready** has had 4 session with 17 students attending twice a week after school. Dino Geremia, Technical Director for Football B.C. and former B.C. Lions players have hosted the 12 week program here at MSS. The youth engage in strenuous physical activity - with smiles - as they have a safe, positive, consistent place to develop self-confidence, a sense of belonging, and sense of team spirit. Again we would like to thank Marilyn Collins of Xyolhemeylh, for partnering with Dino and offering this opportunity to our youth.

**Mission Possible Program**

20 MSS students will have the opportunity to join in on adventure activities, in conjunction with the Mission Leisure Center, this summer in the Mission Possible program. Stay tuned for exciting updates.

**Babysitting Program**

8 of our students will gain skills in the Babysitting program offered at MSS in conjunction with the Life Skills program.

**Love to Read**

20 of our young boys will be on a day of adventure in June to Coles book store in Abbotsford. Each student will receive a \$20 voucher to buy the book of their choice. We hope to encourage a life-long love of reading.

**Janice Hawk, Marne Ferris, Tracy Carr  
Aboriginal Liaisons MSS**



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<http://missionsecondary.mpsd.ca>



## School Calendar

May 16, 2014	Non Instructional Day, No Classes
May 19, 2014	Victoria Day, No Classes
May 23, 2014	Prom & Dry Grad
June 5, 2014	Commencement
June 13, 2014	Last Day of Formal Classes
June 16 - 18, 2014	School Exams
June 16 - June 23, 2014	Provincial Exams
June 26, 2014	Report Cards Available Noon - 4:00 pm
June 27, 2014	Administrative Day

### Will you be in grade 10-12 next school year?

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Fraser Valley is seeking Teen Mentors (grade 10-12 students from Mission Secondary) to mentor a Little Buddy – a grade 7 student with similar interests who will be attending the Middle School. The program will run from September 2014-June 2015. Teen Mentors will meet their Little Buddy one lunchtime a week to play outside, play board games, make crafts, or just hang out and be a good role model and older friend. If you are interested in applying to volunteer please contact Mentoring Coordinator Cassie Silva (604) 820-3337 or [cassie.silva@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca](mailto:cassie.silva@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca) For more information on the Teen Mentoring Program visit [www.mentoringworks.ca](http://www.mentoringworks.ca)

### Thank you to the following Dry Grad Supporters:

Beach Basket  
Black Bond Books  
Boston Pizza  
Cherry Lane Scrapbooking  
Dogwood Bakery  
Earthtacular  
English Tarts Restaurant  
Fuel Supplements and Vitamins  
Grab-a-Java  
Hi N Lo Dollar Mart  
Jimmy's Lunch Box  
Mackie Naturals  
Mac's Convenience Store  
Maple Ridge First Aid School  
MSS PAC  
Mission Community Foundation  
Junction Sushi  
MTF  
Panago  
Pete's Place Pizza  
Real Canadian Superstore  
Rona Home Centre  
Stiletto Hair Studio  
Tim Hortons  
Uncommon Thredz  
Walmart  
With your support our evening is sure to be successful!

### Mission Library Event: Manga Village

Saturday May 10, June 21;  
2:30-4:30 pm  
Do you love manga and anime? Join Mission Library's anime club. Make new friends, play crazy games and eat Pocky. For ages 12-18.

### GRAD INFO

#### Prom at Swan-E-Set Golf(6 pm–12 am)

Date: May 23, 2014  
Cost: \$100 per ticket  
Guest Approval: Apr 30-May 8  
Tickets on Sale: May 5-May 15

#### Dry Grad(1 am-5 am)

Date: May 24, 2014  
Cost: \$20 per ticket  
Tickets on Sale: May 5-May 15

#### Grad Tea and Social at MSS

Date: May 23, 2014  
Time: 3:45-5:00 pm  
Cost: Free

#### Commencement

Date: June 5, 2014  
Cost: Free(3 per student)  
Pick up Date: June 2, 2014  
Extra Tickets Sign-up: Starts June 2 @ 8am  
Extra Tickets Pick-up: June 5 @ 3pm

### Mission Leisure Centre

For more info call  
604-820-5350

#### Tween Action Group (TAG)

May 12-June 23rd

Mon	7 sessions	11-13yrs	\$35
May 12	Pizza and Pool Party	5:30pm - 8:30pm	
May 19	FroYo @ Menchie's	3:30pm - 6:30pm	
May 26	Hip Hop Dance Party	3:30pm - 6:30pm	
June 2	Laser Tag	3:30pm - 6:30pm	
June 9	Art Delights @ MAC	3:30pm - 6:30pm	
June 16	Mission Bake-Off	3:30pm - 6:30pm	
June 23	"Ultimate" Challenge	3:30pm - 6:30pm	

\*Meet at Mission Youth Centre