

# 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.

Dear Parents/Guardians:

February was another busy month for the Mission Middle Secondary community. We have now completed our first semester for grade 11 and 12 students and our second term for grades 7 to 10. Our senior students have completed their provincial exams and we look forward to great results. As well, many of our students have completed mid-terms, and our grade 7 students have participated in the provincial Foundations Skills Assessment of reading, writing and math. Report cards are now out and show that we have much to be proud about when it comes to the academic achievement of our students.

Earlier this month we held our Winter Formal dance. This was a very successful event. We raised much needed funds towards dry grad and the students who attended had a wonderful evening. It was great to see so many students dressed in their finest and enjoying themselves on the dance floor. Thanks to the parents and staff members who volunteered their time for this event.

Our theatre production classes have now completed their auditions for the traditional Shakespeare production in May. Our music department continues to practice in preparation for their planned trip to San Francisco. Our fine arts and applied skills departments are also working hard to prepare for a showcase event scheduled for May. Our leadership students continue to contribute to our school culture, promoting positive actions in recognition of anti-bullying (pink shirt) day, and are sending a team of student delegates to a special anti-bullying meeting in Richmond with the premier and minister of education.

Our athletes have also been busy. Our basketball teams have had good seasons. The Ski and Snowboard team and the Wrestling team have both qualified for the Provincials. We have so much to be proud of at Ecole Mission Middle School, as we continue our strong tradition of excellence on academics, fine arts and performing arts, athletics, applied skills and leadership.

Thanks to all our students, parents, and staff for their continued support.

Brian Tucker  
Principal

## Scholarship Information

Grade 12 students should be coming to the counselling office to see what is available in the way of Scholarships and Bursaries as there is a lot of post secondary money available. Especially for students pursuing the Trades.

You are welcome to drop in and speak to **Ms. Francis** about all of the fantastic opportunities.



## School Closures / Bad Weather

In case of school closures due to inclement weather, the information will be broadcast on the radio stations as early as possible in the morning of the closures. Please listen to **STAR FM107.1, CKNW AM980, CKWX AM1130**, or check the district website [www.mpsd.ca](http://www.mpsd.ca) for up-to-date information on school closures.



## CAREER CENTRE NEWS

### Grade 12's

- It's time to apply to universities and colleges NOW.
- No idea what you're going to do in September? Sign up for an appointment with Mrs. Janzen to discuss your options.
- Remember to apply for Scholarships and Bursaries ☺
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## Upcoming Events for Grade 11 & 12's

<b>March 1</b>	<b>Kwantlen Polytechnic University Open House</b> 11 am to 3 pm; Surrey Campus; Register at: <a href="http://kwantlen.ca/openhouse">kwantlen.ca/openhouse</a>
<b>March 5</b>	<b>Tours of UFV Chilliwack campuses</b> – either Trades & Technology Centre OR the Health Sciences building; 8:50 am – 12:15 pm; permission form required
<b>March 8</b>	<b>Capilano U's Bosa Centre for Film &amp; Animation Open House</b> 12:00 – 4:00 pm For more info: <a href="http://capilanou.ca/film">capilanou.ca/film</a>
<b>March 11</b>	<b>Campus tour of UFV Abbotsford</b> ; 8:50 – 11:45 am; permission form required
<b>March 21</b>	<b>TRU's Spring Open House 2014</b> Check out <a href="http://www.tru.ca/openhouse">www.tru.ca/openhouse</a> for more information
<b>March 22</b>	<b>On-campus Preview Day at Quest University</b> ; for more info and to register: <a href="http://www.questu.ca/admission/plan_a_visit.php">http://www.questu.ca/admission/plan_a_visit.php</a>
<b>March 21 - 22</b>	<b>TWU Preview Weekend</b> Register for free at: <a href="http://twupreview.eventbrite.ca">http://twupreview.eventbrite.ca</a>

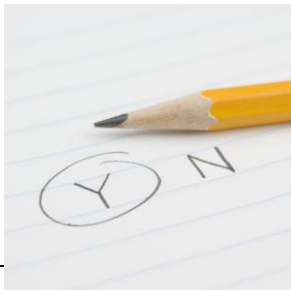
Need advice or help regarding post-secondary programs/schools, careers, resumes, interview skills, or course planning for next year? Come by the Career Centre.

Parents are welcome to call or email and make an appointment to meet with me anytime.

Linda Janzen, Career Advisor  
604-302-5314  
[linda.janzen@mpsd.ca](mailto:linda.janzen@mpsd.ca)

## Provincial Satisfaction Surveys

Students in grades 7, 10, and 12 have had the opportunity to participate in the online satisfaction survey. Parents of students in grades 7, 10, and 12 also have the opportunity to participate in this survey. You will require an anonymous log on code, which can be acquired at the school office. Log on codes will also be available at the school on our next report card interview night **(April 16, 2014 at 3:30 – 6:00 pm and 6:30 – 9:00 pm)**. This online survey can be completed until April 30, 2014. Results from the survey help our School Planning Council work with school goals.



## Library Events

Mission Library is hosting a range of events in March and April.

### **Death by Chocolate**

Thursday March 20; 2:30-4 pm

Do you have a sweet tooth? Come make chocolates to take home. There will be fun, games, and chocolate, chocolate, Chocolate! For ages 12-18. Registration starts February 20.

### **Family Games Night**

Thursday March 20; 5:30 to 8:30 pm

Do you love board games? Join us for fun times at Family Games Night on the third Thursday of each month. From chess to backgammon to Trouble and giant Snakes and Ladders, there's something for everyone. Games provided.

### **Manga Village**

Saturday, March 22, April 12; 2:30 to 4:30 pm

Join us for contests, crafts, food and manga and anime talk. For teens aged 12 to 18.

Mission Library is located at 33247 Second Avenue . Phone number is 604-826-6610.

## IMPORTANT TO GRADE 12s 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 by the end of **May 1, 2014**.

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.

## Music Dept. Fundraiser

### ZUMBA FITNESS

Date: Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: MSS small gym

Cost: Students (gr. 10-12) \$5  
Adults \$10

\*\*\*Ladies only Please\*\*\*

Fitness, Prizes, Fun, Support Music Students  
Tickets available at door or MSS office



Ms. Thiessen grade 7 students visited Britannia Mines in February.



Ceramics 11/12 students were treated to a beautiful workshop by aboriginal artist Judy Cathers just in time for Valentine's Day. She taught us how to make roses from bulrushes, quite the environmental trick! Thanks for your wisdom and art Judy.

## DRAMA NEWS

An ambitious group of theatre hopefuls showed up for auditions for our Shakespearean spring production of 'Much Ado About Nothing' on Feb 4th. There was much fun and frivolity and singing and laughing involved. Get ready for a spectacular show with these eager actors at the reins.

The show goes up May 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, & 10th at 7pm in our studio theatre. Tickets will be available at Parent/Teacher night on April 16th or by calling the school at 604-826-7291 to make reservations. Many thanks to our audition panel of :

Mr. Tucker, Ms. Macaulay, Ms. Brown-Evans, Mrs. Tara Anderson, Mrs. Farsky, Mrs. Yannacopoulos & Mr. Evans. Your support was greatly appreciated. Now we will go break some legs!!



A stunning group of lovely young Mission Secondary ladies and gentlemen were fortunate enough to attend Mozart's Don Giovanni dress rehearsal staged in Vancouver's Queen Elizabeth Theatre February 27th. Seen here with teacher chaperone Ms Brown-Evans everyone was dressed to the nines ready to represent with all grace and decorum. They made us proud!!





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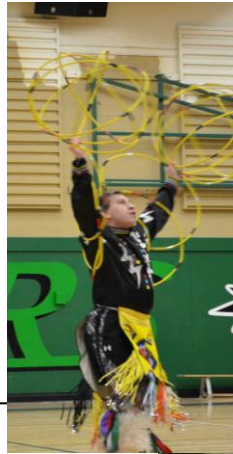
See us at:

<http://mss.mpsd.ca>

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### School Calendar

March 14, 2014	Last Day Before Spring Break
March 17 - 21 2014	Spring Break
March 24, 2014	School Re-opens
April 4, 2014	End of Term 3
	½ Day Assessment
April 7, 2014	Term 4, Rotation 1 Begins
April 16, 2014	Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30 - 6:00 and 6:30 - 9:00 pm)
	Report Cards Available for Pick-Up
April 17, 2014	Non Instructional Day, No Classes
April 18, 2014	Good Friday, No Classes
April 21, 2014	Easter Monday, No Classes
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



### Aboriginal Department MSS

February 7<sup>th</sup> we had the pleasure of the family group "Dances with Lightning" present to the entire school their "Celebration of Aboriginal Dance". This colourful dance performance of Hoop, Jingle, Shawl and Grass dance accompanied by the cultural presentation was enjoyed by all. The friendship dance with audience participation was both energetic and created as sense of belonging to all who participated and to those who witnessed.

Also on February 7, our Aboriginal students had the opportunity to travel to Chilliwack for a Career Fair. There were several colleges and career vendors that the students had a chance to visit and enquire about possible career choices. The venue also put together snacks and a beautiful lunch for all. The students also had the chance to see several demonstrations from ICBC and local RCMP about safe driving. The students all stated they had a wonderful time and found it to be very helpful and educational. We wish all the students great success with their future careers.

We are in the process of creating a mural, by students, in the Middle School Aboriginal room. Please feel free to drop by and view the process. We will have an Elders Invite Tea for the final unveiling.

