

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 upcoming concerts. Our leadership students continue to contribute to our school culture, promoting positive actions in recognition of anti-bullying (pink shirt). Last week we brought together the three leadership teams from all three high schools and spent the day building the new culture of our grad program school. The day was titled Breaking down the Walls it was a huge success.

Our athletes have also been busy. Our basketball teams have had good seasons. The Ski and Snowboard team and the Wrestling team did extremely well over the course of the year. We have so much to be proud of at Ecole Mission Middle Secondary 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.

Jim Pearce
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 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 😊

Upcoming Events for Grade 11 & 12's

February 28	Kwantlen Polytechnic University Open House 11 am to 3 pm; Surrey Campus; Register at: kwantlen.ca/openhouse
February 28	Capilano U's Bosa Centre for Film & Animation Open House 11:00 – 3:00 pm For more info: capilanou.ca/film
February 28 & March 5	KPU Financial Aid Info Sessions Check here for info and to RSVP: http://www.kpu.ca/futurestudents/events/infosession
March 4	Tours of UFV Chilliwack campuses – either Trades & Technology Centre OR Health Sciences building; 8:50 am – 12:15 pm; <i>Permission form required</i>
March 5	UFV Abbotsford Campus Tour & Info Session 12:00 – 2:55 <i>Permission form required</i>
March 20 & 21	TWU Preview Weekend See www.twu.ca/undergraduate/visit for more details
March 27	TRU's Spring Open House 2015 Check out www.tru.ca/openhouse for more information
March 14	On-campus Preview Day at Quest University ; for more info and to register: http://www.questu.ca/plan_a_visit.html
April 11	US College Expo Canada , 10 – 2 pm, Hyatt Regency Vancouver Pre-registration required at: www.uscollegeexpo.com
April ? TBA	Field trip to UBC Vancouver

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

Mission International Student Program:

The Mission School District International Student Program is currently looking for nurturing host families to provide a welcoming “home away from home” for our visiting elementary and secondary students. These paid positions are a wonderful opportunity to share your heart and your home as well as our great Canadian culture with young visitors from around the world. Student placements range from 2 weeks to 2 years or more.

We invite you to complete our On-line Application Form to become a host family and be a part of our exciting International Student program. Please complete all 5 sections of the On-line Application Form and we will be happy to contact you for a follow up home visit.

Go to: <http://international.mpsd.ca>; Homestay; New Host Families; Click On-line Application Form.

For more information, please call the International Program Office: 604-826-6286 Ex. 3336

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 **May 1, 2015**.

Go to the following link and follow the instructions.

<https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student>

(Notice “[https](https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student)” above.)

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

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



Heritage Park Childcare Centre presents..

Get Boy Smart



Parents everywhere express their concern as boys arrive home from school with negative attitudes toward school learning. They recognize their boys' capacity to learn and create, but grieve to see the spark of enthusiasm smolder and fizzle. Now what to do about it?

- How can we help boys navigate today's cultural realities online and elsewhere?
- Why is ADHD overdiagnosed among boys? • Why are 80% of videogame players boys?
- How can we raise boys into men of courage and compassion?

Barry MacDonald - author, educator, counsellor, and renowned speaker - says, "It is better to build boys than to mend men". He has presented to thousands of parents at sold-out community events and was identified as One of 25 Influential People to Watch by The Vancouver Sun. His best-selling books, ***Boy Smarts*** and ***Boys on Target*** will be available for purchase & signing (payment by cheque).

"Barry MacDonald's compelling presentation will indeed make a tremendous difference in the lives of boys. He should be heard by every educator and parent." Dr. Avis Glaze, Former Ontario Education Commissi

- **Monday April 20, 2015** 7pm - 8:30pm
- **Tickets \$10** until April 16, purchase at



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Heritage Park Childcare Centre, Monday to Thursday 9am -2pm

32939 7th Avenue
33649 Prentis Avenue - Call 604 826-3080

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• Tickets at door \$15 if available

• Dance Theatre 33700 Prentis Avenue, Mi

Business: 604-826-7191

FAX: 604-826-8187

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://mss.mpsd.ca>

School Calendar

Aboriginal Department MSS

In the next month our department has several activities taking place. On Feb. 26 our Winter Heat BBQ at the Friendship center downtown raised money to benefit the homeless. The "Me to WE" students raised \$500 dollars that was donated to the BBQ. It was a great success and everyone had a great day.

On March 6th the EagleSong Dancers will be performing at our school. The first performance will be held in the big gym at 10:30 and the second performance at 12:30. Please come out and enjoy this cultural event.

Our Artist in Residence Tom was in this week working in our Core Program teaching the students the art of Carving. The students will be making paddles which they will use

Feedback Please

The Ministry of Education wants to hear your views on the Scholarships & Awards program.

Take the survey and provide your comments by **March 10th** at: <http://engage.gov.bc.ca/Scholarships>

Please also encourage **students and parents** to take the survey!

You can also provide feedback to Scholarships@gov.bc.ca or phone 250-356-7561.

