

Mission Secondary Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The month of May was very productive and extremely busy for the Mission Secondary community. Our Advanced Placement program completed all their tutorials throughout the month and 11 students wrote a variety of exams. A huge thank you to all the staff that worked tirelessly to prepare students to write the exams; results will be available in early August.

We completed our Grade 7 transition meetings and visits to our elementary schools. They were very informative meetings. Thank you to our middle school staff who helped by attending meetings and working with families so the transition to middle school will be smooth. We completed our interviews for District Scholarships and talking with the committee it was truly a wonderful day. We also hosted our aboriginal families for a wonderful evening of food and awards. At this event we honoured our grade 12's. Our drama department completed the annual Shakespearean play "What You Will", and it was a huge success. Thank you, **Ms. Brown** for all your hard work. A huge thank you to all the parents, students and staff for their hard work getting ready for Prom, Dry Grad and Commencement. Prom and Dry Grad were wonderful and we are sure Commencement will be also.

With the arrival of better weather we will need to encourage our children to do their homework and complete the year in a positive manner. Good luck to all our students on their final exams. I know you will be prepared.

Sincerely,

Jim Pearce
Principal

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. We are particularly in need of homes for elementary 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!

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

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.**

Drama News

Day 2 Drama students will be performing for teachers and their classes as well as community members on May 28th. Their play is entitled 'Outrageous Fortune' and is a send up of various Shakespearean characters set in the modern context of an intervention meeting where their fatal flaws 'out' them. At times hysterically funny, this piece is a quick study of the essence of many of the bard's plays.

Drama 9/10 Day 1 class will also be putting up a production for audience on June 6th a series of monologues and duologues, during class time. This mixed bag offers a variety of pieces, some comic and some serious. Teachers may sign up their classes as audience and as always friends and family are welcome too provided we have enough advance notice to accommodate our numbers. See you there!

Thank you to all parents and community members that helped make our dry grad event so successful. Your donations and prizes were greatly appreciated by staff and students!!

Commencement Ceremonies

Commencement ceremonies take place at the Clarke Foundation Theatre at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 6th. There are approximately 180 grads and given the seating capacity each graduate will be allowed four guest tickets to the ceremony. There is no charge for the tickets which may be picked up at this time provided that all outstanding commitments and fees have been paid.

On Monday, June 3rd students may put their name on a waiting list for extra tickets that may become available. These may be picked up by the student following the commencement rehearsal which is on June 6th. The tickets will be distributed in the main foyer of Mission Secondary. Extra tickets will be distributed in order, from the waiting list, and each student will receive only one ticket at a time. The list may be repeated depending on the number of extra tickets available. **Tickets must be presented at the door of the theatre.** If you have extra tickets you are not using, please turn them into the main office. Thank you.

Valedictorians

Congratulations to Jamie Aura and Hyatt Smith, our valedictorians this year!



Lost and Found Box

Please check the lost and found box in the main office as it is overflowing. Unclaimed items will be given away to charity at the end of the school year.



Textbook Returns

Check in for textbooks will be starting June 15th. Prior to each exam, students must return books to the teacher to be checked in on TextBook Tracker. Any textbooks students do not need prior to the 15th; we encourage them to bring the books to their teachers before then.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS

The year is winding down very quickly and soon our Grade 12's will be off to new adventures and opportunities. The Career Centre will be open until the final week of classes for students to drop by or to make an appointment to meet with Mrs. Janzen.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- **Mission Twilight Concert Series at Fraser River Heritage Park**
Volunteers are needed throughout the summer on Wednesdays & Fridays from 6 – 8 pm.
You can help out once or as often as you like.
To volunteer, contact Kathleen MacKillop at kxx2@telus.net or 604-826-7976 ext 225
- **Stave Lake Clean-up**
Saturday, June 1 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Meeting and staging area is at the corner of Dewdney and Burma Road.
Door prizes and lunch for volunteers ☺
For more info contact Carolann van de Ligt at 604-826-5333
- **Telus Walk to Cure Diabetes** at Rotary Stadium in Abbotsford
Volunteers are needed on Saturday, June 8, to set up and on Sunday, June 9, race day
To volunteer contact Bonnie Lee at 1-604-320-1937 ext 30
- **Mission Chamber of Commerce**
Looking for volunteers for 4 hours per week
Contact Chani Webster at 604-826-6914 or volunteer@missionchamber.bc.ca
- **Canadian Cancer Society "Tanning Is Out" campaign**
Volunteers needed on weekends (a minimum of 4 events) during the summer to educate and engage the public about the issue of excess UV radiation, sun safety and the dangers of indoor tanning.
Great opportunity for students interested in a health care profession to get some volunteer hours.
Pick up a volunteer form from the Career Centre bulletin board.

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Aboriginal Department News

At the end of February we had 4 grade 12 students who had a tour of the UFV Abbotsford Campus. For three days in April, we had Johnny Williams from Siwal Si'wes Aboriginal Education come in to make drums with the grade 12 students. The 'Family of Schools' dinner on May 2nd was yet another true success! It was a wonderful turn out of families; friends and elders who came to celebrate and applaud all the students for their hard work and achievements. The graduation class of 2013 were honored and adorned with either a sash or a blanket and Jules Pedersen and Marcel Tellier each took the mike and addressed the crowd. A big Congratulation to Marcel Tellier who won the \$500 Siwal Si'wes scholarship! The school year is winding down with just weeks and days left. The students are putting a lot of effort into coming to 'Homework Club' and getting their work done. The Grade 6 Transition Tea will be held on May 29th here at MSS. Johnny Williams will open with drumming and singing, Mr. Cyr will welcome everyone, Mrs. Shaw will welcome elders, Mrs. Moojelski will speak about the senior Aboriginal Liaison Support Worker role and what that entails.

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<http://missionsecondary.mpsd.ca>



"Get outside and play! Enjoy the world's most popular sport! Registration is now open for Mission Soccer club's 2013/2014 season for boys and girls born 1996 to 2008. We've reduced the price for players born in 2007 and 2008 to learn this great game which can be played for a lifetime. Visit www.missionsoccerclub.com for information and to register."

School Calendar

June 6, 2013	Commencement
June 14, 2013	Last Day of Classes
June 17 – 19, 2013	School Exams
June 20 – 25, 2013	Provincial Exams
June 27, 2013	Report Cards Available noon - 4:00 p.m.
June 28, 2013	Report Cards Available noon - 4:00 p.m.
June 28, 2013	Administrative Day

Choir

A Year End Celebration!

Our final presentation of the year was on Tuesday, May 28th at the Clarke Theatre. Our students had worked hard to present their very best work. The evening was a huge success!



Wednesday, June 5th

Envision Twilight Concert in the Park

Choir and Jazz Band
7:00 -8:00pm

The final presentation from Choir and Jazz Band will be our traditional concert in the park! We look forward to seeing you in the audience, as we open this season's Twilight Concert series!

Mission Library Teen Events for June and July

Manga Village

Saturdays, June 1 and July 13; 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.

Summer Book Sale

Friday June 7, noon to 4:30 pm
Saturday June 8, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Buy some gently loved library materials. The Summer Book Sale is hosted by mission Friends of the Library.

Summer Reading Club Kick-Off

Drop by Mission Library and sign up for the Teen Summer Reading Club! The Summer Reading Club Kick-off starts on Saturday June 22 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Sign up for all our Summer Reading Clubs, including preschoolers, kids, teens, and adults. Join us for games, refreshments, prizes and fun. There will also be a paperback book sale from 1-4pm.

