

Mission Secondary Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

May was a very productive month for the Mission Middle Secondary community. Our middle school counselling staff has been busy meeting with elementary school staff to ensure a smooth transition for our incoming grade sevens. Meanwhile, secondary counselling staff and administrators have begun the complex task of timetable planning and course selection for next year.

We hosted our Aboriginal families for a wonderful evening of food and awards. It was wonderful to have elders and other Aboriginal community members take part in this special evening. Another very special event last month was the Showcase of Fine Arts and Applied Skills. Thanks, staff and students from our fine arts and applied skills departments for organizing this event. It was great to see the broad spectrum of learning which is occurring at our school. Our student leadership team also organized a career information night in May, which was totally lead and organized by students. We also had the wonderful opportunity last month to see the Shakespeare production "Much Ado About Nothing", put on by our drama students under the skilled direction of Ms. Brown-Evans. This was a bitter sweet experience, as it was the final production directed by Ms. Brown-Evans, who retires at the end of this school year.

Of course there has been a great deal of focus on our grade twelves as well. We completed our interviews for District Scholarships. It was a very positive experience seeing 19 of our grade twelve students participate in this process. On May 14th several of our students were recognized at the Mission Foundation Awards Night. Congratulations to the following Mission Foundation scholarship recipients: Maria-Elizabeth Baeva, Rylee Brassart, Rajan Buttar, Tanysha Dutton, Kathleen Francis, Evan Horton, Megan Kaczmarek, and Michael Radna. We are very proud of your achievement.

A highlight this past month for our grade twelve students had to be the prom and dry grad on May 23. It was great to see our students having fun and celebrating in a responsible manner. A huge thank you to the staff and parent volunteers for their planning and hard work in organizing our prom/dry grad activities. Students and families are now looking forward to the Commencement evening, on June 5, during which all of our graduating class of 2014 will be recognized for their achievement during thirteen years of public school.

With the arrival of better weather students are reminded to adhere to the school dress code. We also encourage our students 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,

Brian Tucker
Principal

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 or Mrs. Janzen**.



DRAMA NEWS

Drama 9/10 students are performing a series of monologues and duologues for audience over the next couple of weeks. This Directors' Festival includes all genre of playwriting and is open to the public, family and friends as well as to teachers and their students during school hours. Break a leg everyone!

Track & Field

Congratulations to the following MSS Track & Field Athletes who have qualified for the BC High School Track & Field Championships!

Parm Sandhu, Megghan Cote, Kayla Schuurmans, Jesse Walker, Satvir Bhullar, Robbie Kunz, Vivi Latjor, Chelsea Langan, Brody Patton, Alexis Heibein, Julia Lim, Jadyne Weiss, Jacob Walters, Emy Salazar, Connor Haig, Charlotte Daignault, Amelia Janes, Amelia Colquhoun, Alexia Seal



The BC's will be held this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at McLeod Park in Langley.



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 2014

Commencement ceremonies take place at the Clarke Foundation Theatre at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 5th. There are approximately 150 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 the main office on Monday, June 2nd provided that all outstanding commitments and fees have been paid.

On Monday, June 2nd 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 5th at 1:15 p.m. at Clarke Theatre. 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 Marie-Elizabeth Baeva and Christopher Pomeroy, 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 18th. 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 18th; 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 only once or as often as you like.
To volunteer, contact Kathleen MacKillop at kxx2@telus.net or 604.826-8295
- **Telus Walk to Cure Diabetes** at Rotary Stadium in Abbotsford,
Volunteers are needed to help set up the Rotary Stadium in Abbotsford on Saturday, June 7th as well as to fill various positions on Sunday, June 8th which is the actual event day. To volunteer send an email to: blee@jdrf.ca
- **VolunTEEN** (formerly called Candystriper)
This is an opportunity for grade 10 & 11 students who are interested in a future career in the medical field to get some volunteer hours. If interested, pick up an application form from Mrs. Janzen or the Work Experience teacher.

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Aboriginal Department News

Congratulations to our Siwal Si'wes Scholarship winners Tanysha Dutton, and Antonio Novak. Both received their awards at our Family of Schools Dinners which celebrated all our Aboriginal students and families. It was a wonderful night, filled with entertainment, accomplishments, and pride from all. Our department would like to thank all the families and students that attended and look forward to next year.

The Grade 11-12 students had the opportunity to travel to Vancouver to attend an LNG conference which provided the students with information on skill trade jobs for post -secondary. All who attended had the chance to have hands on computer generated training, meet with companies in the field, and learn about new job opportunities and post –secondary education. The students learned a great deal about possible professions in the skills trade industry and made connections with future employers. It was a great day.

June is full of events for our Grads on June 5, at the Clark Theater is their commencement. We will be celebrating our Scholarship winners and have a special Aboriginal Drum performance. Please come out to support our Graduates.

Our Horse program will be coming to an end June 9th with a BBQ at Twisted Terrain Ranch hosted by Janice Hawk and Carol Gabal. For more info please log onto www.seredipityabres.net.

Fraser Valley Regional Library invites you to celebrate Aboriginal Day through the month of June. Mission Library is proud to host two separate days where the community can see two Aboriginal artists at work.

Have a safe and wonderful summer – Janice Hawk, Tracy Carr, Marne Ferris



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<http://missionsecondary.mpsd.ca>

School Calendar

June 5, 2014	Commencement
June 13, 2014	Last Day of Classes
June 16 - 19, 2014	School Exams
June 20 - June 24, 2014	Provincial Exams
June 26, 2014	Report Cards Available Noon - 4:00 pm
June 27, 2014	Administrative Day

Jumpstart Day

Saturday, May 31 11-3pm
Mission Canadian Tire Store Parking Lot

Join us for a FREE day of fun for all ages!

- Road Hockey Tournament
- Bouncy-castle & Giant Games
- Huge Garage Sale (cash only)
- Facepainting, Arts & Crafts
- Profix Mobile Bike Shop
Bring your bike down for a free tune up!
- RCMP Obstacle Course & Bike Safety
- Basketball games & Toss for Kids
- Free Hotdogs by donation
- Hockey shoot ...and more!

Enter to win a BBQ
and other prizes!

All money raised
stays in Mission!



Canadian Tire Jump Start is a community based charitable program which helps children in financial need participate in organized sport and recreational activities such as hockey, football, soccer and more. For more info, visit: www.canadiantire.ca/jumpstart

Mission Library

Aboriginal Artist in Residence

Friday, June 6, 2014 10-5pm Jay Haven

Tuesday, June 24, 2014, 10-5pm Darlene Allison

Celebrate National Aboriginal History Month this June at FVRL!

Join us as we welcome Aboriginal Artists in Residence – Jay Havens

and Darlene Allison. Using local materials, culture, narrative, and Bunraku – traditional

Japanese style puppets, as inspiration, Jay will share the art of visual storytelling as he crafts a large five foot puppet that will take two people to articulate. Darlene is skilled in drawing, painting and sculpture, but her focus for the past 14 years has been on carving alabasters and soap stones, some of which she gathered herself from mountains right here in BC.



Keep Tuned for news about the Teen Summer Reading Club!

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