

Mission Secondary Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians:

April was incredibly busy for both students and staff at Mission Sr. Secondary. Our Grads have been very active with fundraising in preparation for our Prom evening, May 12, 2017 at Newlands Golf and Country Club. The Dry Grad committee along with very energetic group of parents put on an amazing Dry Grad event. Carnival was the theme and our school was turned into a place of fun and games that carried on to the early morning. I can't thank the parents enough for their support and dedication to this event. We had our parent teacher interviews last week and the event was attended by few parents. We as a school would like feedback from parents about another way we could do parent teacher interview that would be more valuable to all involved. If you have not picked up your students report card you can do so at the school during business hours. Also if you need to contact a teacher about your child, do not hesitate by sending the teacher an email found on our website.

The Fine Arts department is also very busy. Mrs. Brown and the Theatre Production class are preparing for our Annual Shakespearean production, "Tempest". The production runs May 4, 5 and 6 in our Drama portable at 7pm. The Track and Field team is doing exceptionally well with over fifty athletes competing in various events. Our own Alexia and Tory Seal are national Champions in wrestling. We had a very successful band trip and drama festival last week. So as you can see we are busy.

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,

Jim Pearce
Principal

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are still available for sale, but the deadline is near. Grads ... make sure you order your yearbook ASAP! Ordering now guarantees you a book – don't be disappointed when we sell out in June! Yearbooks can be ordered from the main office for \$55.00.

School Hours

Monday - Friday

8:44 am – First Class

11:28-12:10 – Lunch

2:58 – Dismissal

Bussing:

Following the final bell of the day, school buses are loaded very promptly at the bus loop on the east side of the building. There is a late bus Tuesdays & Thursdays leaving the school at 4:25pm, taking students to Hatzic Middle, then east or west from there.

INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT MESSAGE

We are currently accepting applications for nurturing homestay families who want to provide a caring “home away from home” for our elementary and secondary International students. Student placements can range from 2 weeks to 2 years or more. These paid positions are a wonderful way to learn about another culture and to share Canada with students from another country. *Most International students are looking for a host family that includes Mom and Dad, as well as school-age children.*

If you are interested in hosting students, please apply on-line: www.studyinmission.ca

- Homestay → Become a Host Family → Click On-line Application
- Complete all 5 sections of the On-line Application Form
- Our office will contact you to follow up

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SIWAL SI'WES ABORIGINAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT MESSAGE

Spring is here with lots of April showers but that hasn't stopped us here in the Aboriginal Department. This past week we had Chris Gawthorn come in and present Soap Stone Carving to our student in the LST room. This was a very fun and educational experience for the students. We have also been busy with a few fieldtrips to the Sto:lo Career Fair in Chilliwack where the students could connect with various post-secondary and vocational schools, business, and community events and a great trip to UBC and the Museum of Anthropology. Lots of great information shared and Aboriginal education gained.

Our department is also getting ready for our Aboriginal Student Recognition Dinner on April 26; this evening is to honour our students on their education journey through Middle and Secondary School. There is also a special ceremony planned to honour our Aboriginal Grads.

Our students had the opportunity to attend the Jim Hart Pole raising ceremony at UBC. This event honoured the Truth and Reconciliation of Residential schools in Canada. The students participated in helping raise the pole by taking part in pulling the ropes. This was a great experience for all who attended. We also have two field trips planned for next month to the Vancouver Art Gallery and to Grouse Mountain. Please contact our Aboriginal Liaisons Tracy Carr or Rachel Schooner if you have any concerns or questions.

BIG THANKS!

Thanks to Rex Cox for their generosity helping some of our students get to Prom. We appreciate the support they've given us for more than 15 years now.



MSS Career Center News : April 2017



UFV is coming to MSS:

May 11th 11:00am to 12:45pm

Students interested in applying or have applied but still have questions can sign up for a 15 minute personal appointment with a UFV Representative.

Sign up at the Counselling Center
Miss Flood, Career Advisor



Be remarkable.

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Grade 12 students are reminded that MSS Career Advising programs and services include help with job search techniques and developing a targeted Resume. Make an appointment to learn more about how a Resume should TELL A STORY and your Job Hunt should be a QUEST.

LEARN HOW TO STOP THE INSANITY OF A SHRAPNEL APPROACH TO JOB SEARCH

Email Miss Flood, Career Advisor today for an appointment heather.flood@mpsd.ca

PROM INFO

Grade 12 Prom will be on Saturday May 13th at 5pm at Newlands Golf and Country Club.

Tea for the grads and their families is at Mission Senior Secondary is at 3pm on the 13th.

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See us at:

<http://mss.mpsd.ca>

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2016/2017 Calendar

May 17, 2017	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
May 19, 2017	Non Instructional Day
May 22, 2017	Victoria Day
June 14, 2017	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
June 16, 2017	Last Day of Classes
June 19-21, 2017	Class Final Exams
June 22, 2017	Commencement Rehearsal
June 23 & 26, 2017	Provincial Exams
June 24, 2017	Commencement
June 29, 2017	Last Day of School for students

POETRY in VOICE

Kishal Scholz Wins MSS Recitation Competition

This fall and winter, select English classes participated in the **Poetry in Voice Recitation Contest**. Classroom champs went on to the school-wide final in February, where they recited from memory two poems of their choice from the contest list. School champ **Kishal Scholz** won overall and moved on to the national semi-finals to represent MSS. Congratulations also to **Katy Stefiuk** in a close second, as well as finalists Morgan McDonald, Ashley Bains and Sean Whittaker. See poetryinvoic.com for more information.

A colorful poster for 'The Optimist Club of Mission' featuring a group of stylized human figures in various colors (purple, pink, red, orange, yellow, green) holding hands. The background is a dark, starry space with vertical light streaks. The text reads: 'The Optimist Club of Mission PRESENTS FREE FAMILY FUN NIGHTS SPORTS • GAMES OR WHATEVER YOU WANT TUESDAY'S APRIL 4TH - MAY 30TH 6:30PM - 8:00PM HERITAGE PARK COMMUNITY GYM (BACK ENTRANCE) CONTACT TYLER CARR: 778-552-5179'.