

Mission Secondary Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Over the last month our school community has been extremely busy. The Remembrance Day Assemblies were outstanding, thanks to the excellent work done by our Drama department, led by **Ms. Brown-Evans** and our Choir led by **Mrs. Amaya**. The leadership class was instrumental in providing the school community with a Great Spirit Week. The Terry Fox Run and the staff head shaving event were definite highlights.

We look forward to our upcoming Parent Teacher Interview Afternoon and Evening . Parents, please continue to communicate with your child the importance of staying focused on learning. Also, please continue to stay in touch with your child's teachers; we want to work with you to support your child's achievement.

As you are aware, our secondary schools are being reconfigured. Effective September 2015, Mission Secondary will be a grade 10 - 12 school and Heritage Park and Hatzic will offer middle school programs for grades 7 - 9. Mr. Jim Pearce will be returning to Mission Secondary to be principal, and I have been appointed principal of Heritage Park Middle School. In order to facilitate the reconfiguration process, the change in principals will be effective January 5, 2015. I am looking forward to the challenge of helping to create a new Middle School Program at Heritage Park, but I will certainly miss working with this school community. It has been a privilege to work with the wonderful students, staff, and parents at this school. I wish everybody all the best in the new year.

Sincerely,

Brian Tucker
Principal

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.

School Closures due to weather

As the air begins to chill, we are reminded that winter will soon be here as will inclement weather conditions.

For information on school closures follow the School District website: www.mpsd.ca

- Select the tab across the top - "Schools";
- Select - "Unscheduled School Closures" (Found on the left sidebar).

Once there, a list of radio stations is provided.

parents, students and staff can register directly on that page to sign up for Snow Closures Email List.

A quick and easy way for notification to be received directly.



Christmas Cheer Market

Our first Christmas Cheer Market went well thanks to all of you who visited us. A special thanks to the following for supporting our endeavors for Mission families. If looking for lovely gifts or to treat yourself, and to support local people and businesses, check them out.

Lora Ford of Lora's Hand Painted Glass and Gerald Klassen's Hand Crafted Woods
Lraford@hotmail.com

Sharon Hayes and Rosalea White from Taffy Plus Fashions Ltd. (unique and elegant jewellery and lovely quality handbags, etc.)
www.taffyplus.com

Amber Sharp with jamberry nails
www.SharpDivas.jamberrynails.net

Maggie Crew of Scentsy
<http://www.myabella.scentsy.ca>

Yvonne Wyss from our soon-to-open gluten-free bakery, YB! Gluten Free, Unit 9, 32650 Logan Ave
YBGlutenfree.ca

Kyla Rhodes with her artistically handpainted frames and wall art
Kyla-rhodes@yahoo.ca

Cindy Willock of Whimsically Charming
whimsicallycharming@hotmail.com

Vicky Pearson with her handmade jewellery
Vicpsn@telus.net or mssg. Vicky Pearson on FB



And jewellery from Jacquie's Custom Creations (on FB)

Sara Hunter & Trissanna Hunter who were selling handmade creations to raise funds for a service dog to help Trissanna who struggles with EDS (Ehlers-Danlos syndrome)
Zebrawithpaws@outlook.com

Dina Restiaux of Basket Case, beautiful gift baskets for all occasions

Kathy Parfitt and her embroidered angels and kitchen gifts
Carol Willock and her handmade centrepieces and stocking stuffers
Niall & Ethan and their White Elephant sale
Thank you to Frank, Chantelle, Perry, & Travis of the Pit Stop

For more information on any of these or on the Cheer program at MSS, please contact me here at the school, via phone, email cyndi.mclachlan@mpsd.ca

MSS Ski and Snowboard Team

Mike and Lani Vetter are coaching the MSS ski and snowboard team this year. There is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 2 at 6:30 pm in the library. Students interested in the team and their parents should attend in order to sign waivers and get the most up to date information



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. Not all of the scholarships and bursaries require a high academic standing. Simply showing an interest in something, being good at something, being a member of certain banks or your parents affiliation with a Union, may qualify you to apply. Please feel welcome to drop in and speak to Mrs. Francis about all of the fantastic opportunities. Mission Community Foundation Scholarship applications are now available from Mrs. Francis.

IMPORTANT TO GRADE 12's

In December and continuing into 2015 Mr. Love (Counsellor for grade 12s) will be visiting ENGLISH 12 classes and begin the process of having all grade 12s complete the PSI process. Please read below for additional information on the PSI.

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 **April**. Students who don't complete this task could lose their admission status at the Post-Secondary Institution.

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.

Mission Library events:

Gingerbread House Decorating

Saturday, Dec 6, 2:30 pm-4 pm

Teens ages 12 to 18 are invited to make and decorate their own gingerbread house to take home. Registration starts on November 9.



Manga Village

Saturday, December 13; 2:30-4:30pm

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.*

The NEXT Middle school configuration Think Tank meeting has been scheduled:

When: Thursday, February 26

Where: Heritage Park Middle/Secondary

Time: 6:30 pm

These sessions are open to everyone



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

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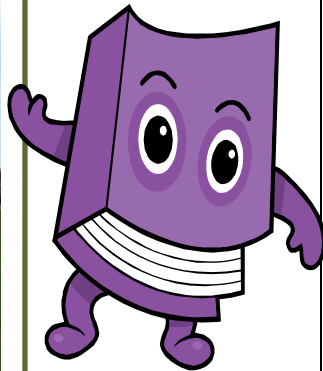
We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://mss.mpsd.ca>

Yearbooks

Yearbooks are on sale now **until the end of January** for just \$50.00. Following that, the cost goes up to \$55.00. The Yearbook class is working hard to produce another great edition!



Dry Grad

There will be a Dry Grad Bottle Drive in the New Year! Save recyclables from the holidays.

Neufeld Farms orders will be delivered on Tuesday, Dec. 2nd at 3:30 pm and Poinsettia pick up is on Dec. 8th in the foyer.

Grads will start planning for Winter Formal soon.

2014 - 2015 Year at a Glance

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| December 4, 2014 | Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30 - 6:00 and 6:30 - 9:00 pm) Report Cards Available for Pick-Up |
| December 5, 2014 | Non Instructional Day, No Classes |
| December 19, 2014 | Last Day before Winter Break |
| Dec. 22, 2014 - Jan. 2, 2015 | Winter Break |
| January 5, 2015 | School Re-opens |
| January 29, 2015 | End of Term 2 |
| January 30, 2015 | Semester Turn-A-Round Day No Classes |
| February 2, 2015 | Term 3 Begins |
| Feb. 2 – Feb. 5, 2015 | School/Provincial Exams |
| February 2-3, 2015 | Grad Photo Retakes |
| February 9, 2015 | Family Day, No Classes |
| February 13, 2015 | District Pro-D Day, No Classes |
| February 19, 2015 | Report Cards Available for Pick-Up |
| March 13, 2015 | Last Day Before Spring Break |
| March 16-20, 2015 | Spring Break |
| March 23, 2015 | School Re-opens |
| April 3, 2015 | Good Friday, No Classes |
| April 6, 2015 | Easter Monday, No Classes |
| April 10, 2015 | End of Term 3 |
| April 13, 2015 | Term 4 Begins |
| April 17, 2015 | ½ Day Assessment |
| April 30, 2015 | Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30 - 6:00 and 6:30 - 9:00 pm) Report Cards Available for Pick-Up |
| May 1, 2015 | Non Instructional Day, No Classes |
| May 15, 2015 | Non Instructional Day, No Classes |
| May 18, 2015 | Victoria Day, No Classes |
| May 22, 2015 | Prom & Dry Grad |
| June 11, 2015 | Commencement |
| June 18, 2015 | Last Day of Formal Classes |
| June 18-25, 2015 | Provincial Exams |
| June 22-24, 2015 | School Exams |
| May 22, 2015 | Prom & Dry Grad |
| June 11, 2015 | Commencement |
| June 18, 2015 | Last Day of Formal Classes |
| June 18-25, 2015 | Provincial Exams |
| June 22-24, 2015 | School Exams |
| June 25, 2015 | Report Cards Available Noon – 3:30 pm |
| June 26, 2015 | Administrative Day/Report Card Pick-Up |

Canadian Parents for French

Alison Livingstone would like to introduce the Canadian Parents for French. Canadian Parents for French (CPF) is the national network of volunteers which values French as an integral part of Canada and which is dedicated to the promotion and creation of French-second-language learning opportunities for young Canadians.

She is holding an information meeting Monday December 1st, 2014 at 6:30 at Christine Morrison and welcomes all French immersion parents from Ecole Mission Central Elem. School, Ecole Mission Middle/Secondary School and Ecole Christine Morrison Elem. School to attend. If you would like more information about CPF and its benefits you can find it at www.cpf.ca.

Thank You,