



NEWS

Port Hardy Secondary School

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November

- 3 Rotation 2 Start (Grade 8)
- 10 School-Based Pro-D Day
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 20 PAC Meeting
- 21 End of Term 1
- 24 Term 2 Begins
- 25 Devon Wells Bluegrass Performance (9:00)
- 28 Grad Parent Meeting
- 28 Formal Reports Mailed Home

December

- 2 Early Dismissal (1:50)
- 2 Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews
- 18 Interim Reports Mailed Home—Term 2
- 18 PAC Meeting
- 22 - 2 CHRISTMAS BREAK

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

School resumed this year with a strong start, despite a delay. I'm happy to report that all classes were up and running smoothly right away.

You are receiving an interim report card quite soon after students have settled into classes and have had the opportunity to demonstrate how and what they are learning. We like to let you know early how your son or daughter is doing, so that if there are concerns we can work together to resolve them quickly. If you have questions about your child's classes, we suggest that you contact the teacher directly. All teachers can be reached by phone or by email, using the teacher's first initial and their last name, followed by @sd85.bc.ca (e.g. ldeadman@sd85.bc.ca).

We have been practicing a variety of safety drills, so that students are ready to follow safety procedures in the event of an emergency. We have held an earthquake drill, an intruder alert/lockdown drill and a fire drill. We will be continuing to practice these important activities throughout the school year. Ensuring the safety of the students and adults in the building is very important to us. If you are aware of a situation that gives you cause for concern, please let Mr. MacLean or me know about it so

that we can take the appropriate steps to ensure everyone is safe in the building and on the school grounds.

Sincerely,

Lauren Deadman
Principal

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PHSS PAC NEWS

The PHSS Parent Advisory Council is always looking for parents to participate in meetings and other activities around the school. If you are interested in coming to a PAC meeting, please feel free to join us. No commitment necessary.



Next Meeting: November 20th
@7pm in the Library

TUTORING SCHEDULE

There is after-hours tutoring available at the Adult Education Centre at Gwa-sala 'Nakwaxda'xw.

November Schedule:

- Mondays 7-9 pm
- Thursdays 4-6 pm
- Saturdays 1-3 pm
- Sundays 7-9 pm



For questions, please see Angela Clair in Rm. 665



FACEBOOK

Port Hardy Secondary has a FaceBook page. Check us out and "like" our page to receive notifications about PHSS. www.facebook.com/porthardysecondaryschool

THANK YOU

We would like to sincerely thank "Show Kids You Care" for their continued support contributing to our meal program



PASSPORT TO EDUCATION

The Ministry of Education has started phasing out the Passport to Education program. There will be no Passport to Education stamps granted for Grade 10 and 11 in 2015.

Grade 12 stamps will be phased out in and 2016.



GRAD RAFFLE

Dry Grad 2015 Raffle tickets are available in the office or through any grad. Enter for a chance to win an LG 55" 1080p 120Hz IPS LED Smart TV *and* LG 120W Bluetooth Sound Bar with Wired Subwoofer.

Draw date is Dec 19



We are pleased to announce that our school will be continuing with the



BC SCHOOL FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

NUTRITIONAL PROGRAM

Please advise the office of any food allergies.

VICE-PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This year at PHSS got off to a frenetic but positive start. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of our learners in settling in and recognizing that a shortened school year does not equal lowered expectations.

I encourage all guardians and parents of our students to update their email addresses with the school office. We are moving forward with a process called Thought Exchange, and we will be contacting all members of our school community to engage in the sharing of ideas about PHSS. Watch your email about this information sharing sometime in the next week. If email isn't your preferred method of communication, we have a variety of ways for you to share and participate in the Thought Exchange.

As always, I will be available for any concerns or questions you have. I hope to see you all at our Parent-Student-Teacher interviews on December 2nd!

Frank MacLean

Vice-Principal

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IAP KIDS PLUS ACCIDENT INSURANCE

If you are interested, please pick up an enrolment form at the office. For more information visit: www.kidsplus.ca



HOME-ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

The Home-Economics department is asking for any unwanted small plastic containers with lids for donation. Containers can be dropped off at the PHSS office.



SCENT-FREE SCHOOL

PHSS is a scent-free school. Employees, students, volunteers, and visitors to this school or workplace shall refrain from using scented products in accordance with Board Policy PM 5-35: Scent-Free Environment.



THANK YOU

We would like to thank, Breakfast for Learning and President's Choice Children's Charity for their on-going support. This year we were very fortunate to receive the 2014-2015 Nutrition Grant.

