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UPCOMING EVENTS

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23 Provincial Pro-D Day

November

11 Remembrance Day

13 School Photo Re-Takes

13 End of Term One

16 Emily Carr Performance

17 PAC Meeting

20 Formal Reports Mailed Home

23 School-Based Pro-D Day

26 Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews—7:00 to 8:00 in the Gym

December

14 I-Reports Mailed Home

15 PAC Meeting

18 Last day of classes before winter break

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

With this newsletter, you will be receiving the first report card of the year. We like to let you know early in the semester how your child is doing in his/her classes so if there are any concerns we can address them quickly. The auto-dialer which automatically calls parents when students are absent was not working for a few weeks, so parents were not getting these calls. The system is working now, so as long as we have your current phone number in our system, you should be getting a message if your child was absent for any class. These messages go out daily. Please contact the school if you have recently changed your phone number, or if you want to check that we have an up-to-date number.

There are many clubs and teams running in the school again this year. Clubs include photography, yoga, robotics, chess, Japanese, metalwork, automotive, drafting, wood shop, student council, culture, volleyball, soccer and MORE. There is something for everyone's interest. We encourage

students to get involved in these activities!

We practice a variety of safety drills throughout the year. This week was Shake Out BC – a provincial earthquake drill in which every school in the province participates. Every year the board office gives us a scenario just before the drill. This year we pretended to have a class locked in the library and three students injured. What a great way to practice our emergency responsiveness!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child, please contact the office or your child's teacher.

Patti Burt

Principal

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ATTENDANCE

If a student is going to be absent from school, we ask that parents/guardians please contact the office to let us know. Call 250-949-7743 (ext. 6000 after hours) or email phss@sd85.bc.ca with the student's name and date(s) they will be away.



FACEBOOK

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

DUAL-CREDIT COURSES

North Island College and School District 85 have signed a memorandum of understanding which leads the way for interested Grade 12 students to take Criminology, English, and Psychology as dual-credit courses. Interested students should speak to Ms. Burt for more information.

THANK YOU

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

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FORESTRY ACADEMY

North Island Forestry Academy Starts This Week! In this photo, Logan is out with Western Forest Products making measurements to determine the volume in of some freshly harvested wood.



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 2015-2016 Nutrition Grant.



VICE-PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Wow. We are already one quarter of the way through the semester. There have been lots of great things taking place both inside and outside the school so far this year. From trips to the Quatse Hatchery, to having our federal candidates in the building answering questions from grades 11 and 12 students. As always, at PHSS we are focused on having engaging learning activities for our students while encouraging them to attend all classes, on time.

One activity that I am particularly excited about is the first session of Forestry Academy. I am out of the school most of the time from Oct. 13th-23rd, working with nine students from PHSS, and six from NISS. We have been learning from experts on the North Island, and visiting a variety of forest operations. Please watch for more updates as this unique program continues to develop.

I am looking forward to being back at PHSS on Oct. 26 to help our students have the best learning experience possible.

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