



NEWS

Port Hardy Secondary School

Home Of The Whalers

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Principal's Message

As I write, our students have concluded their first term and report cards are in the mail. However, report cards will be unusual this reporting period because they do not report student marks as a result of the teacher's strike. If you have concerns about your student's progress, please contact your student's teacher directly. I have included a list of PHSS teacher phone extension numbers and email addresses elsewhere in this mailing for your convenience. Some grade 12 marks will be in report cards this term and all grade 12 students will have complete report cards at the end of the semester. As well, any grade 12 students requiring marks for scholarship applications or

post-secondary applications will be able to get them in a timely way.

Around the school, things are continuing fairly normally with fall sports just finishing and winter sports just beginning. Wrestling is back this year with coach Joe Humphries and Joel Dyck is working with the senior boys basketball team.

Twenty-eight senior students have signed up for our three day college trip and will tour a variety of post-secondary facilities down island at the end of November. Students on the trip will also have the opportunity to see some of the sights of the Capital Region thanks to a grant from the Capital Region District.

We had a very moving Remembrance Day assembly this year, with Mr. George Kearey sharing his service memories with us, and with our school's Junior Rangers standing Honour Guard for the assembly. I was very proud of all our students for how they behaved on this solemn and significant occasion.

Looking forward, there are only five weeks to Christmas vacation and seven weeks left in the semester. It is as important as ever to be in class learning each period and we appreciate your support in keeping students focussed on their studies as we move into the holiday season and the end of the semester.

First Nations Room

Room 615

We have accomplished many things in a short amount of time. We are feeding approximately fifty to seventy youth per day and I hope to do some fundraising, so we can continue to meet their needs.

Coming out Day was a huge success! The youth from the diversity group organized an event over the noon hour. They made rainbow cupcakes, which symbolizes our support to gay people and their families who are coming out. We handed out multicolored nacho chips which represented our need to respect all people. They made a paper chain and people signed a pledge to stop using "Gay" in a derogatory way. They also painted rainbows on people's faces to show their support. As well, many agencies in Port Hardy showed up and joined us over the noon hour.

We are planning a war museum for Remembrance Day. Parachutes, uniforms, newspaper articles, pictures and much more are being displayed. Jane Hutton, the Curator/Director from the Port Hardy Museum, has generously assisted us in this project.

Esther McLennan is doing a ten-week practicum with us and will be finished on November 17. She has been offered a position at PHSS as a SEW - Congratulations!

Gilakasla
Brigette Avoine

TRAVEL CLUB INFORMATION

A school trip to Belize is being planned for spring of 2013. Any students presently in Grades 10 and 11 who are interested in a cultural experience should contact D'Arcy Deacon.

BACK AGAIN

Aboriginal Run Walk and Urban Pole Training

13 WEEKS

STARTS January 19th
SIGN UP AT PHSS

Time: 4 pm to about 5:30

Day: Every Thursday

Start Date: January 19th

End Date: April 2011—about 13 weeks

Place: Port Hardy Secondary school—
meet in the Gym

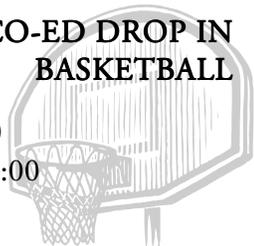
Ages: 13 and above

Please join us in welcoming our new Custodian Patricia McLachlan to the PHSS team.

CO-ED DROP IN BASKETBALL

Monday @ 4:30

Wednesday @ 4:00



Upcoming Events

November

24—Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews—**CANCELLED**

December

15—Interim Reports-Term Two

16—Last day of classes before Christmas break

19 to January 2, 2012—Christmas Vacation

January 2012

3— Classes Resume

16—District In-service Day

23/24/25—In Class Exams

24—Provincial Exams Foundations/Pre-Calculus Math 10 from 9:00—11:00

24—Provincial Exams Apprenticeship/Workplace Math 10 from 1:00—3:00

25—Provincial Exams BC First Nations Studies 12 from 9:00—11:00

25—Provincial Exams English 10 from 9:00—11:00

25—Provincial Exams Social Studies 11 from 1:00—3:00

26—Provincial Exams English 12 from 9:00—11:00

26—Provincial Exams Communications 12 from 1:00—3:00

26—Provincial Exams Science 10 from 1:00—3:00

27—Provincial Exams English 12 First Peoples from 9:00—11:00

27—Provincial Exams English 10 First Peoples from 1:00—3:00

*****Note: Highlighted date changes to provincial exams*****

27—End of Semester One/Term 2

30—First Day of Classes Semester Two Begins

30—Term Three Begins

February

6—Semester One Reports Mailed Home

6-7—Grad Photos

8—Last Day for Student Timetable Changes

17—District Professional Development/In-service Day

Vice Principal Report

The first term has gone by quickly. I hope our new students and families are feeling welcome at Port Hardy Secondary. Our volleyball and soccer teams have been busy at various tournaments. We hosted the Island championships for Boys soccer with the winning team going on to the provincials. Our boys put in a spirited effort against St. Andrews from Victoria, but unfortunately they did not win. Thank you to our coaches for supporting the team. Our Senior Girls Volleyball will be playing in the Island championships over the next two weeks. Good luck to the team. Wrestling practices with Joe Humphries have begun on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Basketball is also beginning on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Mr. Joel Dyck and Mr. Jamaine Campbell will be coaching. Student Council has been busy with spirit days and the Scavenger Hunt for Grade on Grade points. Grade 12 students took first place followed by Grade 8 in second place. The first dance of the season was a success with a Christmas dance scheduled for December. The Student Council will be working with the local food bank and the Hamper fund to gather food for the community during the month of December. They will be hosting an assembly December 16th with a live band of local students and other fun activities. The morning of December 16th will see the traditional free hot breakfast for all students being served in the multi-purpose room starting at 8:00 a.m. Free bagels and milk continue every Wednesday morning at the concession.

If you have any questions or concerns or want to help out at the school, please feel free to phone me at 250-949-7443 local 3223 or email mfleeton@sd85.bc.ca

Malcolm Fleeton
Vice Principal

STUDENT PROGRESS

Despite the current job action teachers are still assessing students and determining their progress relative to curriculum goals for their grade level. Parents may already have been contacted by teachers in the middle of the current term. If parents wish to talk about students they are welcome to phone, e-mail, or come in to talk with a teacher. Parents can phone and leave a contact number and the teacher will get back to them when they are not teaching a class. Also, IEP meetings are continuing and learning plans for identified students are being prepared. This may be an opportunity for parents to come in to the school in person and we would invite them to have a look around the school and come out back to see the construction projects and the garden projects that are enhancing our school.

Karen Zoffman (staff rep)

PHSS Staff Mailboxes & Extensions September 2010

Name	Mailbox
Boyko, Craid (Room 350)	3247
Child, Sarah	3690
Deacon, D'Arcy	3245
Dunlap, Frank	3360
EKE ME-XI (Leah Hubbard)	949-8332
First Nations Room 615 Brigette	3615
Fleeton, Malcolm	3223
Fyles, Robert	3300
Gordon, Robyn	3515
Gray, Margaret	3420
Gray, Steve	3222
Greenlees, Danell	3221
Hitch, Elizabeth	3555
Dyck, Joel	3605
Johnson, Stacia	3545
McGhee, Kevin	3655
Minar, Marian	3355
Morton, Cecil	3242
Nields, Terry	3535
Pendergast, Adrian	3320
Prong, Levin	3230
Voth, Jason	3675
Walkus, Jillian (Alternate)	3665
Williams, Micah	3365
Willie, Charles	3233
Zoffmann, Karen	3505

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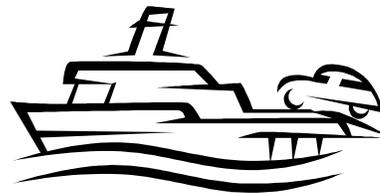
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