



NEWS

Port Hardy Secondary School

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Principal's Message

An assembly in honour of Remembrance Day was held on Friday Nov. 8, 2013 at 10:40 in the school gymnasium. The student leadership group and the youth in Canadian Rangers are to be commended for their presentations. Mr. George Kearey represented the Royal Canadian Legion. The students were very courteous during the assembly and are thanked for the high level of respect they demonstrated during the presentations.

MADD North Island once again sponsored Media Presentations for North Island Schools. This year they presented to students of Port Hardy Secondary School on Tuesday Nov. 12, 2013. This was a very

pertinent presentation for young people and gives them more information to work with when they face choices involving themselves or their friends and alcohol. Counsellors were available to meet with students who found the presentation upsetting.

Friday Nov. 8 marked the end of term 1 in semester 1 at PHSS. Report cards will be mailed out to parents on Friday Nov. 15th. Please address any questions or concerns you may have about information on your son's or daughter's report card to their teachers.

Sincerely,

Lauren Deadman
Principal

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Cougar Sightings

There have been several cougar sightings within the School District this fall season and School District No. 85 is very concerned with the safety all students.

Please ensure that your students are aware of the recommended behaviour that is to be used should they encounter a cougar.

If You Encounter A Cougar

Never travel alone, stay in groups.

Don't run.

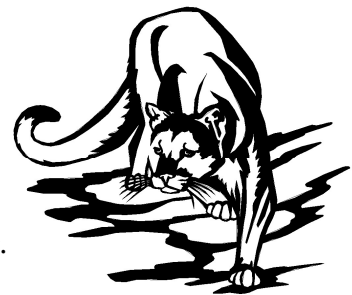
Face the cougar. Don't turn your back on the cougar. Stand up.

Make yourself look bigger – raise your hands overhead. If you've got a jacket or a back pack hold it up so you look even bigger and bulkier.

Throw things at the cougar if it's close enough.

Smile, show the cougar your teeth – to the cougar you're displaying weapons.

Yell, shout and make intimidating noises – your goal is to convince the cougar that you are NOT prey, and may in fact be dangerous.



PHSS Grad News

The grad class is busy fundraising and hope to be done by early January! Currently they are selling raffle tickets for a load of firewood, a great prize and only \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The draw is Dec 6, 2013. Tickets are available from grads, or grad parents.



Also coming up is a Cookies-by-the-Pound bake sale at the Thunderbird Mall from 10-3 PM on November 23, 2013. Get a head start on Christmas baking and this is also another opportunity to pick up a raffle ticket.

The grads have a Facebook page that shows current Grad activities, just search "Port Hardy Secondary Grad 2014" on Facebook.com for the latest updates.

Breakfast Club

PHSS would like to sincerely thank the Lions Club and Rotary Club of Port Hardy for their support with our breakfast club this year.

Upcoming Events

November

- 21 Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews - 7:00 - 8:30
Early dismissal at 1:50
Block times same as a Friday

- 22 School-Based Professional Development Day

December

- 19 Interim Reports Mailed Home - Term 2
- 20 Last day of classes before Christmas Break

January

- 6 Classes resume
- 20 School-based In-service day

Date Changes (make changes on calendar magnet)

- June 7 Graduation Day

Early Dismissal

Parent-Student-Teacher interviews are being held on Thursday, November 21st from 7:00 to 8:30 in the gym. We will have early dismissal that day at 1:50pm. Block times will be like a Friday.



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: December 19th @7pm in the Library



Vice-Principal's Message

November is a very busy month at PHSS - report cards, Remembrance Day assemblies, and the regular regimen of high school classes. During the next week, our senior students will take part in a Career Fair on the 18th and celebrate Community Connections Day on the 19th. Also on the 19th, all of our Grade 8 students have been invited to attend another day of workshops at Cluxewe Resort. There, they will join Grade 8 NISS students for a day of Science learning in the outdoors. The opportunities for connections with other students from other schools continues.

On November 21, we are looking forward to our Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews here at the school. We have also set up meeting times at Gwa'sala Nakwada'xw on November 25 and at Quatsino on November 26. Both are set to begin at 4:30pm. A meeting with Kwakiutl parents is being arranged. The date and time is to be announced. Hope to see you all there.

Sincerely,

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