



NEWS

Port Hardy Secondary School

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Principal's Message

You are receiving in the mail a report about your son's/daughter's progress at Port Hardy Secondary School. We try to get these interim reports to parents soon after students have settled into classes and have had the opportunity to demonstrate how and what they are learning. If you have any questions about the report you receive, please contact your son or daughter's teacher. All teaching staff can be reached by telephone at 250-949-7443.

Again this year PHSS is a participant in the BC Fruit and

Vegetable Snack Program. Administered by BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation, the Province of BC provides us with fresh fruit or vegetable snacks twice a week for the duration of the Program, at no cost. We're grateful for Mrs. Martin organizing this and the donation of the healthy snacks.

Hallowe'en is approaching, and I'd like to take this opportunity to remind parents and students that fireworks are not permitted on school property. We hold the safety of our students as a high priority and there is zero tolerance for fireworks in the school or on school

grounds. Any clothing worn by students at any time, including Hallowe'en must be in compliance with the information in the student handbook, given to every student at the start of the school year.

It was a pleasure to meet so many parents and guardians at the "Meet the Teacher Night" on October 3. I'm looking forward to getting to know many more parents and guardians. Please don't hesitate to call me if I can assist you in any way.

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First Nations Programs

Stephanie Nelson, Connections Worker; Brigitte Avoine, Youth Worker; Jim Jones, Support Worker

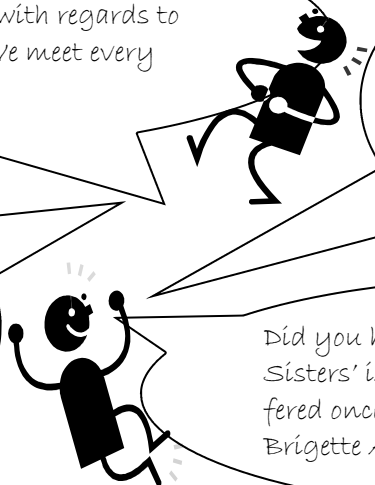
Diversity Group is going well with new faces! This year we want to take on new issues with regards to equality within our community. We meet every 2nd Monday. Next Mtg. Oct.21

I'm so excited about the Culture Group open to all students every Monday at lunch with a free hot lunch provided! Our first performance will be Nov.18 at the PHSS Career Fair!

Wow! Jim Jones is still volunteering his time offering academic coaching during his lunch hour as well as Monday's and Thursday's after school! It's so cool that students get a free subway card after 3 hrs. of extra work!

First Nations Parents Club Thurs., Oct.17 at 4:30! Yummy dinner will be provided and Michele Morfitt, Aboriginal Employment Advisor, to discuss opportunities!

Did you hear a girls group called 'Spirit Sisters' is going to start Mon.Nov.4, offered once a week with Stephanie Nelson, Brigitte Avoine and Angela Clair.



PHSS Grad News

Grad 2014 has been busy over the summer raising funds for their Dry Grad celebrations. Perhaps you met them at concessions at Carrot Park on July 1 and Filomi Days and at Beaver Harbour at the RCMP Musical Ride or a ball tournament. Thanks to everyone for their support. Fundraising will continue during the fall as we prepare for our graduation ceremonies on June 7, 2014 and related Dry Grad activities.

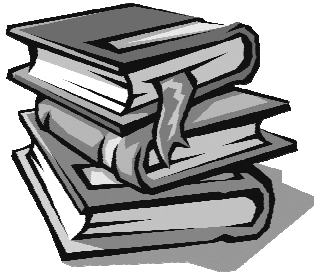


Tutoring Schedule

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

October Schedule:

12th - 1:00-4:00
13th - 1:00-4:00
14th - 1:00-4:00
17th - 4:00-6:00
21st - 7:00-9:00
24th - 4:00-6:00
27th - 7:00-9:00
28th - 7:00-9:00



For questions, please see Angela Clair in Rm.665

Upcoming Events

October

14 Thanksgiving Day
25 Provincial Professional Development Day
30 School Photo Re-takes *has been changed*

November

8 End of Term One
11 Remembrance Day
12 Term Two Begins
15 Formal Reports Mailed Home - Term 1
21 Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews - 7:00 - 8:30
Early dismissal at 1:50
22 School-Based Professional Development Day

December

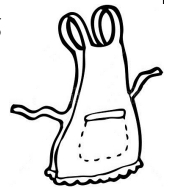
19 Interim Reports Mailed Home - Term 2
20 Last day of classes before Christmas Break

Date Changes (make changes on calendar magnet)

Oct 6 - Graduation Day

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.



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: October 17th @7pm in the Library



Vice-Principal's Message

I would like to congratulate our students for a great start to our new school year. My observations of student behavior include timely attendance in classes, smooth transitions between classes, and awesome participation during the volley ball and soccer games against NISS a couple of weeks back. Students at PHSS have taken a number of opportunities to connect with NISS students over the past few weeks:

- ◆ Grade 8 students from both schools got together at Cluxewe Resort for a day of Aboriginal Ways of Knowing and Doing;
- ◆ Senior French students from both schools gathered for Le Diner Blanc, a luncheon held at PHSS;
- ◆ On October 10th, our Girls' Volley Ball and Boys' Soccer teams will return the favour by travelling to NISS to take on their teams.

It seems like aligning our student timetables has helped to create these wonderful opportunities.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns

Frank MacLean, Vice Principal

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