



NEWS

Port Hardy Secondary School

Home Of The Whalers

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Principal's Message

As I write, the new school year is well underway. We are glad to have your children here and are looking forward to working with you to make this school year the best yet for our students. We welcome to staff Robena Maclaren, our new Low Incidence Resource teacher and Martin Libby, teaching Alternate and English Language Learning. As well, we welcome Courtney Pratt, our new school secretary.

Changes this year include having all our grade 8 and 9 students on a yearlong timetable. By taking classes in a linear system, we hope students will retain more of their learning without long layoffs from subject areas between semesters. With the advent of yearlong courses, we have been able to schedule a jun-

ior band program for the first time in many years.

Our next Parent Advisory Committee meeting will be held October 15 at 7:00 pm in the school's Learning Centre/Library. The PAC serves a valuable purpose at school, giving parents an opportunity to speak with each other, with local trustees, and with administration, and providing money to worthy causes around the school. Please consider joining us the third Monday of each month.

School Photo Day is September 28 this year. We will celebrate everyone's being in attendance with lunch and dessert in the foyer. October 4 is our Meet the Teacher Night and we hope to see you there. We hope to serve spaghetti dinner

that night and have an enjoyable opportunity to mix with parents.

We are working hard to keep students in class learning. If your student misses a class, you will receive a call from our automated phone dialer. If you know your student has been away, please phone us here at extension 6000 to excuse your student and you will not receive the phone call. If you would like to have the details of your student's attendance emailed to you, please email cp Pratt@sd85.bc.ca and we will add your email address to our database.

We are off to a very good start with our new timetable and programs, and welcome you to the school's events which are listed in each of our newsletters.

First Nations Room — Room 615 - Creating opportunities to Succeed!

I think this year is going to be full of opportunities and growth in our community. We have so many things that we are planning and implementing into our program. Our First Nations team, our community members and I are eager to work together to support and educate our students and we hope to be able to find funding and opportunities for all of our projects.

We are in the middle of a campaign to raise funds to feed approximately fifty students a day. Food security is a daily struggle for a lot of our youth, and many of the youth said they rely on our program daily to get them by. If anyone has extra produce from their garden, food fish, or anything to contribute to the food program we would appreciate your donation.

We are working on a Youth Housing Project. We are assembling a youth advisory committee that will be working with the community concerned with youth housing. Some of the youth on this committee worked with me last year due to their own homelessness. The need for youth housing is comparable to the need for food security.

We are working on many community development projects to provide our students with a relevant and diverse experience with their culture. Presently, we're working with a group of First Nations artists and we will soon be painting a First Nations mural on the walls of this room.

The Gay Straight Alliance is starting up again. We are planning projects that hope to educate our community on human rights. The community is very supportive and wants to be involved in developing this group's vision.

VIHA and our school will be partners in a number of programs which will be run out of this room. I will be sending posters to you through emails; however the programs we have starting up are as follows: Youth clinic on Tuesdays from 1-2, Parenting/prenatal program Tuesday 3:15-4:15, and Drug and Alcohol counseling from 1-2 Wednesday and Thursday.

Thank you for your time, Gilakasla Brigitte Avoine

career EXPO 2012 October 26, 2012
9 am to 5 pm
Port Hardy
Civic Centre

Connecting Business, Job Seekers and Community on the North Island

Who will you connect with?
Local and regional businesses
Education and training providers
Government and community organizations
Industry sectors and associations

Indoor/Outdoor Displays & Demonstrations

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Door Prizes Win an iPad or eReader

What will you do there?
Discover north island opportunities for jobs and careers
Learn about education and skills for employment success
Learn about businesses, entrepreneurs and industries in the region
Hear role models talk about why they've been successful in employment

Shuttle bus:	Port McNeill Ferry Terminal to Port Hardy	11:40 am	Schedule subject to change
	Port Hardy to Port McNeill Ferry Terminal	3:15 pm	
	Port Alice to Port Hardy	10:00 am	
	Port Hardy to Port Alice	2:45 pm	

Want to register as an Exhibitor? Contact us at CareerExpo@cfmw.ca | 250.956.2220 | 1.877.956.222 or register directly at <http://CareerExpo2012.Eventbrite.ca>

Event sponsored by the Mount Waddington Coordinated Workforce Initiative
Co-hosts: Community Futures Mount Waddington, North Island Employment, School District 85, North Island College, Port McNeill & District/Port Hardy & District Chambers of Commerce, North Vancouver Island Aboriginal Training Society

Upcoming Events

September
26 Post-Secondary School Visits
28 Photo Day

October
4 Meet the Staff Evening – 6:00 to 7:30
8 Thanksgiving Day
12 Interim Reports – Term One
19 Provincial Professional Development Day
26 Career Expo 2012 – PH Civic Centre

November
2 School Photo Retake
9 End of Term One
12 Remembrance Day
13 Term Two Begins
16 Formal Reports Mailed Home
22 Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews
7:00-8:30 in the Gym

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.

IAP Kids Plus Accident Insurance

If you are interested, please pick up an Enrolment Form at the office.

Vice-Principal's Message

Welcome to a new school year!

Sports team are beginning to practice for Sr. Boys' Soccer and Jr. Girls' Volleyball. Soccer practices are Tuesday and Thursday 3:15 to 5:00 p.m. and Volleyball is Monday and Wednesday 3:15 to 5:00 p.m. and Friday 1:15 to 3:00 p.m. Wrestling and Basketball will officially begin at the end of November. Student's Council is also up and running with preparations for the Grade on Grade Treasure Hunt as well as Halloween celebrations.

Next Friday, September 28th we will be giving away free hot dogs to all students at 15 minute break. The post-secondary institutions will be visiting PHSS on Wednesday, September 26th to allow students in Grades 10-12 to receive information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

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