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Upcoming Events

May

- 6 School-Based Pro-D Day
- 17 PAC Meeting
- 23 Victoria Day
- 27 I-Reports Mailed Home

June

- 11 Graduation Day
- 22-27 Provincial Exams
- 23 Last day of classes
- 23 Year-End Awards Ceremony—4:30pm
- 24 Admin Day—School Closed

ThoughtExchange

Greetings! SD85 is undergoing a review of its Strategic Plan and we want to hear from you - the staff, parents, students and community members of School District 85 - on what is working well in our schools and where we can improve. Share your thoughts and priorities for the future of School District 85 today. Visit sd85b.thoughtexchange.info/invitation for more information and to participate. Thank you!

Principal's Message

Spring is in the air! Course selections for next year have been completed, our last term for this year has started, and Grad excitement is starting to ramp up. We have a number of big activities that we are looking forward to over the next few weeks. The grade 10 students will be participating in the P.A.R.T.Y. program next week and we have 20 students from Eke Me-Xi, NISS and PHSS participating in a Red Cross Healthy Relationships training - they will be our new peer counsellors. Our junior girls soccer team will be attending (and winning I'm sure) a few more tournaments before the end of the year as well. As well, the grade 7 students from our feeder schools will be coming to PHSS to work with our Home Ec and shop teachers to experience some of the electives that the high school offers. With the warm weather and sunny skies, students are encouraged to attend and enjoy the last 10 weeks of school

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BC Entrepreneurial Program

The Planning 10 class participated in the Young Achiever "BC Entrepreneurial" program through Community Futures in Port McNeill. Former alumni Riley Zimmerman ran four classes which delved into starting a business. The students then developed a PowerPoint pitching business ideas. A panel of judges narrowed it down to the top three in round 1 and those three went on to tweak and refine their

proposals. They then pitched to a panel of three entrepreneurs (Gene Cadwallader, Dale Dorward, and Sean Dunlop) who, along with Riley, picked the top pitch which was Bree Evans' "Buggy's Books." These three businessmen gave up an hour of their busy schedules to participate in this and provided the students with great "real life" advice. The Planning 10 class appreciated the efforts of all concerned.



Thank You Monk Office

A special thank you to Monk Office Supply who donated \$87 to our Food Program. We rely on donations like this to provide students meals and snacks throughout the day so that they can learn. We appreciated their thoughtfulness to our programs at PHSS.

Breakfast for Learning

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to Breakfast for Learning for sponsoring our breakfast program for the past five years.

Breakfast for Learning is committed to helping children across Canada realize their full potential in life by ensuring they attend school well nourished and ready to learn. Breakfast for Learning has been helping support student-based nutrition programs in every province and territory for 23 years. During the 2015/16 school year, Breakfast for Learning funded 1,887 breakfast, lunch and snack programs, supporting 238,853 children with more than 40 million nourishing meals and snacks. Since 1992, Breakfast for Learning has helped 3.8 million children enjoy over 594 million healthy meals and snacks. For more information, please visit www.breakfastforlearning.ca.

June Exam Schedule

Wednesday, June 22

Social Studies 11 1 pm

Thursday, June 23

English 10 9 am

First Nations Studies 12 1 pm

Friday, June 24

English 10 First Peoples..... 9 am

English 12 9 am

Science 10 1 pm

Monday, June 27

Communications 12..... 9 am

A&W Math 10..... 1 pm

Foundations of Math 10..... 1 pm

English 12 First Peoples..... 1 pm

Day of Mourning

The Day of Mourning (DOM) was officially recognized in 1991 when Parliament passed the *Mourning Act*. Now endorsed by government, labour and employers, the day commemorates those workers who were killed or injured on the job. The goal: education of our youth on workplace safety to help reduce young worker injuries and fatalities.

Many students and young people lack knowledge of the dangers of work and their rights as workers and as a consequence, are the most vulnerable group in the workforce as they are statistically more likely to suffer injury or death at the workplace.

- Workers in BC can enter the workplace as young as 12 years of age
- In BC, an average of 27 young workers have time-loss injuries every day.
- Every week, seven young workers are permanently disabled in BC

This year, a partnership of the BC Labour Heritage Centre, the BC

Federation of Labour, BC Teachers' Federation, and WorkSafe BC has taken an important step to actively encourage more schools to participate in the Day of Mourning. This project has been endorsed by the BC Schools Trustees Association, the BC Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association, and CUPE BC.

Vice-Principal's Message

With the warm weather arriving we are now making our final push to the end of the year. It is essential that student keep a solid focus, and attend all classes, especially for our graduates.

Grad preparations will be in full swing until the big date of June 11th . We could still help setting up this special day. If you are able to provide assistance with planning or organizing, or if you have any other concerns please feel free to contact me at the office.

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Junior Girls Soccer

