



PORT HARDY SECONDARY SCHOOL

Home Of The Whalers

NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

October

- 17 Quatsino Community Meeting (staff-family)
- 18 Student Vote
- 19 Pro-D
- 23 PHSS Health Conference
- 24 Cross Country Meet in Sointula
- 25 Parent-Teacher Interviews 6 pm to 8 pm– Early Dismissal
- 30 PAC Meeting 6:30pm
- 30 Honour Roll lunch

November

- 12 Remembrance Day
- 16 Formal Reports mailed home
- 16 Photo retakes
- 23 School-Based Pro-D

Thank you

A big thank you to President's Choice Children's Charity for the 2018-2019 School Nutrition Grant, and to BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation for the fruit and vegetable nutritional program.

Allergies

We have several students and staff with life-threatening allergies to foods and scents here at PHSS. As such, we ask that parents avoid sending foods that contain pickles and all nuts. We are also a scent-free school.



Principal's Message

Gilakas'la!

Students will be receiving their interim report cards this week. These reports are sent home early in the semester to provide a check-in on your child's progress. Any student who is currently not passing a course will receive an In-Progress report ('I Report) outlining what needs to be done to demonstrate their understanding of course outcomes. Please note that we provide support before school, at lunch, and after school for students who need some extra help. We look forward to meeting with you at Parent-Teacher Conferences this month to discuss how to best support your child's learning.

An important factor for student success is regular attendance. Students are expected to attend all of their classes, including homeroom. During homeroom, core competencies from the BC curriculum are covered through activities, and important information is shared. Homerooms also provide an opportunity for staff to check in with students each morning and ensure that their day is set up for success.

We are excited to be hosting a Health Conference on October 23. Students will attend school during regular hours, but will be taking part in wellness-related workshops and activities facilitated by community agencies. Lunch will be provided. We are looking forward to a great day of hands-on learning with our community partners!

Rena Sweeney, Principal

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Orange Shirt Day

On Friday September 28, 2018 students and staff participated in Orange Shirt Day. This day is an opportunity to recognize the dehumanizing effects of Indian residential schools on the children who attended and the generational effects which are still ongoing. This dark



chapter in Canadian history needs to be recognized and efforts made to make sure that we work towards reconciliation. The theme of the day is "Every Child Matters" and we remind ourselves to make sure that school today is a place of learning, caring and community where every child is treated with respect and care.

Information Technology Class

Using robots to learn computer programming (coding).



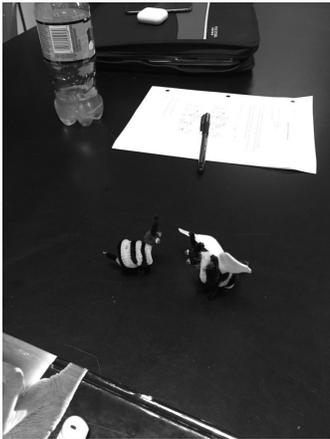
Shadowing Day at Port Hardy Hospital

Each student was placed with different hospital professionals at Port Hardy Hospital. Before being placed they had to successfully complete 8 hours of online Island Health training in order to be considered for the Career Observation Program.

Grant Bay Trip

Woodwork Class—Driftwood joinery making surf shacks
PE Class—Soccer, volleyball and football
Science Class—Tide pools and forest ecology

Bee Mutations



Whale Watching

September 26 the Tourism 11/12 and Biology 11 classes spent the day on the water whale watching with Stubbs Island Whale Watching out of Telegraph Cove. We did not see any orcas, but the humpbacks were lunge feeding all around us and a pod of dolphins bow rode with us as they headed to harass a group of sea lions at their territorial rock. The water was roiling as the dolphins and sea lions were in the water together. All-in-all it was a perfect day!

