



# Port Hardy Secondary

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## Principal's Message

Gilakas'la Families

Wishing you and your families a wonderful summer as the weather has certainly been in our favor since classes ended. Our final afternoon of school was spent recognizing and celebrating the accomplishments of learners during our Awards Ceremony. Graduates of 2022 are leaving our building with strong academic Foundations and future plans; they are a hard-working group with mature dispositions and will be greatly missed by students and staff.

We have enjoyed having families and community back in the building with the lessening of health restrictions. On June 21st, National Indigenous Peoples' Day, our learning community celebrated the unveiling of the magnificent pole, carved by Mervyn Child, gracing our front entrance. This day was planned and prepared by all members of our school for months, and we could have not hosted such a large ceremony without the assistance and involvement of so many! The preparation and celebration truly embody the Kwak'waka term, Naawakola; throughout this entire journey, people have willingly contributed, supported and generously given their time and expertise.

We will, once again, host a grade 8 Parent and Student orientation before school starts and encourage you to check our website and/or Facebook page for details closer to the start of the year.

Wishing you an enjoyable and safe summer.  
Jillian Walkus  
Principal

## Upcoming Events

### September

- 1 Grade 8 Parent Orientation
- 6 School –based in-service day
- 7 First day for learners
- 20 Meet the staff BBQ
- 21 PAC Meeting
- 30 National Day of Truth & Reconciliation

### October

- 10 Thanksgiving Day
- 13 School Photos
- 18 Parent-Teacher Interviews  
6— 8 p.m.  
Dismissal at 1:50 p.m.
- 21 Provincial Pro-D Day

### 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.



The magnificent totem pole created by carver Mervyn Child was unveiled at the front of Port Hardy Secondary on National Indigenous Day, June 21, 2022.

## Staffing Changes

We would like to acknowledge the contributions of staff that are leaving this year as they have ensured we are able to provide quality instruction and learning opportunities during their time with us:

Gordie Carley, TTOC in quarter 4 for PHE 9-12 & Science 9; Robert Fyles, TTOC Q1 to Q4; Sharon Campbell, TTOC Learning Assistance; and Micah Williams who is celebrating 23 years of service as a Learning Assistance Resource teacher and classroom teacher including junior sciences and maths, computer studies and Indigenous Studies 12 during his time at Port Hardy Secondary School.

In the fall, we welcome Matthew Thompson, Paul Cagna, Courtney Wall, and Mackenzie Kennedy to our school.

## Grad 2022

Congratulations to all Grads 2022! You were fun, kind, active, and inclusive leaders at PHSS, and we will miss you. Our wish for each and every one of you: Keep making us proud and let us know how you are doing in the future that you will make for yourself.



## Year-End Awards Ceremony

June 23, 2022 saw our final gathering as a school community and some parents, to celebrate the Year End Awards. Staff recognized 128 students who showed excellent performance in different subject areas. A great group of 25 hard-working students received the Nanwakola Culture award. These students had worked



together over the last year, to perform at the unveiling of our new pole.

New this year were the Maya'xala (respect) awards. The recipients of this award exemplify our four most important values as PHSS students:

Respect for Self (72 students), Respect for others (39 students), Respect for the environment (65 students), and Respect for Learning (68 students). They were rewarded with beautifully handcrafted butterfly cupcakes, created by our very own Brigette!

Major awards were earned by:

Allie Maundrell and Caleigh McLaughlin – Hardy Spirit Jr. Athletic Award

Mackenzie Moore – Dwayne Anonson Sr. Athletic Award

Parker Cesaretti – Science Achievement Award

Nagiho Miyagi – Rotary Club of Port Hardy Service Above Self Award

The top all-around student award recognizes the outstanding academic achievement in all subject areas, impeccable behavior record and excellent attendance.

This year's recipient is Isadora Weathered.

**Thank you to all our award winners, we are very proud of you! If you did not earn an award this time around, lets say "you didn't – YET"**

Anna Cunningham, Vice-Principal