
ROYALS NEWS

THE HANDSWORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPS EMPOWERED, INNOVATIVE AND COMPASSIONATE LEARNERS WHO SERVE AND LEAD WITH CURIOSITY AND INTEGRITY.



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April 2017

HPAC - Monday April 10th - 7:00pm - Library

Please join us at our next meeting Monday, April 10 at 7pm in the school library to hear from students about some of the enrichment activities they've been involved in: the school play, the trip to Cuba, the boys basketball provincials, marketing competitions and more!

There will also be reports from music, athletics and Vice-Principal Erica Schmidt. This is always a fun and insightful meeting so we hope to see you there! You can also visit our website www.handsworthpac.com or follow us on Twitter @Handsworth PAC to keep up-to-date on important information for parents.

NVPAC - Wednesday, April 25th - 7:00pm - ESC

The NVPAC next general meeting will be on Wednesday, April 25 at 7 pm at the Education Services Centre. We are working on the topic of Physical Literacy. All parents welcome. As a follow up to our previous general meeting, the Teaching to Diversity poster is now on our website www.northvanpac.org.

Japanese Exchange

The annual Japanese Exchange departed on Tuesday April 4th and will return on Tuesday, April 18th. Follow their adventure on the official exchange blog at <http://handsworthjapan2017.wordpress.com>.

2018 Italy Tour

After 12 successful years and a 3 year hiatus, a field study trip to Italy in March of 2018 is being considered. As part of the process, I would like to gauge interest from students/families. At this time, the grades considered would be 10, 11&12. If you are interested in learning more, please see Mr. Audia in room 208 or email me at saudia@sd44.ca. Thanks for your consideration

Handsworth Theatre Production "No Idea." - April 6-8 at Centennial Theatre

Once again over 200 Handsworth students from eight different theatre and dance classes have been working together to create our next original play, NO IDEA. In this comedy, a small town theatre company struggles to keep their business alive. A group of actors brainstorm creative ideas to write a hit play that will draw people back to the theatre. Then on opening night, a series of unexpected circumstances affect the play and the writer in profound ways. Our play promises to be filled with songs, dances, and silly fun! NO IDEA will be presented at CENTENNIAL

THEATRE from Thursday, April 6th to Saturday, April 8th at 7:00 pm.

Music Notes:

Cuba!

Viva la vida cubana! The fine arts trip to Cuba was a great journey in a special place with warm friendly people! We danced, we played percussion, we performed for and with the Cubans, we toured galleries and shopped in the Havana market. Music, Art and Dance students played and experienced Cuba together and became closer friends. When the Cuban elementary students sang the chorus to Hallelujah as we played, the Cuban sun could not make us feel any warmer!

The Intermediate Band and Jazz Bands are going to Banff to the Rocky Mountain Music Festival April 19th to 23rd! It is a very well run festival with a wonderful headline act (Rajaton) in one of the most beautiful locations in the world! Play well and enjoy the trip!

A group of Senior jazz students along with the Junior Blue Jazz Band will be off to the Whistler Cantando Music Festival May 5th to 7th. The Senior Combo has been asked to perform at the showcase concert on the Sunday! Have a great festival!



Student Council Update

Student Council 2017-2018!! Yes, it's that time of year again when budding politicians, excited and enthusiastic student leaders and future event-planners all come together in a spirit of Handsworth Pride to run for positions on next year's student government.

Important dates and deadlines to note:

- **Apr 12: Informational meeting for all prospective candidates at lunch (room 227)**
- **Apr 24: Nomination Forms due 3pm to room 207** (available for pick-up in room 207 after Apr 12).
- May 3: Grade 10/11 student assembly/candidate speeches (during Innovation Time)
- May 10: Grade 8/9 student assembly/candidate speeches (during Innovation Time)
- May 16: Election (block 2)

Any interested students should come to an informational meeting at lunch on Wed Apr 12 in room 227 to get nomination forms and understand the process of how to run for positions, and what requirements exist in the student constitution. Making regular weekly meetings and meeting deadlines are key skills for all roles on Student Council, so make sure you “do your homework” and can be a successful candidate/run a successful campaign. Speeches, slogans, a strong platform and a desire to make a difference at Handsworth are all important parts of this process... so come find out more Apr 12th!

HSS Student Council has been an active, positive group all year and is a key part of the student voice in our learning community. We encourage you to think about what you could bring to next year's student leadership team!

Red Patch

REDPATCH

BY RAES CALVERT & SEAN HARRIS OLIVER



"WHOLLY IMMERSIVE AND BRILLIANTLY INVENTIVE..."

- The Georgia Straight

"SPECTACULAR"

- Jo Ledingham

"BOLD"

- Two Cents & Two Pence

"HERALDS A NEW AGE OF RISK-TAKERS AND INNOVATORS..."

- The Georgia Straight

180 Handsworth Grade 11 students had a wonderful learning experience last week on March 29th/31st. Handsworth Drama, English and Social Studies teachers collaborated to bring as many students as possible to a live theatrical performance at Presentation House Theatre. REDPATCH is a historical drama that focuses on a young Métis soldier from the Nuu-chah-nulth nation of Vancouver Island who volunteers to fight for Canada in the First World War. Set in both Canada and the battlefields of France, REDPATCH follows the experiences of this young soldier as he endures the horrors of trench warfare. Students who attended were unanimous in finding this piece very moving, emotional, intense and riveting. It brought history to life, engaged students in a very physical form of theatre and had many students commenting that this was "not what we expected, but we loved it!" After the show, Handsworth students had the chance to interact with the First Nations cast and crew in a private Q&A with the performers who had booked the entire theatre for us.

This world premiere production coincides with the 100 year anniversary of the historical Battle of Vimy Ridge, and is a moving depiction of the contribution that First Nations soldiers made towards the Great War. Handsworth students participated in this year's Remembrance Day ceremony (Nov 2016) where they met the two young playwrights (Raes Calvert and Sean Harris Oliver) and learned about First Nations' contributions to Canada's war and peace efforts. This was a unique learning opportunity for all Grade 11 students, generously supported by the Handsworth School leadership. For more information on the play, which runs Mar 29th-Apr 9th, please see their website <http://redpatch.ca/> or visit the Presentation House Theatre website: <http://www.phtheatre.org/show/redpatch/> You can also download a graphic novel version of the play <http://redpatch.ca/graphic-novel/>

Overall, this was a highlight of the year! Handsworth staff has been working to increasing the Indigenization of curriculum according to the new BC Ministry Curriculum. Indigenization is the process of infusing Indigenous knowledge and perspective into the teaching and learning at Handsworth. The goal is to create a more inclusive environment through the presentation of a different world view, and to enhance and enrich the educational and cultural experience of the educational community. There are over 60,000 students in B.C.'s school system who self-identify as being of Aboriginal (First Nations, Métis or Inuit) ancestry.

Recognizing that our students are our future, Aboriginal Education seeks to:

- Improve the success of these students
- Support all students learning about Aboriginal peoples
- Help teachers in their efforts to bring Aboriginal knowledge into their teaching practice

Many years ago, classroom resources had few references to Aboriginal people or, if they did, it was often superficial or incorrect. As curriculum processes evolved, resources began to include some information about Aboriginal people but not how Aboriginal perspectives and understandings help us learn about the world and how they have contributed to a stronger society. Now, with the education transformation, the province is attempting to embed Aboriginal perspectives into all parts of the curriculum in a meaningful and authentic manner. Redpatch was one step among many in doing just that!

Clubs Update

Volunteer U-Club

The Volunteer U-club is hosting an event called, “**Clothing Drive Fashion Show**” this month (April). In efforts to raise awareness and give a helping hand to our local families and youth, used clothing will be collected, by donation, from our Handsworth Community (students, families, staff, etc.).

Here is a fun twist to this event! In efforts to increase the amount of donations, expand the excitement and involvement of students and staff of the school, as well as to spread the message of helping and supporting our local youth in a more efficient and entertaining way, by the end of the collection process, a **fashion show** will be held with the donated clothes. One item of donated clothing will be worn by our student/ staff models, then using any other accessories/décor of their choice they will be walking down a catwalk. The fashion show will include student and staff participation (volunteer) as models, tech crew, photographer’s, musicians, etc. The Fashion Show will occur in May, date to be determined. More information to follow.

Donations will be collected from April 3rd, and the proceeds will be split and donated to the Covenant House & Development Disability Association.

INFO ON THE TWO ASSOCIATIONS: The Covenant House is a location opening doors for homeless youth. They shelter 16 - 24 year olds. The Development Disability Association has many different programs aimed for families and the community across the life cycle, so that each individual can reach their fullest potentials. Out of their programs, we are getting involved with the youth and children program.

Donations of clothing will be crucial for this event! In hopes of success, we are asking students and staff to bring in any used clothing that are in fairly good condition, and that are appropriate. Once again the dates of collection will be from April 10th-April 21st! Thank you for your help and support!

Environmental Club

Meatless Mondays

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The Handsworth Environmental Club introduces Meatless Mondays, a plan to promote the health and environmental facts of consuming vegan or vegetarian meals. Every month, our club will work to encourage the Handsworth community to opt for meat-free meals on Monday. By working alongside the Vancouver Humaine Society and with our school’s cafeteria, the Handsworth Environmental Club hopes to show how easy, sustainable, and beneficial the Meatless Mondays program truly is to the school.

How can you help?

Come to room 208 during Innovation Wednesdays to help us plan for this exciting project. Learn about a what a vegetarian and vegan lifestyle looks like and how it helps the environment and can improve your overall health. We hope to see you there!

Silence in Schools



Handsworth is one of three schools featured in a new photography exhibit by Luke Potter at the Gordon Smith Gallery of Canadian Art at the Education Services Centre, 2121 Lonsdale Avenue from March 29-April 12, 2017.

Silence in Schools is an ongoing photographic art project that reveals the stillness and silence in an environment generally known to be colourful, bustling, and clamorous. The images depict the physical effect teaching and learning can have on a classroom environment, and how these spaces feel once vacated by pupils and teachers.

Viewers are invited into the empty school environment to experience these spaces as they have been left at the end of the workday. Skewed tables, stacked chairs, littered floors, and

discarded equipment all play an intrinsic part in this body of work.

The natural world influenced the visual approach of Silence in Schools. Weather phenomena such as fog, mist, and snow bring with them a silence, muting colours and dampening both the visual and aural senses. The images use these elements of desaturated colour and selective focus to conjure the same sense of quiet.

The Gordon Smith Gallery is opened to the public from 12pm-5pm Wednesday to Friday.



Wedge's Kitchen

Moosewood Restaurant Cornbread

Ingredients

125ml flour
125ml cornmeal
2ml salt
15ml sugar or honey
5ml baking powder
2.5ml baking soda
1/4 - 1/2 ml cayenne pepper
1/2 egg
125ml buttermilk
25ml butter

Optional

50ml corn
Green onions
Jalapeno peppers

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Melt butter in cast iron skillet or baking pan. Combine dry ingredients. Mix egg with buttermilk. Pour wet ingredients in dry and mix until just combined. Pour batter into pan (with butter) and mix again. Bake for 20 minutes.

Number of Servings: 6





We are thrilled to announce that our 4th Annual 44Dresses Boutique Day will be held on **Tuesday, April 18th 2017**. 44Dresses is an initiative facilitated by and benefitting students within North Vancouver School District 44. We collect gently used party dresses and accessories for grade 7 grads who could use a little help.

If you have a dress, shoes and/or accessories that would be appropriate for a 12/13 yr old girl, please consider donating!
We are in need of dresses from girl's size 10 to women's size 14.

Over the last 3 years, 44Dresses has provided outfits to almost 300 students.

Donations (on hangers please) can be dropped off to:
**Handsworth Secondary School from
March 27 thru to April 13th.**

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact 44dresses@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!
44Dresses