

## ***Announcements for Mon. Feb. 7th, 2022***

This is a message from the student council. Today's highlight of the week is the First Responders Team. The First Responders team consists of grade 11-12 students who will be trained over the summer as professional First Responders. Students will be trained up to the standards of Medical First Responders as set by the guidelines of the Canadian Red Cross. The team will provide first aid coverage for the student population as well as for school events.

If you are interested in signing up, please contact Mr. J Wong on Microsoft Teams.

Hey Carson, feeling romantic? Every day this week, the us club is holding Valentine's candygram sales in the Agora during lunch. For 2 dollars, you can send someone a lollipop and a special message, and for 5 dollars, send chocolates and a message. It will be delivered to their morning class on Valentine's Day. All proceeds go to 'A Loving Spoonful'

Have you thought about learning how to build robots, learning how to code or are you interested in becoming an engineer? In partnership with Zen Maker lab, and Carson Graham. We will be offering our Robotics academy again next year. The academy is an enhanced learning opportunity for students wanting to become engineers or learn more about robotics. We also work alongside UBC and Capilano Universities programs to further your post-secondary options. If this opportunity interests you, please see Mr. Olson or email him for more information.

Congratulations to the Wrestling Team for an amazing competition in the North Shore Championships on Friday. They won the title for the most points in the Girls Division as well as the Senior Boys Division. A special shout out to Arad Ahangi for winning the outstanding wrestler award.

Black History Month Announcement for February 7, 2022 by Valerie Jacober

Patricia Bath was born in Harlem, New York, in 1942. Her father worked for the subway system and her mother was a domestic worker, yet she was determined not to let racist and sexist practices hold her back. Patricia

became interested in medicine at an early age. She studied at Howard University and then interned at the Harlem Hospital and at Columbia University, where she noticed the percentage of blindness among African Americans was twice that of the white patients. As a result of her findings, she started a new field: community ophthalmology, which focuses on the prevention of blindness and proper treatments for the underserved populations.

“Patricia also co-founded the American Institute for the Prevention of Blindness in 1976 and promoted ophthalmology by traveling to perform surgeries, training clinicians and donating equipment, among other activities.”(The Scientist.com). In 1974, she became the first female faculty member at UCLA’s Department of Ophthalmology and the first African American resident at the school. In 1981, after 5 years of research, Patricia developed the Laserphaco Probe. It’s a device that removes cataracts with laser technology, which is more exacting and promotes quicker healing than the previous method. Patricia Bath was the first female doctor to get a patent for a medical device and received 8 other patents! The Laserphaco Probe continues to be used around the world. Patricia also authored more than 100 books.

Patricia Bath died on May 30, 2019, at the age of 76, leaving behind a daughter who is also a doctor, as well as an important legacy in the field of eye research and treatments. Black History. Learn about it!

