

# ROYALS NEWS

The Handsworth community develops empowered, innovative and compassionate learners who serve and lead with curiosity and integrity

## Grade 8 BBQ



The grade 8 BBQ took place at Handsworth on Tuesday, September 22nd. The grade 8 students got to take part in fun games, dinner with their friends, and a fun dance with a DJ! Thanks to the Student Council, Grade 12 peer mentors for making this event happen. Thank you as well to all the teacher supervisors for coming out. Overall it was an outstanding night and everyone enjoyed the event!



Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year, and the first edition of the Royals News, our new monthly newsletter. We have lots of exciting events and news to share with you over the next nine months. Here are some of the great things happening in October:

### **Canadian Universities Event**

On October 8th, representatives from over 30 Canadian Universities will be at Handsworth. Grade 12 students are invited to attend from 1:40 - 3:00 pm and grade 11 students and parents are invited after 3:00 pm. Admission is free. For more information please visit : [www.canadianuniversiti.wix.com/cuebc](http://www.canadianuniversiti.wix.com/cuebc).

### **HPAC meeting**

The next Handsworth Parent Advisory Council meeting will take place on October 19th at 7:00 pm in the library. For more information on the HPAC please visit: [www.handsworthpac.com](http://www.handsworthpac.com).

### **Photo Retake**

Students who missed photo day, are asked to attend photo retakes on October 26th. It is very important that all students have their photos taken, even if you are not planning on purchasing any photos.

## Club Day



Club day this year was a huge success! With 14 clubs present we had a huge variety of different clubs and activities for students to join.

Whether it was the grade 8's coming through the gallery in block 8 or all the students at lunch, there was a lot of interest across the board and all the clubs got many new members. Thank you to everyone who helped make Club day possible.

## Grade 8 Rugby

Handsworth is excited to introduce a new Grade 8 rugby program for both boys and girls this year. Students are learning how to play from former Handsworth graduates. Players will be focusing on technical skills and learning the rules of the game. We invite all students and community members to our first game on October 5th at 4:00 pm at Argyle.

## Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on November 12th and Handsworth will be testing a new online booking system for Parent Teacher Interviews. The window to book appointments will be open from October 26th to November 6th. More information will be sent home via email.

## Japanese Exchange

For over 25 years Handsworth and Inage High School in Chiba, Japan, have been engaging in a cultural exchange. This is part of a broader sister-city relationship between the City of North Vancouver and Chiba. Every October students from Inage come visit Handsworth. They tour Vancouver and stay with Handsworth host families. And every April, Handsworth grade 9 students travel to Japan to tour the country and stay in the homes of Inage students and their families. This year Inage visits us from October 6th to 13th. We know you'll welcome our guests warmly into our school, community and homes!

## Strachan Hartley Legacy Run

Handsworth is excited to once again be working with the Strachan Hartley Legacy Foundation. The Strachan Hartley Legacy Foundation believes in the inherent power of sports to educate and develop young people in a positive manner – to teach crucial life skills that can make a difference between success and failure; perseverance and giving up; between potential fulfilled and potential wasted; between energy used for the benefit of society, and energy used against it. The 9th annual Strachan Hartley Legacy Run will take place on Sunday, October 18th. To register for the run or for more information about this great foundation, please visit [www.shlf.ca](http://www.shlf.ca). Contact [kgibson@sd44.ca](mailto:kgibson@sd44.ca) if you are interested in volunteering at the event.

## Japanese Cultural Fair

On October 8th, Handsworth in partnership with Hayato Junior High School will be hosting a Japanese Cultural Fair in the small gym. Handsworth students and parents, as well as students from our Family of Schools are invited to experience the different aspects of Japanese Culture.

## Calling all Drama/Dance Parent Volunteers

The Annual Handsworth Play, this year entitled The Art of Hope, will take place April 7-9, 2016 at Centennial Theatre. Along with the Hands Up productions, we rely heavily on parent volunteers for ticket sales, set design, set construction, painting, locating/sewing costumes, makeup, backstage supervision, and others. It is a great way to get involved! If you want to help, please contact the Parent Volunteer coordinator, Kathy McGrenera, at [kmcgrenera@gmail.com](mailto:kmcgrenera@gmail.com). Thanks!

## Staff at TEDx



Handsworth teachers are committed to learning and growing to better serve our school community. On Saturday, September 26th, over 20 Handsworth staff members attended the TEDx conference in West Vancouver, which focussed on innovative ideas taking shape in our schools.

## Volleyball Success

Our volleyball season is in full swing, and this year we have 6 teams and over 50 girls competing in games and tournaments across the province. The senior girls just started regular league play and won their season opener against STA. A link to all team schedules can be found on our school website.



# Special Feature

## Work Experience:

The purpose of the Work Experience program is to help students prepare for the transition from secondary school to the world of work.

During Grade 11 and 12, students are placed with local employers in positions that align with their interests and future career goals. The community becomes the classroom where students gain experience in the workplace and are provided with a frame of reference to review or revise their career goals. Through employer assessment, students receive valuable feedback about their employability skills and technical skills related to specific occupations.

Work Experience is comprised of pre-placement classroom assignments, placement activities including successful completion of 100 hours at a community worksite, and post-placement assignments. The Work Experience Teacher and the Work Experience Facilitator will work with



students individually and in small groups to assist students with choosing and obtaining relevant and meaningful placements.

There are also opportunities for students who are

interested in trades to start working and accumulating work hours through the Secondary School Apprenticeship program.

### Opportunities for Students

So far this year, our 55 work experience students have been busy preparing for their work placement and will be out "working" starting in October. Already two students have been accepted to attend Minimed School at the Child

## Football in California



Our senior boys football team travelled to California last week to take on Claremont High School in North San Diego. Players got a chance to view UCLA campus and USS Midway, and even got to spend time with Mickey Mouse. The team's next game is against Argyle October 9th at William Griffin Field at 3:00 pm

## Orange Shirt Day

On September 30th, Handsworth joined thousands of Canadians across the nation in raising awareness regarding the impact that Residential Schools had on the Aboriginal Community. For more information on Residential Schools and the Reconciliation Movement please visit <http://reconciliationcanada.ca>.



FamilyResearch Institute. (<http://www.cfri-training.ca/public-events/mini-med-school/2015>) Another student will be exploring a career in Interior Design at FLUFF Décor. Other placements will range from a kindergarten class to a vet clinic, Science World, RCMP Youth Academy to the Biotech Career Program etc. Work Experience information and opportunities can be found at [www.hssccareercenter.weebly.com](http://www.hssccareercenter.weebly.com).



### Why work experience?

Universities are looking for more than just top grades. It's equally important for students to have a well-rounded resume with examples of their involvement in extracurricular activities, school clubs,

volunteering and/or employment. One student who used her work experience for an application to join a club, while she was attending McGill. Another student used it to apply for an internship.

Other benefits;

- A part time job that they may not have gotten on their own, such as a vet clinic or research lab.
- A long time mentor relationship that may lead to management or even ownership of a business. (This has happened more than once.)
- Discovering what you DON'T want to do, saving time and parents' money.
- Confidence, self-esteem, finding their voice, life skills, maturity and seeing the world beyond themselves.

No matter what, it's always worthwhile and you never know what a student will gain from it all.

### How can I get involved?

We need you! If you or someone you know is able to provide a work experience placement or job shadow opportunity for our students, we would love to connect with you. Often the best opportunities come from within the Handsworth community. Our students are looking for placements in all fields from Law to Business to Carpentry. For more information contact Peggy Giraud, Career Facilitator at [pgiraud@sd44.ca](mailto:pgiraud@sd44.ca).