

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Green Club

Are you an environmentally-minded person? Are you concerned about the environmental issues we see around us in the world? If so, we want YOU! Come join Seycove's Green Club and help make a difference in our school and community. Our first meeting of the year will be next week, Tuesday, February 19 at lunch in Rm 220 --Ms. Nicholson's room. Hope to see you there!

And Speaking of Green...

Attention NVSD secondary school students – we want your ideas! From February 11 to 22 the school board is running a "Green Ideas" campaign in NVSD secondary schools. This is your chance to submit ideas for environmental projects or initiatives that would make our school district a better place. There will be prizes and an opportunity for students to present the best ideas to the Board of Education for consideration.

Go to www.sd44.ca/District/Sustainability or follow the links on the Board of Education website and submit your ideas!

Mountain Bike Race Team

Seycove is a great place to Mountain Bike, and if you have a bike and a helmet YOU can join the team! See Mr Hansell upstairs in his room (306) if you are keen to RACE!

Scholarships

Several VALUABLE, first-time-offered, LOCAL new scholarships have been added to the Scholarship Board. Deadlines are soon and one is worth \$50,000. Check the board today!

Yearbook

Remember to order your yearbook by February 22. You will not be able to purchase a yearbook after this date. Don't be disappointed. Order today!

Election Canada

Any grade 10-12 student who would like to work for Elections Canada for the coming federal election in October, please see Ms. Parmar for an application and for more information.

Course Selection

Reminder: Course selection forms are due in the counselling office February 14, 2019

Jr. Girls Soccer

For any girls in grade 8-10 interested in playing soccer this year, there will be a meeting in the Foods room at lunch on Wednesday February 20th.

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Over the next week, we will celebrate the achievements of black people in BC and across Canada

Barbara Howard

Born and raised in Vancouver at 10th and Nanaimo. During the late 1930s, the Vancouver-born Howard was one of the fastest female sprinters in the British Empire. She represented Canada at the 1938 British Empire Games in Sydney, Australia. Howard later graduated from UBC in 1959 attaining a B.Ed. and was the first member of a visible minority hired by the Vancouver School Board. She worked as a Vancouver school teacher until 1984. In her later years, she remained active in the community volunteering as a peer counsellor. She was inducted into the BC Sports Hall of Fame in 2012 and inducted into the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame in 2015.

Sylvia Estes was born into enslavement in Clay County, Missouri, USA. Her father, Howard Estes, was able to purchase his family's freedom and they attempted to farm in Missouri but were harassed by the KKK. The family journeyed across the United States by wagon train and reached California in 1851. There Sylvia married Louis Stark. They lived in California until 1861 when Sylvia, Louis and their two small children migrated to British Columbia.

The Starks lived on Saltspring Island for fourteen years. Sylvia worked on the farm, took care of her family and acted as a volunteer nurse and midwife. In 1875 the Starks moved to the Nanaimo district. She returned to live with her son, Willis, on Saltspring where she was quite active, hardworking and alert almost until the time of her death at the age of 106 in 1944.

Moose Hide Campaign

Today is the beginning of the Moose Hide Campaign, a campaign working to end violence toward women and children.

On an early 2011 August morning, an Indigenous man named Paul Lacerte and his daughter Raven were hunting moose near the infamous Highway of Tears, a section of highway between Prince George and Prince Rupert, BC, where dozens of women have gone missing or been found murdered. They had brought down a moose that would help feed the family for the winter and provide a moose hide for cultural purposes. As the daughter was skinning the moose, her father started thinking - they were so near the highway that has brought so much sorrow to the communities along its endless miles, here with his young daughter who deserved a life free of violence. That's when the idea sprang to life! What if they used the moose hide to inspire men and boys to become involved in the movement to end violence towards women and children? Together with family and friends they cut up the moose hide into small squares and started the Moose Hide Campaign.

Now, seven years later, while the campaign still has a special focus on engaging men and boys, we have also grown to encourage all Canadians of all genders, ages, cultures, organizations and communities to join the campaign by wearing the moose hide pin, taking the online pledge and joining in the ceremonial gatherings and speaking out to end violence against woman and children.

To date, more than 1,200,000 squares of moose hide have been distributed and the Moose Hide Campaign has spread to over 1000 communities and organizations across Canada. Local campaigns have started in government offices, in colleges and universities, on First Nations reserves, in Friendship Centers, in community organizations, and within individual families.

Their vision is to end violence towards all women and children.

To help do this, our goals are:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Distributing 10 Million Moose Hide squares across Canada. (can get from the website) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Having 1 Million people make their voices heard by taking the online pledge to end violence against woman and children• In 5 years, having 1 Million Canadians across the nation fasting together in Ceremony to end violence against woman and children. |

We will stand up with women and children and we will speak out against violence towards them. We will support each other as men and we will hold each other accountable. Young people are the key to changing the reality in our families and communities.

To get more information on how to get involved check out the Moose Campaign website: <https://moosehidecampaign.ca>

*For more information on these and other upcoming events please make sure to visit the Seycove website, Seycove