

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Service Hours

Attention all students. The deadline to submit all Term 2 service hours is this Thursday, Feb 28. The forms are available outside Ms. Eyton's office and are to be returned to the same spot.

Black History Month

This week in announcements we will explore the understanding of prejudice and discrimination.

We normally collect information and make a quick judgment and then seek information that supports this belief. It is more comforting to find ideas that support your belief than to grapple with those that do not. Judgments are more easily made than changed once our minds have been "made up". This has been a survival tool throughout history. For example, if a child touches a flame and gets a burn, they will be very careful before doing it again.

But what if the information or stimulus is not so clear? In these cases, we usually make judgments based on prior knowledge and experience. And in our global world different people may make different judgments based on a similar initial perception. A stereotype is a widely held but fixed and oversimplified image or idea of a particular type of person or thing. When judgments are based on misinformation, stereotypes can develop. When we unfairly apply our stereotypes to ACTIONS against groups regardless of individual differences in every group, we are "discriminating". I leave you with these questions to ask yourself:

Why do we have 'blind spots' when it comes to judging people?

- How do these harden into stereotypes that often turn into prejudices?
- Why do prejudices turn into discrimination?

Cookie Fundraiser

Feeling hungry? Yummy cookies are available in the Chemistry Lab, room 302, for purchase. All proceeds go to Canuck Place Children's Hospice. Fifty cents each or five cookies for a toonie.

Seycove Auction Student Volunteers Needed!

We still have many volunteer spots that need to be filled!! Help us by supporting this great event that raises money for our community of schools and earn service hours at the same time. Sign up in Ms. Eyton's office in Student Services.

Ultimate Frisbee

Attention Ultimate Frisbee players: All students who wish to join this year's Ultimate team should attend a short meeting in the wood shop at 1:00 PM on Thursday. Tryouts will commence next Monday and Wednesday after school. Players of all grades and genders are welcome and encouraged to try out.

Programming Sheets

There are currently many students who have not handed in their Programming Sheets for next year. Please get them in ASAP and if you are having any difficulties please see Mr. Carlson or Ms. Willems for assistance.

Boutique

Again, this year, we are collecting gently used black tie attire (for all genders) to offer to grade 7 students for their grade 7 graduation events. Donations are being accepted starting April 1 and can be dropped-off at Seycove.

Siblings

The yearbook team is doing a siblings page for the yearbook! Grab your sibling and come to the photo room at lunch on Wednesday the 27th and Thursday the 28th!

Cap U Field Trip

This message is for all students taking part in the workshop on Friday, March 1st up at Capilano University. Please get your fieldtrip form to Mrs. Yeo today, Tuesday, February 26th.

Pro-D

There is a professional day this Friday, March 1. There are no classes.

Pink Shirt Day

Tomorrow is Pink Shirt Day. We encourage everyone to practice kindness and wear pink to symbolize that you do not tolerate bullying.