



# École Salish Secondary

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## *Principal's Message*

This week was our 'First Peoples in Residence' week at Salish Secondary. The events sponsored by our Aboriginal Department provided our students with a greater understanding of the generational trauma experienced by First Peoples as a result of Residential Schools and the Indian Act. Monday, our students attended a school wide performance of "Qwalena: The Wild Woman Who Steals Children". Many of our students sat riveted as Dallas Yellowfly shared his personal story. The performance was a powerful kick off to the various events planned for the week. Please read the write up under Indigenous Connections. Thank you to Ms. Compton and the Inclusion Department for organizing a week filled with events that allowed our students to connect and understand the Aboriginal perspective more deeply.

The 'Test Drive a Chev' event was a great success on Sunday. We hit our target of 100 test drives that brought in \$2500 to the music program. The students also sold 100 dozen Krispy Kreme donuts! The school parking lot was full as people gathered to drive a Chev and eat a Krispy Kreme. It was an extremely profitable event.

On Wednesday, we had 19 students attend the Skills Canada Field Trip. This year, we had one student, Nikolas George, competing in the Photography Competition at this event at the Tradex in Abbotsford. This was the first opportunity for our Salish students to attend Skills Canada. We look forward to more students competing next year.

Our spring sports season is off to a strong start. The golf team played their first round against Pacific Academy on Wednesday. The rain held off and our team did very well. One of our groups was playing against a nationally ranked golfer from Pacific Academy, and they said they held their own! Most importantly, our golfers all enjoyed themselves. Our Girls Rugby team also played a cross-town rival game against Clayton on Wednesday. The team played extremely well and defeated Clayton 43-5. Well done, Salish Wolves!

Ms. Hammond, Mr. Mahli and Mr. Tait

## INDIGENOUS CONNECTION

This week we celebrated our first annual 'First Peoples in Residence Week'. We started off with a wonderful potluck lunch with staff. It was such an incredible feeling of community, sharing a meal together in our Inclusion space. Thank you to everyone who joined and shared a dish. What a feast! The leftovers were donated to our lunch program and the students were delighted!

With our bellies full, we attended an incredible performance of Qwalena by Dallas Yellowfly and 3 Crows Productions. I had so many students come up to me to share how much they enjoyed it, many whom were impressed with the story of Qwalena but who were more interested in the history that Dallas shared. Thank you for participating and having meaningful conversations with your students before and after.

We were lucky to have Candace Crockford and Richard Pierre in residence with us all week, sharing their knowledge and stories. Thank you to all teachers who welcomed our guests into their classrooms. Candace and Richard enjoyed their time with us.

We also welcomed Adam Smith, lacrosse coach with iSparc, to teach a FRIMM PE class about the history of lacrosse and how to play. It was lovely to see our grade 8's so excited to learn and play. I spent a lot of time with the class and enjoyed watching them. Thank you to Mme. Ludolph for hosting the camp!

Thank you to Tammy for running a wonderful contest in the Library Learning Commons and for highlighting Indigenous authors for the month!

Thank you to everyone who helped in some way from making coffee for our guests every morning to helping black out the gym! I appreciate you all!

Qwalena Performance



50 grade 9's participating in a MMIWG workshop



Lacrosse Camp with iSparc



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## **CAREERS CORNER**

### **BC Skills Provincial Competition**

On Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> the BC Skills Provincial Competition was held at the Tradex in Abbotsford. The competition had more than 600 competitors in 58 competition areas from all areas of the province and included grades 6-12 and post-secondary students. This year École Salish Secondary was represented by Nikolas George, grade 10, in the Photography Competition. Students were required to shoot all photos on-site and edit on provided equipment. The final package had photos in 5 categories including a 'mystery item' that they were given at the competition. Nikolas was a great representative for our school and placed in the top 12 in the province. Congratulations Nik! We look forward to seeing more Salish students next year in BC Skills competitions.



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#### **NEXT WEEK**

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|--------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| Mon., April 22 <sup>nd</sup>   |        | Easter Monday – School Closed |
| Tues., April 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | 1:20pm | Early Dismissal               |
| Wed., April 24 <sup>th</sup>   |        | Marks due in MyEd by 8:30am   |
| Thurs., April 25 <sup>th</sup> |        |                               |
| Fri., April 26 <sup>th</sup>   |        |                               |

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

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| Mon., April 29 <sup>th</sup>  | 2:45pm | Staff Meeting (Learning Commons)     |
| Tues., April 30 <sup>th</sup> |        |                                      |
| Wed., May 1 <sup>st</sup>     |        | Midterm Reports posted online at 4pm |
| Thurs., May 2 <sup>nd</sup>   |        |                                      |
| Fri., May 3 <sup>rd</sup>     |        | Non-Instructional Day                |

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