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Principal's Message

This week went by in a blur. Although school was in session for 3 days, there was a lot of activity packed into those days. The lower purple and yellow pods were full of students throughout the week as a variety of visitors came to the school.

The week began with the Grade 7s from Clayton Elementary and Port Kells coming early Tuesday morning to have a tour and to complete course selection. The students gathered in the lower yellow pod and we were able to log them onto MyEd to create student accounts for next year. This access will allow for an easier transition to high school as we will be able to communicate information to families through the portal.

The snow Tuesday afternoon created a bit of panic for the commute home. It also made for some confusion regarding the PAC meeting scheduled for that evening. The meeting took place but the number of parents that attended was low likely due to the weather. The parents that did attend, were able to hear Mr. Phong Kuoch present on our new report card format. Phong is the Assessment Coordinator and teaches English at Salish. The feedback from parents was very helpful for us moving forward in our development of our standards based report card.

Pulling into the parking lot Wednesday morning was a truck towing a large trailer. The rig was the Aqua Van from the Vancouver Aquarium and we were very fortunate to have the Van at our school for the day. The Aquarium staff quickly unloaded the van and the lower yellow pod was transformed into a wet lab with various marine animals in tanks ready for our students to observe. I had an opportunity to pop down to the lab to see Mr. Turner's Grade 10s teach his Grade 8s about marine life.

Another group of Salish students were off to UBC on Wednesday morning. Thank you to Ms. Compton and Ms. Courtenay for taking a group of students to the Indigenous Youth Preview Day.

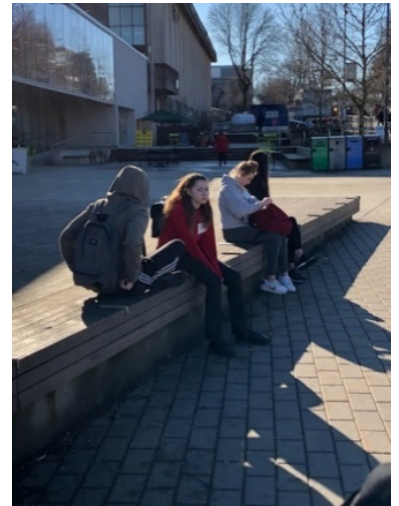
Wednesday afternoon we had Grade 7s from Adams Road come to the lower yellow pod for a tour, log onto MyEd and complete their course selection. At one point, we had over 120 students in the lower yellow pod! Amid all this activity, our Grade 8 Girl's basketball team left early to get ready for their playoff game at South Ridge.

Thursday morning, we had the Grade 7s from Martha Currie and Sunrise arrive at the school to complete their tour and course selection. We finished the course selection process with the Grade 7s from Hillcrest on Thursday afternoon.

Ms. Hammond, Mr. Tait and Mr. Mahli

INDIGENOUS CONNECTIONS

On Wednesday, thirteen students from Salish, and three from Cloverdale Learning Center, attended the UBC preview day for Indigenous youth. It was a beautiful day on campus. Students had the opportunity to explore an area of choice, where they participated in hands on learning activities. They visited the UBC Longhouse, had a great lunch, and learned about student life. Our students were incredibly kind and respectful, and they represented Salish well!





Next week, on February 28th, the Home Economics Department will be participating in Canuck Place Cookie Day. We will be selling a variety of cookies out of the Life Labs area in order to raise money for Canuck Place and to help support and bring comfort to children and their families who need to use Canuck Place due to a variety of medical issues.

Cookies will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. We will have Chocolate Chip, Chocolate Cookies with White Chocolate Chips, M&M cookies, Snickerdoodles, and Chewy Molasses Cookies. Although none of the cookies contain nuts, we cannot guarantee cross contamination.

Thank you for your support and Canuck Place and the families also thank you.

Ms. Johnson
(and the rest of the Home Ec. Department!)



NEXT WEEK

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| Mon., February 25 th | |
| Tues., February 26 th | |
| Wed., February 27 th | Pink Shirt Day |
| Thurs., February 28 th | |
| Fri., March 1 st | |

LOOKING AHEAD

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| Mon., March 4 th | |
| Tues., March 5 th | Grade 9 Immunizations, Grade 8 Band Festival (Penticton) |
| Wed., March 6 th | Grade 9 Immunizations, Grade 8 Band Festival (Penticton) |
| Thurs., March 7 th | |
| Fri., March 8 th | |
