



École Salish Secondary

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Principal's Message

This past week was indeed a busy week! From immunizations to mental health presentations, the school was busy from the morning into the evening.

Thank you to Ms. Black for organizing a variety of different speakers for all our grades and for our parent community. On Tuesday, a number of students attended the District's Balancing Our Minds Youth Mental Health Forum where our Salish students created the Community Agreement for the event. They presented in front of 400 people! On Wednesday night, we hosted a viewing of the documentary Angst, which was extremely well received by our parent community. On Thursday, students in grade 8 and 9 learned about psychosis and mental health in a safe, fun and engaging way with ReachOut Psychosis. To wrap up the week, our grade 10 and 11 students attended presentations from the Stigma-Free Society. What an amazing way to generate such valuable conversations about our mental health and well-being.

Also this past week, we had all our grade 7 students visit Salish for a morning. Thank you to Ms. M. Young and her leadership students for all their work in organizing a very successful visit. Over 250 students from Hillcrest, Clayton, Port Kells, Adams Road, Sunrise Ridge, and Martha Currie Elementary schools enjoyed learning more about what it is to be a part of our Salish community. They had a chance to participate in 4 stations: Drama/Dance, Scavenger Hunt, Library Tour, and outdoor activities. Our leadership students did a great job managing all the activities so all the events ran smoothly and finished on time. The morning event finished with a hot dog lunch for all our future students. We hope to make this an annual tradition. Thank you to Ms. M. Young, her leadership students, Ms. Jensen, Ms. Le, and the cafeteria staff for all their work for this big event.

To top off the amazing year our band students have had under the direction of Mrs. Hermann, our students returned from Disneyland. What an experience for our students and something they will remember for a lifetime. Thank you to Mrs. Hermann for her dedication to the program and her students.

Congratulations to our Grade 8/9 Girls Soccer team and Mme. Ludolph for their 3rd place finish in the Surrey Championships. What a fantastic season for our girls soccer teams. Congratulations to our Track and Field team. 7 students have qualified for the Fraser Valley's! Big Congratulations to Coach Riddoch for their first win of the season in Flag Football!

Ms. Hammond, Mr. Mahli and Mr. Tait

PERFORMING ARTS

May 1st to 5th Salish Secondary took over Disneyland, under the direction of Mrs. Hermann. We were fortunate enough to be able to collaborate with 2 different lower mainland schools to create a fantastic performance group we called The Fraser Connection. The days were long, the sun was hot, and the music was incredible. Definitely an experience of a lifetime, one that we won't soon forget. Thank you to Mr. Turner for chaperoning and our fantastic music parents for making it possible for us to undertake these tours.



CAREERS CORNER

SHAD Career Café will take place twice this week. On May 13th, we have an information session for students interested in Nursing. We will have a Professor from UBC's Nursing Program presenting on her experience as a nurse as well as the programs available.

May 16th there will be an information session put on by the Roofing Contractors Association. Any students looking for summer work are welcome to attend and find out about their 3-day training program and job opportunities for students. All students are welcome to come to Career Café and they take place at lunch in the main floor green pod.

Thank you to the organizations and parent businesses who have already approached us to support scholarships / bursaries for Salish grads!

As we are working to build a healthy base of awards for our future graduating students, we are appealing to local business owners and community members to support our **École Salish Secondary School-Based Scholarship Program**. Each year we plan to recognize a variety of worthy graduates, providing financial awards with funds that have been generated from caring community members. Please contact Ms. Andersen (Andersen_j@surreyschools.ca) regarding this program.

If you are currently in Grade 10 or 11 and interested in the Culinary Arts District Program there are still some seats available. This is a great way to earn credit towards your apprenticeship while in high school free of charge!

If you are interested in a Work Experience opportunity at Science World this summer, we have 4 spaces available. Please head to the Career Centre to find out more. The deadline to apply is May 15th.

Earn high school credit and University credit for the same course while attending KPU's High School on Campus. This program is offered at no cost to you! Current Grade 10 & 11 students, if you are interested in applying for the next school year pick up an application from the Career Centre ASAP as the deadline is May 13th!

WELCOME GRADS OF 2024

Thank you to Ms. M. Young and her Leadership students for all their work in organizing a very successful visit from all our Grade 7 students from Hillcrest, Clayton, Port Kells, Adams Road, Sunrise Ridge and Martha Currie Elementary schools. Grade 7 students were broken into groups and then rotated through four stations: Drama/dance, scavenger hunt, library tour and some games outside. Leadership students did a great job managing the so that the event finished on time. The visit finished with a hot dog luncheon in the cafeteria and courtyard. Feedback from staff and students was positive and we hope to make this an annual tradition.



MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

National Mental Health Week at École Salish Secondary was May 6th to 8th. A number of events happened last week at École Salish in support of National Mental Health week.

On Tuesday, a number of students attended the District's Balancing Our Minds Youth Mental Health Forum. Students from our Salish Mental Health Group were asked to create the Community Agreement for the event. They had to present in front of 400 people! They did an amazing job.



Our École Salish students heard speeches from youth with lived experiences and attended breakout sessions to discover mental health coping strategies. The students enjoyed the day so much that they said more École Salish students need to be part of this event next year. Huge thank you to Shannon and Tansley for helping with this event.

On Wednesday night, the Cloverdale Learning Center, Lord Tweedsmuir, Clayton and École Salish hosted a viewing for our community of a documentary called Angst followed by a Q & A with a panel of mental health experts. The video focused on educating youth and adults about anxiety and different methods of coping. Those in attendance felt that this video needs to be seen by all students and teachers!



MENTAL HEALTH WEEK (continued)



On Thursday, our Grade 8 and 9's attended an educational yet entertaining conversation about psychosis by ReachOut Psychosis. The presenters were very impressed by our students' questions and their great conduct during the presentation.

On Friday, the Grade 10's and 11's attended a presentation from the Stigma Society whose mandate is to breakdown the stigmas around mental health.



Thank you to everyone for their support of the activities last week. I hope you all did something for you this weekend to nurture your own well-being!

NEXT WEEK

Mon., May 13th

Tues., May 14th

Wed., May 15th

Thurs., May 16th

Fri., May 17th

Canadian International Model UN at the Hyatt Regency (Gr. 8-11)

LOOKING AHEAD

Mon., May 20th

Tues., May 21st

Wed., May 22nd

Thurs., May 23rd

Fri., May 24th

STAT – Victoria Day, school is closed

Grade 10 Socials Studies to Squamish to study First Nations

MAY 27TH IS A NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY, NO CLASSES