

**École Salish Secondary** 



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## Principal's Message

In the Salish culture, wolves represent loyalty, strong family ties, good communication, education, understanding and intelligence. École Salish students are quite remarkable and we have so many examples of our students showing what it means to be the Salish Wolves.

Several months ago, Grade 10 Joon Hyeong Sohn let me know he had started a club called 'Hold High the Torch'. Joon explained that the group planned to hold an event to recognize and honour our Canadian Veterans. They asked permission to start fundraising so they could hold a luncheon at the school. Joon wanted the first fundraiser to be selling freezes at lunch and the profit from that event was \$50. What started as a small endeavour gained momentum and grew in scope. Over several months, the group reached out to the United Way and Cloverdale Legion to raise money for the food and decorations. By early April, they had raised \$3000 to host the luncheon. The group had also contacted politicians within the community to see if they would attend the event. The Hold High the Torch was a small group but their drive and vision for this initiative was truly inspiring as this past weekend, the Committee opened the school to 100 Veterans and their guests. The list of attendees included: Board Trustees Bob Holmes and Laurie Larsen, MP John Aldag, City Counsellor Laurie Guerra, and MLA Marvin Hunt. The keynote speaker was Senator Yonah Martin who is a Conservative Senator from British Columbia, appointed by The Right Hon. Stephen Harper in 2009. Senator Martin is the first Canadian of Korean descent to serve in the Senate of Canada and the first Korean-Canadian parliamentarian in Canadian history. Before being appointed to the Senate, Ms. Martin was an elementary school teacher in Coquitlam. She agreed to be the keynote speaker after receiving an email from Joon asking if she would attend the luncheon. Senator Martin was so intrigued by his email, that she contacted Joon, decided that this was a very special event, and agreed to attend. The Hold High the Torch did an extraordinary job and the Veterans were grateful for the recognition by the youth. It was truly an afternoon to remember as part of the Salish history.

Our Girl's rugby team showed great character in their semi final game against Kwantlen Park Secondary on Wednesday. Our girls played hard but a more experienced Kwantlen team won the game. The season is not over for our Rugby team as the girls will play for a top 8 in the Fraser Valleys next week. This season has been significant for our team as many of our girls did not start playing rugby until this past January. Congratulations to the girls and a huge thank you to Coach Baumgartner for establishing a strong girl's rugby program at Salish.

Our Salish Track and Field team also performed well this past week in the Fraser Valley Championships. We have several athletes qualify for the Provincial Championships that will take place in Kelowna at the end of the month.

Mock Interviews took place this past week in the Learning Commons. Thank you to Ms. McGowan and Ms. Andersen for organizing the interviews. Thank you to Ms. Robinson and Ms. Le for helping interview the students.

Ms. Hammond, Mr. Mahli and Mr. Tait

## **CAREERS CORNER**

Thank you to all the staff, students and parents that volunteered their time to help with our Mock Interviews this week! The students gain valuable experience from these interviews and your time is very much appreciated.



The YELL Program is accepting applications until June 10th. If you are interested in Business and Entrepreneurship, this is a great program! See Ms. Andersen or Ms. McGowan in the Career Centre for more information.

Interested in Law Enforcement? Grade 10, 11 & 12 students can now apply for The Surrey RCMP Citizen & Youth Police Academy. Deadline to apply is May 31st!

Day Sail on a Warship takes place Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. Activities include tours of ship duty stations, crew quarters and operational equipment; RCAF joint search and rescue demonstration, ship firefighting simulation, and demonstration of the warship's impressive manoeuvring capabilities. Lunch will be provided. Visit the website for details. https://www.achieveanything.ca/thisisyou.html

**Quick Links** 

"Angst" Viewing – May 23rd, 2019

The Feather - May 14, 2019

Salish Volunteer Directory 2019



## <u>NEXT WEEK</u>

Mon., May 20thSTAT – Victoria Day, school is closedTues., May 21stWed., May 22ndThurs., May 23rd3:00pmFri., May 24thAngst Documentary Viewing (Theatre)Grade 10 Socials Studies to Squamish to study First Nations

## <u>LOOKING AHEAD</u>

Mon., May 27<sup>th</sup> Tues., May 28<sup>th</sup> Wed., May 29<sup>th</sup> Thurs., May 30<sup>th</sup> Fri., May 31<sup>st</sup> Non-Instructional Day, no classes

Grade 11 Law students to Vancouver Supreme Court