

KWANTLEN PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL

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OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

We have had a terrific eight weeks here at Kwantlen Park to start the year. The fall season is a terrific time of year, with the crisp air and the leaves starting to change colour. The students are now settled into their routines and clubs and athletics are well underway.

Our first interim report card went out on Oct 17th. We held our parent teacher interviews on Oct 18th. Thank you to all the parents who attended and made this a successful evening. If you were not able to attend, our teachers are always willing to respond to your questions or concerns. Please call our school or email the teachers you need to hear from. If you did not see your child's interim report please login into MyEducationBC (MyEDBC) Family Portal for Parents and Guardians. If you do not have an account please contact the school at 606-588-6934. In the parent portal account, you can view:

Daily class attendance information

Contact information

Some classroom assessment information

Student schedules

Student course requests for next year

School information

Published report cards

A school web page that contains resources and information for parents and students

Our next formal opportunity to communicate with parents about student progress is our Mid-Term report card coming out on November 28th 2018.

We all hope that all of our Kwantlen families have a safe and Happy Halloween on Wednesday! Halloween will be a fun day with many of our students dressed up and involved in costume events at lunch. Our expectations is for a fun day of activities on October 31st. We do have some basic rules for costumes. No masks are to be worn during the school day and costumes that promote the use of illegal substances, inappropriate activities, derogatory or disrespectful themes are not allowed.

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**HOME OF THE
TIMBERWOLVES**

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PRINCIPAL: MR. T. CROSS

Vice Principal: Mr. M. Krystal (A-E)

Vice Principal: Ms. S. Beyer (F-N)

Vice Principal: Ms. K. Farquhar (O-Z)

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Mr. D. van den Broek (D-Khal)
Ms. K. Zaklan (Khan-P)
Ms. C. Prentice (Q-Z)

Many thanks to all of the students and staff who are getting involved in our Remembrance Day assemblies at KPSS on Nov 8th. The assemblies are a somber, reflective, and respectful gathering highlighting the significance and importance of Remembrance Day. Parents and community members who wish to observe the ceremony are welcome to attend. Our performance runs for 30 minutes after the start of each block. Special mention needs to go out to Mr. Greczi and the team of staff who are responsible for putting the program together.

Congratulations to all Kwantlen Park students and staff who participated in the 2018 Terry Fox Run on September 27. In 1980, 22-year Terry Fox was a student at SFU and had just lost his leg to cancer. Cancer has touched most of our lives in some way. So on a warm and sunny fall day 38 years later, our students had a choice of running or jogging and almost 1200 students and staff were involved. Thank you to everyone who participated and donated or supported our annual school-wide Terry Fox Run, especially Mr. Moy and the PE department for organizing every aspect of these wonderful community-building events. Our school raised and donated almost \$500 to the Terry Fox Foundation

It has been a busy month for our Grade 12 students. All of our Grade 12 students taking English this semester must complete all the requirements of the 4-credit Graduation Transitions or GT to graduate this year. Once complete, students receive a grade of RM for Requirements Met on their report card and Ministry Transcript. Grads of 2019 are reminded that they must complete GT to graduate – please see your Counsellor or the Career Center if you have any questions or need help. Currently, our Grade 12 students have been checking their transcripts to ensure graduation requirement are being met. We have also hosted Universities from across Canada in Mid- October and BC post secondary schools visited us on October 29th. These opportunities provide valuable information to our students about entrance requirements and opportunities they can offer. Lastly, thank you to Mrs. Allard and the counselling team for hosting our Grade 12 Parent Night last week. During this night we outlined graduation requirement, post-secondary entrance information for universities, colleges and trade programs. We also outlined scholarship information for our students. You can find our parent presentation on our website under the Career Section.

We will offer a variety of career-focused learning activities for our Grades 8 and 9 students this year. Wednesday, November 7 is the annual Canada-wide Take Our Kids to Work for Grade 9 students. All Grade 9s are to accompany a parent, guardian, family or friend to their place of work for the day to job shadow and get a glimpse into the world of work. This is a valuable opportunity for young people to think more about the knowledge, skills and competencies they may need to pursue for a career that interests them. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Wardle or Mrs. Allard in the Career office.

The Kwantlen music department held their fall concert last week. This annual event is a great learning experience for the students in the music program, with over 80 students being guided and instructed by Mr. Weisinger. The first concert brought us a wonderful night of music and skill. We are looking forward to many great things from our musical performers in upcoming months. Our drama department is getting ready to perform their first play of the year. This play “*Super Freaky Scary*” is meant to keep within the Halloween theme and is being performed on Oct 30th at 7pm in our theatre. If you need more information, please contact Ms. Brazzill. I am sure people will be “*dying*” to see it.


PAC (Parent Advisory Council) has started and held their first two meeting of the year. Their next meeting is Nov 7 at 7 pm in the library. PAC is a great place to get involved and find out what is happening in our school. New parents are always welcome.

Please continue to check our website for updates and very important information on the events and successes at Kwantlen Park.

Have a safe and enjoyable Halloween.

Sincerely,
Mr. Tim Cross



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Day 1 CDAB You Wear it Well Applications Open	2 Day 2 DCBA Princess Margaret Tournament	3 Princess Margaret Tournament
4 Daylight Savings - Fall Back	5 Day 1 ABCD Block Order Switch-WEX In	6 Day 2 BADC	7 Day 1 ABCD Take our Kids to Work Day PAC Meeting 7pm	8 Day 2 BADC Remembrance Day Assemblies	9 Non-Instructional Day #3 No school for Students	10
11	12 Remembrance Day 	13 Day 1 ABCD	14 Day 2 BADC	15 Day 1 ABCD GT Presentations Grade 12 Blocks C & D	16 Day 2 BADC	17
18	19 Day 1 ABCD	20 Day 2 BADC Early Dismissal-1:30 pm Assessments	21 Day 1 ABCD Canadian Sr & Int Math Contest Dry Grad Meeting 7pm	22 Day 2 BADC	23 Day 1 ABCD	24
25	26 Day 2 DCBA Block Order Switch-WEX Out Staff Meeting	27 Day 1 CDAB	28 Day 2 DCBA	29 Day 1 CDAB	30 Day 2 DCBA	
Whalley Cup - Monday through Friday						
			Midterm Reports Issued	Newsletter on-line		

WOLF TRACKS

Congratulations again to the following students who were “caught” DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER following our Code of Conduct : Respecting Oneself & Others, Respecting the Environment and Respecting Learning:



AP Literature

At last, the sun god smiled upon the AP Lit class at the 2018 Writers Festival (which compensated for the dreary wet day they had at Bard on the Beach). After hearing Eden Robinson (*Monkey Beach*), Patrick DeWitt (*The Sisters Brothers*), and Lisa Moore (*Degrees of Nakedness*) read excerpts from their works and answer questions from the audience, the class had a fabulous time perusing the stalls in Granville Island and eating lunch in the sunshine. All the students were amazed to have been in the presence of authors who have either won or been short-listed for the Giller Prize and the Governor General's Prize; the two highest honours in Canada for any author and our answer to the American Pulitzer.





What's up T-Wolves!

Here is the breakdown of the month of October, and what is still to come:

Junior Boys & Girls Icebreaker Tournament

Congratulations to both our Junior teams for placing!

Junior Boys came 2nd

Junior Girls came 3rd



Grade 8 Retreat

Our Grade 8's had a wonderful time at their retreat at the Chuck Bailey Recreational Centre. Thank you to the leadership students who helped facilitate some of the activities that took place.

Junior Boys Soccer Tournament – October 12th

Well done Coach Riasat and the boys!

Swim Team-Fraser Valley Championships

Kwantlen Park's swim team will be competing in the Fraser Valley Championships on Thursday, October 25th at Fleetwood Pool. Best of luck!

Fall Pep Rally

Our Fall Pep Rally will take place on Thursday, October 25th last block of the day in the big gym. Be sure to bring your school spirit!

Team & Club Photos

Our club and team photos have been rescheduled for Tuesday, October 30th at lunch, smile big and look your best!

Whalley Cup

The Whalley Cup vs Guildford Park Secondary will be happening during the week of November 26th-30th. It's time to take back the trophy T-Wolves!!

Student Leadership Conference

Ten of KP's Leadership students visited the school district to share initiatives that have promoted school culture at KP with students from all over Surrey. Way to go!



Career Department Staff:

Mrs. Allard, Careers Dept. Head – local 2502 (direct line: 604-587-7658)

Mr. Harris, Career Facilitator / BASES Teacher – local 2701

Ms. Steeves, Career Centre Assistant / Career Dev. Practitioner – local 2112



Career Quote: “To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe”.—Anatole France

GRAD TRANSITIONS—DUE DATES

Grad Transitions—Due Dates:

Semester 1—Gr. 12 Due Dates:

Pkgs due for marking in the library—Oct. 30, 2018

Presentations in the den and the library—Nov. 14, 2018

Requirements:

- Community Connections Booklet + 30 Hour Evidence of Volunteer, Employment or WEX
- Career & Life Booklet
- 10-15 Min Presentation



Semester 2—Gr. 11 Due Dates:

Pkgs due for marking in the library—May 21, 2019

Presentations in the den and the library—June 5, 2019

Requirements:

- Community Connections Booklet + 30 Hour Evidence of Volunteer, Employment or WEX
- Career & Life Booklet
- 10-15 Min Presentation

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/graduation/certificate-of-graduation>

JOB SEARCH WORKSHOPS @ KP

On **Mondays & Wednesdays** at lunch students are invited to stop by Room A110 for new Job Search Workshops.

Ms. Steeves from the KP Career Centre will be available to assist students with:

- Resumes
- Cover Letters
- Job Search
- Interviews



Ms. Williams from PCRS (Pacific Community Resources Society) will be coming to join Ms. Steeves on Wednesdays @ lunch.

Stop by the Career Centre in Room A112 for more info.



NATIONAL TOKTW DAY—NOV. 14, 2018

GRADE 9 **Take Our Kids to Work Day is** **Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018**



On **Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018**, Grade 9 students at KPSS will be joining the thousands of Canadian students across the country participating in this year's **National Take Our Kids to Work Day** - job-shadow experience by spending the day at the workplace of a parent, relative, friend or volunteer host. (they must submit a permission form)

Since its start in 1994, this **National initiative of The Learning Partnership** has involved more than 1.5 million students and over 75,000 workplaces and has become one of the most recognized career exploration events in Canada.

<https://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/events/take-our-kids-to-work-day>
1-800-790-9113

To prepare Gr. 9 students for this day – we have a presentation scheduled by the BC Fed. of Labour on Young Worker Rights in the Large Gym **on Friday, Oct. 26th during Blk D**. TOKTW Day Permissions will be handed out at the assembly. **The due date for the TOKTW Day Permissions is Monday, Nov. 5th. Students should submit them to their Gr. 9 Blk D Teacher or the Career Centre in Room A112.**

Students that **DO NOT** participate in TOKTW Day are required to come to school on Wednesday, Nov. 14th and report to the library.

Schedule for Nov. 14th:

Blk B – Gr. 9's - Careers Activity with Ms. Harris in the Library

Blk A – Gr. 9's - BC Fed. of Labour/Work Safety presentation in the Library

Blk D – Gr. 9's—attend regular classes

Blk C – Gr. 9's—attend regular classes

If you have any questions about TOKTW Day, please feel free to contact any of the Career Dept. staff—604-588-6934.

Mrs. Allard – local 2502

Ms. Harris – local 2701

Ms. Steeves – local 2112



NEXT PAC MEETING : WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH AT 7 PM IN THE KP LIBRARY

The purpose of the KPS PAC is to further the educational interests and well-being of students, and to strengthen the role of families in education. The PAC facilitates parent participation in the school community. All KPS parents/guardians are invited to attend, bring a friend! Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month (except January 2018). Each month Mr. Cross shares a very informative school report and parents discuss many topics related to education.

Do you want to be included on the PAC email list and will receive occasional reminders and updates?

Have a question, suggestions and/or comments?

Not sure how to get involved in the high school community?

Contact the PAC at: info@kwantlenparkpac.com

**Visit the Kwantlen Park PAC
website to stay up to date
on all PAC activities:**

www.kwantlenparkpac.com

DRY GRAD 2019

Grade 12 Newsletter from the Kwantlen Park Dry Grad Committee

To receive regular updates about Dry Grad please send us an email request at kpdrygrad2019@hotmail.com

Dear Grade 12 Students, Parents, and Guardians,

We are the parents organizing the Dry Grad event that is occurring after the grad dinner/dance arranged for June 7, 2019. The dinner/dance is organized by the school and the Dry Grad is organized and run by the parents.

The Dry Grad event costs approximately \$15,000 and involves many volunteer hours and helpers. We have had a number of parents attending the meetings but are hoping that more parents will be out to future dry grad meetings. Meetings take place every 3rd Wednesday at Kwantlen Park school library, 7:00pm.

Grade 12 is a very important year in your child's life – let's make it a memorable one!

What is Dry Grad?

A parent organized party starting immediately after the dinner/dance for graduating students and approved guests.

Dry grad means drug-free and alcohol-free and smoke-free. Zero tolerance and school rules are in full effect.

Held at The Metro Hall, in New Westminster from 11pm on June 7, 2019 until 4:00am June 8, 2019.

There are plans for various activities and entertainment to ensure the students are kept busy and safe.

Upcoming Events

Dry Grad Ticket Sales – Ongoing

Tickets are \$40.00 and can be purchased online at <https://surreyschools.schoolcashonline.com/> .

Pub Night at Jolly Macs Pub – Saturday November 24, 2018 6-8PM

Tickets are \$20.00 each

Available for purchase at any meeting and school office.

Bottle Drive - Ongoing

Collect cans/bottles in clear plastic bags & drop off at Return It Depot on 104 and 139. Make sure to print off labels at the depot (account number is the school phone number) & stick onto the bags

Fashion Show – details to follow - February 2019

Clothing Drive – Ongoing

Any clothing donations can be brought to any PAC or Dry Grad Meeting

We can accommodate pick up within the area in the evening or weekend. E-mail kpdrygrad-fundraising@gmail.com to make arrangements.

Garden Brooms - Ongoing

Text/call Wendy at 604-551-2588 or e-mail her directly at wendy.duong@shaw.ca. Also available for purchase at any PAC or Dry Grad meeting.

Zumba – details to follow

How Can Parents/Guardians Contribute

Volunteer your time: There are a lot of important volunteer positions that will need to be filled and lots more as time goes on. This is your child's graduation, please step forward to volunteer, we greatly appreciate your willingness to lend a hand.

Donate money: No time to volunteer? Make a donation. Please make cheques payable to: *Kwantlen Park PAC*. Place in a sealed envelope marked "Dry Grad" and drop off at the school office.

Ask for donations: Send donation letters to employers, businesses, your favourite restaurant, etc. Please email kpdrygrad2019@hotmail.com for an official donation/request letter and use it to ask for money and/or donations in kind at your place of work, businesses, services or restaurants, your relatives, friends, anyone. We can use anything and everything!

Thank you from your KP Dry Grad Committee.

Kwantlen Park – Dry Grad 2019 Needs Your Support!

-----DRY GRAD PARENT SIGN-UP SLIP-----

Parent's Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Parent's Email: _____

PLEASE BRING SIGN-UP SLIP TO NEXT DRY GRAD MEETING OR DROP OFF AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE