PATTISON HIGH SCHOOL

Bits & Bytes

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Principal's Message

IMPORTANT DATES

July

01 Canada Day,
no classes

02 Summer school
classes begin

10 Professional
Development Day
no classes

16 Bi –weekly
Report #3

17 School Activity Day

31 Awards Day,
Graduation Day

August

03 BC Day,
no classes

10-12 Final Exams

10-14 Provincial
Exams

14 Last day of classes

15-Sep 07
Summer break,
no classes

September

08 Student orientation,
first day of classes

The school always looks particularly attractive in spring, when the trees are in bloom and the urban garden is fresh with new growth. This is both a metaphor for, and a reflection of, the values and activities taking place within the school. Administrative staff and teachers, individually and collectively, are supporting students in their growth as young adults, and in the development of their academic skills. This is a happy place, a productive environment, and a rewarding community in which to focus our energies.

You are receiving this Bits & Bytes newsletter following the electronic publication of Bi-weekly2 By this time, the recipient has a picture of the progress of the student, and comments that build upon the initial feedback of student performance given in Bi-weekly 1. This is an important time in the semester as we are at week 6 of the 15 weeks – at the 40% stage of learning and achievement.

We ask you to review the Bi-weekly 2 and to contact the school's counselor and/or principal with any concerns or questions that you may have. Together with the teachers and the advisors, we will communicate with you as much as is needed.

Upcoming in June are midterm exams scheduled for June 17 to 19, and a Provincial Exam sitting from June 18 to 25. Midterm outcomes will be printed, and available, the week of June 22. We look forward to meeting with everyone at the Parent / Teacher night on June 25

This issue of the Bits and Bytes also wishes to welcome the summer school students and faculty which will join the Pattison community from July 02 to August 14. We look forward to having these classes in our midst.

On behalf of faculty and staff, I wish the very best to all as, individually and collectively, we work toward our goals.

Sincerely,

Daniel Chowne

Counselor's Corner

We are now well into the Summer Semester. Most students are working diligently and as a result are being successful in their academic pursuits. Those who strive to be the best they can be are finding how successful they can be. The key to being successful is based on a good work ethic, a willingness to speak in English, and a willingness to take a risk in speaking only English. The Pattison students have every opportunity to achieve their goals. It is a privilege to work with such a wonderful group of students and with a very dedicated staff. If I can be of any assistance to you in providing information about course planning, post-secondary requirements, or any other issues, please do not hesitate to see me.

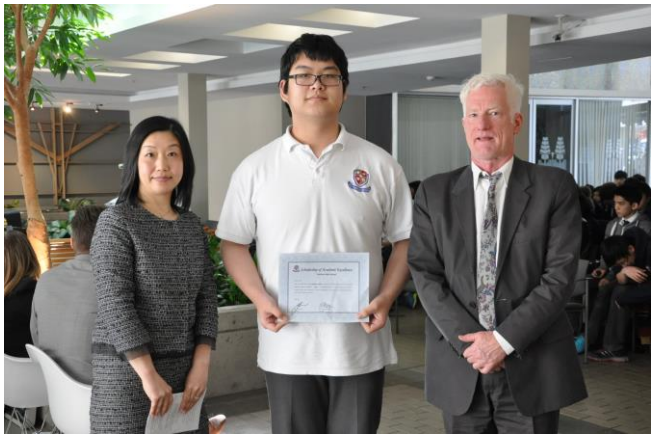
Mary Eby, Counselor

Activity Day

On March 6th, 2015 Pattison High School faculty, staff and students spent the day at Castle Fun Park in Abbotsford. Our original plan was skiing on Cypress Hill but, without snow, we opted for go-carts, bumper cars, batting cages, arcade games and mini golf at Castle Fun Park instead. Everyone had a great time. There was a pizza feast for lunch, with fruit and vegetable plates.

We are all looking forward to the Summer Semester Activity Day on July 17th when we will go to Play Land. Check out our photos in the next issue of Bits and Bites, in Fall Semester, 2015.

Awards at Pattison High



Last semester, John Lu (left) was awarded the **Scholarship of Academic Excellence** and Ivy Huang was awarded the **Certificate of Merit** for superb citizenship and scholastic performance. Both awards include five hundred dollars.

These scholarships are awarded out once a semester *

CLASS AWARDS

Top-Student: for superior academic achievement in a class

Most Improved: for impressive improvement in a class

Artistic Merit: for demonstration of artistic skill and creativity

Participation: for actively joining class activity

Citizenship: for those who help others and the school community

Most Diligent: for hard-work and industriousness

UBC Triumf Field Trip

On February 27th PHS senior math and science classes visited Triumf, Canada's National Laboratory for Particle and Nuclear Physics. This is a place where big questions are asked, like how and where were the elements of the universe created? Triumf has the second largest particle accelerator in the world to help find answers to these questions.

"TRIUMF's mission is: to make discoveries that address the most compelling questions in particle physics, nuclear physics, nuclear medicine, and materials science; To act as Canada's steward for the advancement of particle accelerators and detection technologies; and to transfer knowledge, train highly skilled personnel, and commercialize research for the economic, social, environmental, and health benefit of all Canadians."

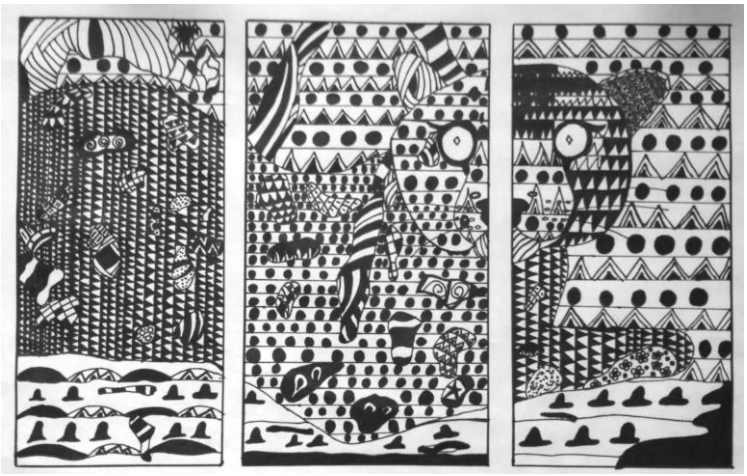
Fort Langley Field Trip

Last semester, Ms. Stewart and Mr. Kagis brought social studies students to Fort Langley, which was established more than 150 years ago on the south bank of the Fraser River. We learned about history through role playing, panning for gold, puzzles, games and funky hats. It was a fun and educational day!

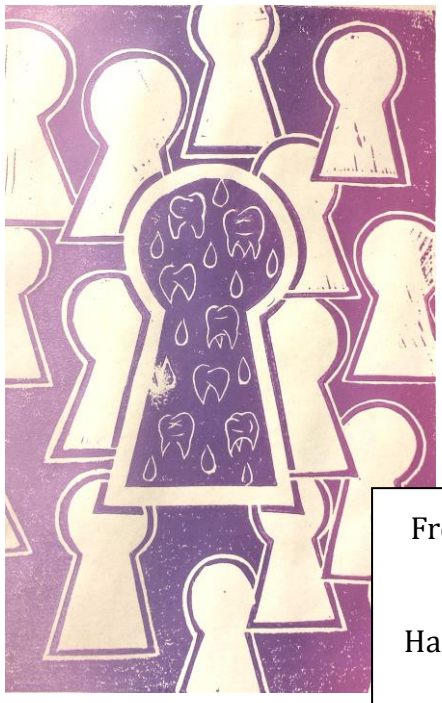
One of the highlights of our trip included watching a smith work the bellows to soften metal and make a hook before our eyes. The coordinator (upper right) kept us on track by testing our knowledge and issuing points and we all learned a lot.

Art

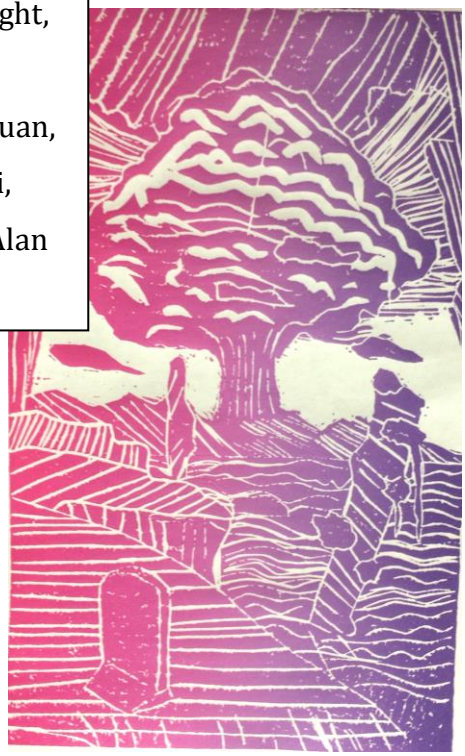
around Pattison High



These impressive works of art were completed under the tutelage of Ms. Stevens. From the top left we have a large abstract work by Eric Wu, two Line Triptych works by Ana Toader (top right) and Austin Dao (below hers) and a beautiful printmaking piece by Zoe Ji (bottom right).



From the top, left to right, work by: Amanda Haghnegahdar, Du Yuxuan, Dora Chen, Cindy Li, Harmony Chang and Alan Zhang.



Welcome to Pattison High School

We are pleased to welcome the new members of our faculty:

Tobin Sheldon
Science and Math
Teacher

Reuben Chepkwony
Science and Math
Teacher

SUMMER 2015 Club Activity

CLUB	WHEN & WHERE	SPONSOR
Studio	After school Room 111	Ms. Stevens
Pronunciation Club	Bi-weekly: Mondays after school Room 114	Mr. Williams
Our Days Through the Lens (Video/Photography Club)	Tuesdays after school LRC / Computer Room	Mr. Fabiano Maciel
Soccer Club	Tuesdays after school David Lam Park	Ms. Van
Games Club	Wednesday after school Room 113	Mr. Sheldon
Give Where You Live	Bi-weekly: Wednesdays Room 118	Ms. Hlina and Mr. Williams
Golf Club	Bi-weekly: Wednesdays (Weather permitting)	Mr. Williams
Math Power & Science Club	Wednesdays at Lunch Room 119	Ms. Erfan & Mr. Sheldon
Recycling Initiative	Wednesdays after school Room 118	Ms. Hlina
Movie Club	Wednesdays after school Room 112	Ms. Van
Student Council	Thursdays after school In room 110, 112 or 114	Mr. K, Ms. Van and Mr. Williams

August
Provincial Exams

Sign-up sheets outside Ms. Eby's office

Date	Subject	Administration Mode	Time
Monday, August 10	**English 12**	**Electronic**	**9:00 am – 11:00 am**
Tuesday, August 11	**English 10**		**9:00 am – 11:00 am**
Tuesday, August 11	**Communications 12**		**9:00 am – 11:00 am**
Wednesday, August 12	**Social Studies 11**		**9:00 am – 11:00 am**
Monday, August 10 or Tuesday, August 11 or Wednesday, August 12	**Pre-calculus 10**		**9:00 am – 11:00 am**
	Science 10		