

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
- ${\bf 16} \ {\rm Bi-weekly}$
- 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, postsecondary 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 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.





















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











Project Paper Cup In April, a group of

about a dozen dedicated volunteers - along with Mr. Williams and Ms. Hlina, the Give Where You Live club sponsors – volunteered time at an organization called "Project Paper Cup", which makes and serves a hot meal to street-involved youth each Saturday evening. In Hobbit House, just up the street from the school, students set to work preparing food, setting tables, serving food, and talking to people who came for a meal of salad, lasagne, buns, and ice cream (with chocolate sauce and blueberries). The Kitchen Crew cooked, cleaned, and



prepared plates, while the Front of the House folks served food and drinks, cleared away plates, and shared conversation with the diners. At the end of the meal, the "to-go" Lunch Bags were given to the people who attended, so each would have a healthy lunch the next day.

We also did a Clothing Drive at the school in April; all donations went to My Sister's Closet - a local organization whose proceeds "help fund violence prevention and intervention services operated by Battered Women's Support Services which 10,000 year." support over women every <http://www.bwss.org/about-bwss/my-sisters-closet/>

Mr. Williams and Ms. Hlina have been impressed by the dedication and initiative of our students, as well as their concern for our neighbors and others in Vancouver who don't have the opportunities our students are fortunate enough to access.



~Kimberley Hlina

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

August Provincial Exams

Sign-up sheets outside Ms. Eby's office

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

