



PATTISON HIGH SCHOOL

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no classes

04 Summer School

classes begin

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no classes

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August

01 BC Day

no classes

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summer

School classes

September

05 Labor Day

No classes

06 Student orientation,

first day of classes

It is another beautiful Spring in Vancouver and we are, as always, enjoying the beautiful setting of the school in this 'heart of the downtown' location. We look around us and we see a profusion of greenery and colourful plantings within our eyesight. At the same time, our thoughts turn to how we may take advantage of the splendor – ever mindful that thousands of people come to this city to vacation – and we are fortunate to look out the window or walk out the door ... and the beauty is always there.

In addition to the academic work that is our major focus every day, there is a great deal of extra-curricular energy that we enjoy. Through either participation, or observation, we see clubs in action, community services in effect, and our diverse student population enjoying each-others' company.

Administrative staff and teachers are pleased with the care and support that is demonstrated among students who represent almost two dozen countries. You are receiving this Bits & Bytes newsletter following the electronic publication of Bi-weekly 2. 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 8 of the 15 weeks – at the 55% stage of learning and achievement.

Upcoming this month are a Provincial Exam sitting from June 22 to 27, and midterm report cards signed, and available, June 23. We look forward to meeting with everyone at the Parent / Teacher night on June 23. As many readers will have learned, the structure and delivery of provincial exams in BC is changing in the 2016-2017 academic year. It is best to consult with the counselor, or me, to find out the requirements in relation to your student's graduation plan.

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 04 to August 12. We look forward to having these classes in our midst.

Sincerely,

Daniel Chowne MA

Counselor's Corner

It is hard to believe that we are now at the mid-point of the summer semester. Most students are working diligently to be successful. These are the students who will reach their goals. They adhere to the ENGLISH ONLY POLICY, abide by the Pattison rules and as a result make Pattison High School a very special place. This semester several colleges will do presentations to students who are approaching their graduating semester. Simon Fraser University will provide information about the January entry.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with your concerns. A phone call or a visit to my office may resolve questions that you have.

Mary Eby,
Counselor



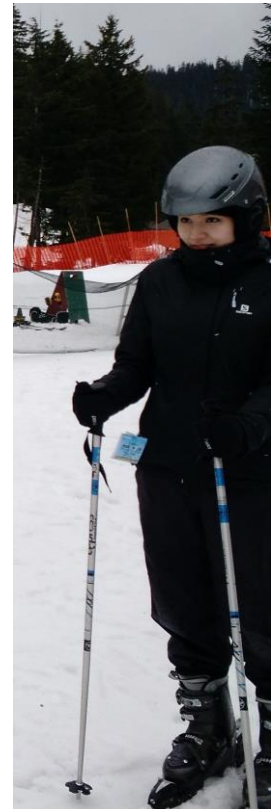
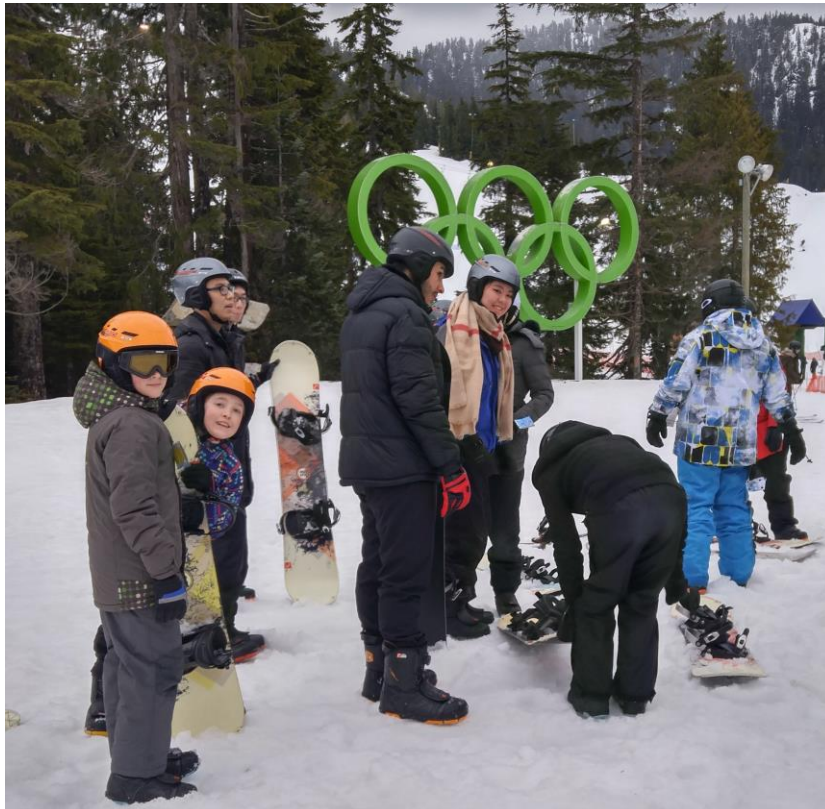


Activity Day





The Winter Semester Activity Day took place March 4th, 2016 on Cypress Mountain. Newbies were given lessons by the Cypress staff while experts hit the slopes.





Nordic snow-shoers and cross-country skiers ventured out under the shelter of trees to play hide and seek and other impromptu games, and to learn about flora and fauna from wilderness guides. The wind chased downhill skiers and snowboarders off of the highest hills during the afternoon. After we all warmed up over hot-chocolate, burgers and poutine for lunch. We look forward to the next Activity Day on June 24th when we visit Playland at the Pacific National Exhibition.



Lunar New Year





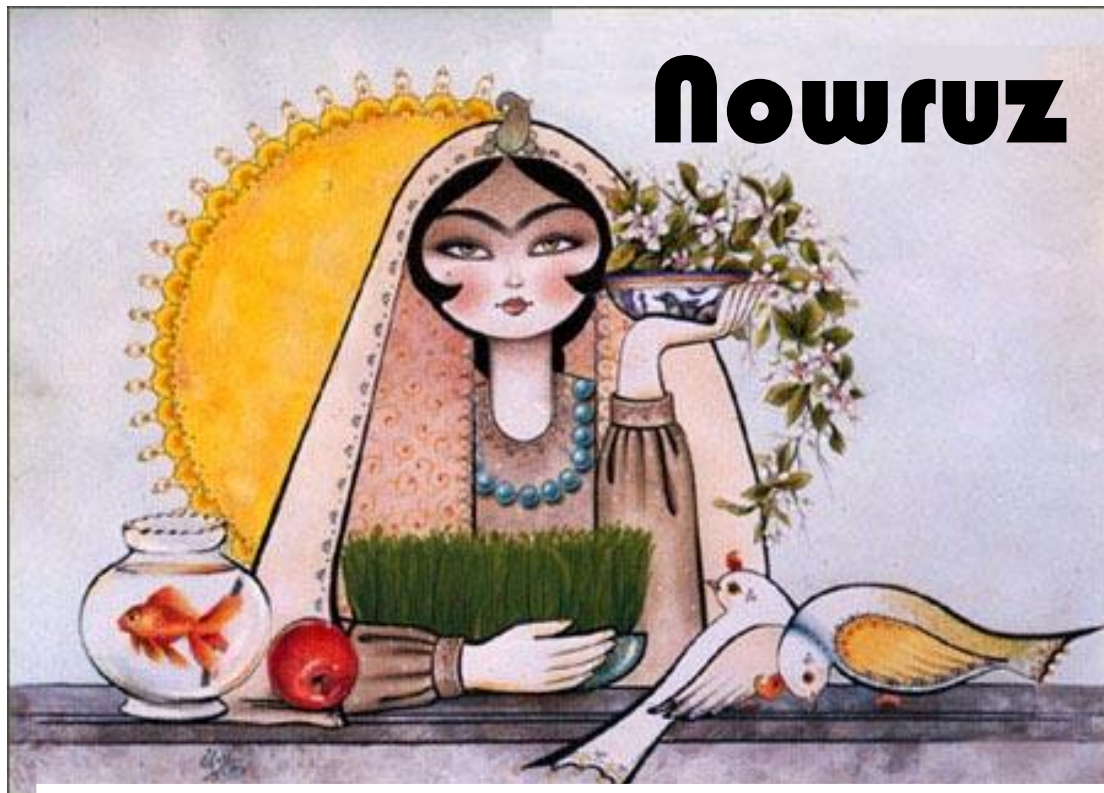
During the Winter Semester we had two New Year celebrations. The pictures above and on the previous page show our school feast in honour of Lunar New Year. This year, the Spring Festival fell on February 8th. Students, faculty and staff shared Chinese food, pizza and oranges to celebrate. The amount of food this year was truly generous. Many of us got to take home leftover Cantonese style roasted meats. The enormously by table and advisor contributed by bringing was no gambling.

Nowruz, which is the vernal or also Persian New Year March 20th. Our Iranian organizing a party for cafeteria. They brought



student council helped managing the buffet Nicholas Angiers a Mahjong set. There

literally means new day, autumnal equinox. It is which, this year, fell on students took the lead the whole school in the delicious kebab (see picture right), Iranian tea, as well as a few things some of us had never heard of, such as ash reshteh, zulbiya and bamieh. They also shared some upbeat Persian music, and their boisterous spirit, by leading everyone in dance. Thank you so much for your contribution to the school community.



Persian New Year



Me to We Club

During the Winter Semester the Me to We group raised over \$1300 on Break the Rules Day. Students were able to purchase tickets to come late to class, wear non-uniform clothes and use their phone or other technology in class.



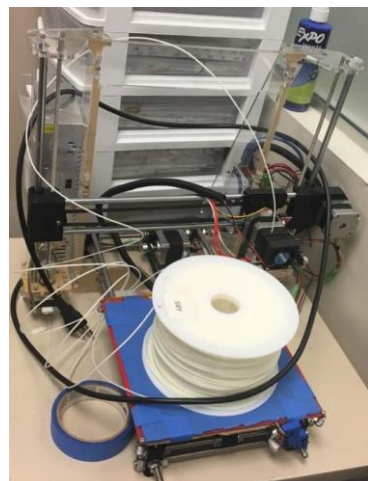
The majority of the money raised went to improve access to schools in Kenya, building new schools and providing educational resources. Some of the money also went to purchasing and distributing care packages to Vancouver homeless (picture above). This semester's Break the Rules Day was June 10



Ms. Erfan's Science Club



At lunch hour every Wednesday Ms. Erfan leads the Science Club through fascinating experiments with balance (above) and momentum (below). Some of the more technical successes of the club include building a hologram and a 3-D printer (below right). We look forward to seeing what the club gets up to next.

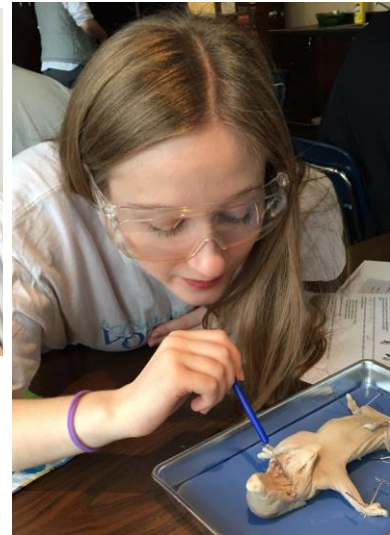


Ms. Langan's Science Class

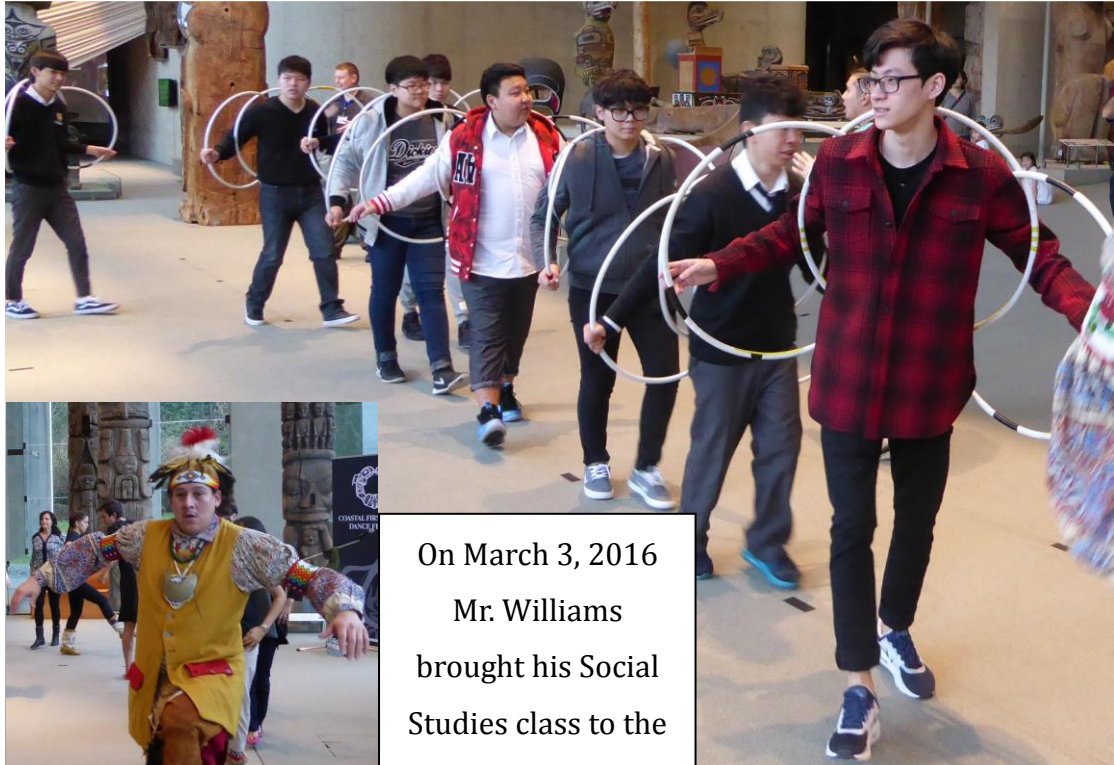


Ms. Langan's science classes also engaged in a wide variety of experiments during the Winter 2016 semester. Some of the more notable events are the dissection of pigs in biology class and visiting Inside Out at Science World.





Mr. William's UBC Anthropology Museum field Trip



On March 3, 2016
Mr. Williams
brought his Social
Studies class to the
UBC Anthropology
Museum for the
Coastal First
Nations Dance
Festival produced
by the Dancers of
Damelahamid.



Welcome to Pattison High School



We are pleased to
welcome:

Timothy Clayton
Art Teacher



PHS Contributes

In addition to the great work being done with Me to We and the Food Bank, Pattison High School also donated \$1000 to Fort McMurray. We all wish the residents well rebuilding their community and getting back to normal.



Provincial Exams

There are changes taking place in British Columbia education

- Starting in the 2016/2017 school year, provincial exams will not be required to graduate.
- In place of provincial exams, student will write a literary assessment and math skills assessment before graduating.
- The exception to the above is grade 12 students who have already completed math 10, language arts 10, science 10 and social studies 11, as well as the provincial exams for these courses. These students will still have to write a language arts 12 provincial exam (English 12 or Communications 12).

Please talk to your advisors, teachers and school counselor for more information.

