



LONDON NEWSLETTER

FOR AND ABOUT THE STUDENTS, STAFF & PARENTS OF LONDON SECONDARY SCHOOL APRIL, 2007

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CHARLES E. LONDON - PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Parent Advisory Council is the structure that provides an opportunity for parents to learn about the school and to have topics of parent interest investigated and discussed. The Parent Advisory Council is your committee, run by parents and with an agenda set by parents. All parents are members of the PAC. The PAC represents one opportunity that you can access to be involved in your child's schooling. The Parent Advisory Council usually meets every month on the second Thursday of the month. The April meeting will be a joint meeting with the Steveston PAC and will be held on:

**Thursday, April 12th
7:00 pm
In The Staff Room at London
Dinner will be provided**

CHARLES E. LONDON - DRY AFTER GRAD COMMITTEE

All Grade 12 students who want to attend the DAG event, should complete and return the signed permission slip to the school office. Please make cheques payable to London Dry After Grad and enclose the permission form signed by a parent/guardian in an envelope.

London's Dry After Grad is fast approaching! Our Parent Organizing Committee is busy securing attractions, raising funds and searching for volunteers to work at the Dry After Grad. The next Dry After Grad Meeting will be held on:

**Wednesday, April 4th
7:00 pm
In The Staff Room**

We need all the help that we can get to make this event successful. Please mark your calendars and join us to help with this event!

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

Attention all students, parents and educators. The Richmond School District, in collaboration with Learning Through The Arts presents:

A CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

Wednesday, May 9, 2007

3:30 – 5:00

MacNeill Secondary
Student Lounge

Join us as we celebrate students' representation of their learning through exciting LTTA curriculum concepts and skills and the innovative Media Arts Projects in visual and performing modalities. Finger food and refreshments will be provided. Register before May 2nd. Please contact Diane Andrews at 604-668-6070 to register and for more information.

RICHMOND EYEGO SHOWS

Come check out your local Richmond eyeGO shows for only \$5.00 with your goCard! For information on shows, visit eyeGO.org. Tickets are limited so buy early for the best seats. Here is a list of upcoming performances:

Northern Lights

Gateway Theatre - April 1st, 3 pm

The Richmond Orchestra is joined in this concert by Melody Ouah, 2006 Pacific Piano Competition finalist, in a performance of the "Piano."

Musical Expressions Series-Voice Stream

Choir

Richmond Cultural Centre – April 7th, 8 pm

Voice Stream Youth Choir is a newly formed group of 17 – 25 years old Richmond residents. Their goal is to create awareness of choral music within Richmond.

Having Hope at Home

Gateway Theatre – April 12th – 28th, 8 pm

Caroline is the black sheep of her family. She quit university, is living with her wacky Grandpa and the French-Canadian father of her unborn child.

HEALTH NEWS

RICHMOND HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Students with Life-Threatening Allergies in Schools

Most students who carry Epi-Pen for potentially life-threatening allergies may have been advised by other health professionals to switch to a product called Twinject, which has two preloaded syringes of adrenalin instead of one. Due to the safety concerns of possible needle stick injury when using the second preloaded syringe of Twinject, public health nurses in Richmond feel Epi-Pen is a suitable and safer product in school settings. If a student brings Twinject to school, the teaching for the administration of Twinject to school personnel will be similar to Epi-Pen, in that the nurses will be teaching staff to administer the first injection only from Twinject. Please feel free to contact the school health nurse, Judy Dale at 604-233-3110 if you have further concerns or questions.

Nutrition News

The newly revised Canada Food Guide is now available to the public. Parents can pick up their own copy at the Richmond Health Department. There is more information on the food guide plus interactive tools on the website:

www.healthcanada.gc.ca/foodguide

According to a survey done by Canadian Living Foundation, Canadian children receive a "C" when it comes to their diet. Only 61% of our children and teens eat 4 or more servings of vegetables and fruit per day (excluding fruit juices and French fries), eat 2 or more servings of whole grains cereals and 3 or more servings of milk and calcium-fortified beverages per day. For more findings go to:

<http://www.breakfastforlearning.ca/english/resources/pop/reportcardfinal.pdf>

Canadians are cooking less, although they want to eat healthy and are looking for quick and easy meal solutions. Families who prepare and eat meals together have healthier eating habits. For time saving food solutions go to:

www.dietitians.ca/eatwell and follow the link to Nutrition Month

REPORT CARDS

Mid-Term Report Cards will be distributed on:

Friday, April 21st



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Wednesday, April 26th

Thursday, April 27th

Appointments May Be Booked After Report Cards
Go Home on April 20, 2007

Building a strong rapport with your child's teacher is one of the best ways to support your child's education. There are many ways to open the lines of communication. The parent-teacher conference is just one method and your attendance shows your child that the family and teacher are working together. Here are some ideas that you may like to consider.

Before the meeting :

- Tell your child that the purpose of the conference is to help, not to check up on him or her.
- Think about what you hope to learn.
- Think about what you expect to hear.
- Write down some information you want to take away from the conference.
- Speak to your child and discuss what they like about the class and anything they may be having difficulty understanding.
- Formulate some questions you might like to ask.

During the meeting :

- Be prepared to start on time and leave at the appointed time.
- Begin with something positive.
- Stick to the subject; the child's learning and development.
- Talk about specifics, not generalities.
- Clarify and summarize the discussion.

After the meeting :

- Evaluate the conference. Do you know how to help your child?
- Was a good relationship and a measure of trust established?
- Talk to your child about the meeting. Be positive; focus on strengths and talk about areas for improvement. Talk about a plan for the future.
- Keep in touch with the teacher, checking on progress through phone calls or notes.



GRAD EVENTS - BOAT CRUISE

The Boat Cruise will take place on **Wednesday, May 16, from 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm**. We will be cruising with Harbour Cruises on board the Harbour Princess. **This event is open and Grade 12 students may apply to bring a guest.** Guest applications are available at the General Office and must be submitted by **April 10, 2007**. If and when guests are approved, guest tickets may be purchased from the General Office at a cost of **\$55**.

ART CAREERS AT LONDON

Visual Art News

The first edition of the London Secondary's online magazine, the "Pegazine" is available online. We hope you viewers enjoy the student's fabulous artwork and invite all students from London and Steveston to participate and share their creative work on this site. We have set up this website so that all our young artists, photographers, musicians, filmmakers, animators, actors, poets and writers will have a place to share their ideas, entertain, dazzle and enlighten all us art lovers. This virtual magazine has been designed and created by London's Art Club and Art Career students under the sponsorship of Sid Akselrod, the art direction of Tom Hsu and the assistant director Michelle Go. Thanks to all the hard working and creative members of the Art Club, the contributing artists and to you, our audience, who navigate this site. Special thanks to Mr. S. Lynch who took time out to help us with the many technical problems that we encountered in our quest. You are all invited to marvel at the students wonderful creations at . . .

<http://www2.sd38.bc.ca/Pegazine/>

We welcome your comments and artwork to . . .

pegazinemail@richmond.sd38.bc.ca

Look for the second edition of the Pegazine to be online at the end of May.

Art Careers

Congratulations to Michelle Go, Tom Hsu, Allie Chiu, Felix Lam and Charlotte Coyle who have all been accepted to the Emily Carr School of Visual Arts on the strength of their Art Portfolios.

Tom Hsu won a Buschlen Mowatt Teen Scholarship and is working with 15 talented and passionate young artists, ages 14 to 18. These artists were selected from applicants throughout the lower mainland in a 12-week visual arts training program that concludes with a major group exhibit at the Buschlen Mowatt Gallery in June 2007. He is presently working with a master artist to explore experimental ideas and critical thinking in art-making.

London students studied at the Emily Carr School of Art and Design on an annual joint project between our schools. This year Tom Hsu, Michelle Go, Julia Wu, Mikki Toh, Doris Chan, Sherry Shao, Ada Chiu, Eugenia Leung, Erika Mak, Pansy Hui and Victor Yuen, have all experienced what it is like to be a Post Secondary Art Student. As usual, all our students impressed their hosts with their wonderful skills and creativity.

Important dates for our budding artists: Ten London students will exhibit their work at the 2007 School Art Exhibition with the Richmond Art Gallery at Gateway, opening on Tuesday, May 1, 2007 and running until Monday, June 11, 2007. Fifteen to twenty-five art students will participate in the "Arts for Life Conference for Young Artists" at the Richmond Art Gallery on April 24, 2007.

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IMPORTANT DATES

April



TBA	Dry After Grad Parent Meeting
4	Steveston-London Day
6 - 9	Easter Holiday Weekend (school closed)
10	Grad Boat Cruise Guest Applications due
10	Classes Resume After Easter Weekend
12	PAC Meeting 7 pm
16	Semester 2 "Flip Day" – Block Rotation
20	Semester 2 First Term Report Cards Go Home
25	Parent-Teacher Conferences (afternoon)
26	Parent-Teacher Conferences (afternoon & evening)
27	Classes in Session (Pro D Day was rescheduled)