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Parent Newsletter – May 2011

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are well into the third and final term of the 2010-2011 year and have been preparing for the next school year. For our students we ask they continue to focus on their studies. The Interim Reports which students will take home this Friday will provide students and parents with a picture of how students are doing in their courses at this time. This is a stressful and anxious time for students and we thank parents for the much needed support and understanding you provide. Graduation is just around the corner for our grade 12s and a letter was mailed home with details and information of graduation events and activities. Thank you to all the parents who responded to our Collaboration Time proposal and completed and returned the form, and attended our public information meetings. This month we are also saying goodbye to three teacher candidates from UBC: Mrs. Maria David, working with Math students; Mr. Matt Bustin, working with students in Social Studies and English; and Mr. Dihan Weeratunge, working with students in Music and English. We wish them success in their completion of their studies at UBC and in their future careers as teachers.

SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTERS ON WEBSITE

<http://public.sd38.bc.ca:8004/~MacNeillWeb/> - PLEASE BOOKMARK THIS SITE

This newsletter and most others will now be sent only electronically. Should you require a hard copy, please have your child pick one up at the school office.

INTERIM REPORTS – FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2011

Students will be taking home Third Term Interim Reports this Friday, please look for these so you can discuss your child's progress with them.

Early Dismissal

Students will be dismissed at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, May 31th so that staff may attend the Richmond Teachers Association AGM.

EUROPE TRIP – SPRING 2012

Mr. Klose and Mrs. Phillips are planning a Europe Trip in March 2012. Cost will be around \$3700 and will include air and land transportation, accommodations and admissions. We will be visiting Rome, Florence, Southern France and Paris. More details to follow (we will be having an informational meeting in late May), if students are interested please come and see Mr. Klose.

This Europe Trip is a school organized and school sponsored student travel trip. We caution students and parents of commercial travel organizations which do sell student travel packages. Such trips are not supported or sponsored by the school. Should you have any questions about a student trip or whether it is a MacNeill or Richmond School District organized trip, please call the school.

JAPAN EARTHQUAKE TSUNAMI RELIEF EFFORTS

Students have been active in their efforts to help Japan through its terrible disaster last month. Fundraising efforts at MacNeill have included Pie-in-the-Face (where teachers graciously volunteered to be "pied" to help Japan), Sushi sales, and an Origami Crane donation program. Currently various student organizations are selling JAPANSTRONG bracelets for a suggested donation of \$3 to help the village of Onagawa, in northeastern Japan, begin rebuilding their homes after they were virtually all destroyed. This relationship with Onagawa was established with the help of Richmond's sister city of Wakayama, Japan and will continue over a five year period. Watch for OBENTO (Japanese-style lunch boxes) sales in the coming weeks.

MACNEILL PAC – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2011 - 7:00 P.M. in the LIBRARY

This past year the MacNeill PAC changed the AGM to occur in May rather than October. This will mean that the PAC Executive will be in place from the beginning of a new school year and all parents on the Executive will have students still at MacNeill. This year, Ms. Kelly Read, PAC Chair, has indicated that she will be stepping down as she hopes to focus on other graduation activities next year. To facilitate a smooth transition, as several other members of the Executive will also have children in grade 12 next year, it is hoped that parents would volunteer to co-chair the Executive positions of: Chairperson; Vice Chairperson; Secretary; and Treasurer. Elections will be held on Tuesday, May 17. **We value the involvement and support of parents through the Parent Advisory Council. If you can put your name forward for any of the four executive positions, please let Ms. Sakata, Principal, know (604-668-6212) or put your name forward at the meeting May 17th.** Should you have any questions, please speak with Ms. Sakata; Ms. Kelly Read, Chair; Mrs. Alice Wong, Vice-chair; Mrs. Tracy Sherlock, Treasurer; and Mr. Sarosh Mancherji, Secretary.

FISHTAILING – A FINALIST FOR THE WHITE PINE AWARDS

Fishtailing, by our own librarian, **Ms Wendy Phillips**, has been shortlisted for the Ontario Library Association's prestigious **White Pine Award** in their Forest of Reading program. The award recognizes the best in Canadian young adult books published this year. The description reads: "Fishtailing is a gritty free verse exploration of the teen experience as seen through the eyes of Natalie, Kyle, Tricia, and Miguel. These four teens learn firsthand what happens when situations get out of control." The Ontario Library Association awards will be announced at a ceremony on May 11. Fishtailing is also a finalist for the **Fore Word Book of the Year Award** in the category of young adult fiction. The Fore Word Book review journal awards are recognized as the best in titles published by independent publishers. The winner will be announced at the American Library Association conference in June. We are so proud of Ms. Phillips and wish her the best of luck..

MacNEILL DRY GRAD 2011

The Dry Grad Parent Committee continues to work very hard to make Dry Grad 2011 a great evening for our grade 12 students. The Dry Grad Parent Committee continues to seek your support in helping with the organization and planning for the Dry Grad on June 29th. Grade 12 parents will receive information about Dry Grad activities, other graduation events, and what student and parents can expect.

We are still hoping to sell more raffle tickets - **Cruise raffle tickets selling at \$20.00 each PRIZE: \$1000.00 cruise voucher from "Capital World Tour"** Draw Date: May 13, 2011. Cruise raffle can be purchased from Dry Grad Committee, grade 12 students and also at the school office.

IMPORTANT DRY GRAD INFO FOR GRADE 11 PARENTS – all grade 11 students received a notice in their advisory class in April with information about how grade 11 parents could help with this year's Dry Grad. All help is gratefully appreciated. If you are able to help please complete the notice your child brought home or contact the school office at (604) 668-6212 with your information. Additional notices are available in the office if you'd like more details.

HELP FUND OUR GRADS FUTURE SUCCESS! – CONTINUING TO SEEK SUPPORTERS!

On June 16th this year we will see the fourth class of MacNeill grade 12s walk across the platform at their Valedictory Ceremony. Businesses, community organizations, and individuals contribute to the MacNeill Scholarship fund. As we are the newest high school in Richmond, The MacNeill Scholarship staff committee continues their endeavours to increase the scholarship fund. If you would like to donate money to help MacNeill's scholarship fund, you will receive a tax receipt (for donations over \$20.00), as well as recognition printed in the Valedictory program.

For further information, please contact: Ms. Wendy Phillips, librarian and chair of the MacNeill Scholarship Committee.



Hockey Day in Richmond

"The Pred Hunters, a team organized by MacNeil's Grade 10 students Andrew, Sunny, David, Hicham and Hamam went all the way to the finals in this one day Ball Hockey tournament on Saturday May 7th, 2011. It was organized by Richmond Addiction Services and Family Services of Greater Vancouver. Theo Fleury, the Calgary NHL legend was the guest of Honour".

“DATES TO REMEMBER”:

May 11	Spring Music Concert, Gateway Theatre at 7:00 pm.
May 13	Term 3 Interim Reports sent home
May 17	PAC Meeting AGM – 7:00 p.m. MacNeill Library
May 19	Grade 10 Portfolio Presentations
May 20	ProD – No School for Students
May 23	Victoria Day – School Closed
May 31	RTA Annual General Meeting – Early Dismissal at 2:00 p.m.
June 1	Athletic Awards (evening)
June 7	Academic Awards (evening)
June 16	Last Day of Classes
	Valedictory – 7pm Bethany Baptist Church
June 17 & 20	Grade 8, 9 & 11 Portfolio Presentations
June 28	Report Cards & Yearbooks handed out 1:00 pm
June 29	Grad Dinner/Dance & Dry Grad

Ashland trip a dramatic success

Seven MacNeill students got an inside look at top-quality drama production on their recent 5-day trip to Ashland, Oregon. Pairing up with Palmer and McMath students, the students endured/enjoyed the 11 hour bus trip in each direction and participated in workshops on backstage details, stage design and acting. Most days were devoted to watching plays: we saw Molière's classic *Imaginary Invalid* set as a 1960s musical, Shakespeare's complex exploration of morality in *Measure for Measure*, a moving stage version of the classic American novel *To Kill A Mockingbird*, and a modern examination of the problems of communication in *The Language Archive*. To round off our trip to the festival, we attended the Oregon Cabaret dinner theatre musical production of *Holmes and Watson*.



Students returned to Canada with a new appreciation for the subtleties of theatre. The trip is an annual journey at the end of April. We look forward to next year's mainstage production of *Romeo and Juliet*. For information on the trip, contact Ms Phillips at the school.

Badminton Success Continues for Ravens.

The MacNeill Badminton program is having its best season ever with exceptional results across all three teams. The Senior team finished in 1st place after the regular season league going through undefeated in their season. The team commence their playoff run on Monday, May 9th and look set to qualify for the BC Provincial Badminton Championship for the 1st time in Raven history.

The junior team also have qualified for RSSAA playoffs by securing a top 4 position after league play. The team has performed very well all season clearly defeating McMath, Palmer, Boyd, Cambie, McRoberts & narrowly being defeated 6-5 by both Burnett & Richmond. With their full line up, MacNeill junior team is certainly one of the best in Richmond.

The bantam team have one remaining league game vs Richmond High this Wednesday, May 11 and are also set to qualify for the RSSAA playoffs in top position. The team has secured convincing victories throughout the season and are on track to play for the RSSAA Championship the week of May 16-18.

Further outstanding badminton news for MacNeill athletes has been the fantastic Canadian National Badminton Results for Christin Tsai & Jack Chen, two of our MacNeill players who played in the National Championships this past weekend at the Richmond Oval.

Christin won the Canadian National Championship in Womens' Singles and Mixed Doubles, and took the silver medal in Womens' Doubles. Jack won the bronze medal in Boys Doubles at the Nationals. Brilliant futures are in store for both of these exceptional athletes. Best of luck to all our coaches and players throughout the playoff season.

MACNEILL PORTFOLIO PRESENTATIONS

As you know, all Grade 8 - 11 students at MacNeill are expected to do a Portfolio Presentation at the end of the year. We have decided to have the Portfolio Presentations June 17th – 21st for all grades 8, 9 and 11.

All Grade 10's will present on May 19th. Students will have time to set up from 1:30-2:00 p.m. Advisory teachers will evaluate the portfolios from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Reminder:

June 16th – Last day of regular classes for all students.

All students (except Grade 10s & 12s) will present on June 17th & 20th on the following schedule by advisory classes:

June 17th: 1, 2, 3, 4, 12, 13, 14, 22, 23,24, 25 & 26

June 20th: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 27, 28, 29 & 30

Set-up: Students can set up starting at 11:00am

Presentations: 1:00 - 3:00pm and S 6:00 - 7:30pm

All students must have a parent, or other significant adult evaluate their presentation.

2010/2011 Provincial Exams Schedule

(Grades 10-12)

Date	Subject	Time
June 21, 2011 Tuesday	Social Studies 11 Sciences humaines 11 (e only)	9:00 am - 11:00 am
	Principles of Mathematics 12 Applications of Mathematics 12	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
June 22, 2011 Wednesday	Français langue première 10 (e-only) English 12	9:00 am - 11:00 am
	Physics 12	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
June 23, 2011 Thursday	English 10 History 12 (e only)	9:00 am - 11:00 am
	Chemistry 12	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
June 24, 2011 Friday	English 12 First Peoples (e-only) French 12 Civic Studies 11 (e only) English 10 First Peoples (e only)	9:00 am - 11:00 am
	Geography 12 BC First Nations Studies 12 (e only)	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
June 27, 2011 Monday	Science 10 Sciences 10 (e only) Communications 12 Geology 12	9:00 am - 11:00 am
	Français langue seconde-immersion 12 Français langue première 12 (e only)	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
June 28, 2011 Tuesday	Apprenticeship & Workplace Mathematics 10 Maths: métiers et milieu de travail 10 (e only) Foundations of Mathematics and Pre-Calculus 10 Maths: fondements et pre-calcul 10 (e only) English Literature 12 (e only)	9:00 am – 11:00 am
	Japanese 12 German 12 Mandarin 12 Punjabi 12 Spanish 12	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
June 29, 2011 Wednesday	Biology 12 (e only)	9:00 am – 11:00 am

**All Provincial Examinations are designed to be completed within 2 hours.*

Students are permitted an additional one hour, if required.

Please check the Ministry of Education website to confirm dates and times. www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/

**These exams are available electronically only.*

Career Centre News

Looking for a summer job?

Service Canada Centres for Youth will be visiting MacNeill on May 27 at Lunch in the Lounge. If you are looking for a summer job, this is the place to start your search. The Service Canada Centre for Youth helps young people by providing:

- Access to job postings
- Assistance in writing resumes and cover letters
- Help with job interview techniques
- Volunteer experience opportunities

You can also visit the Richmond SCCY between 8:30 am and 4:00pm at #350 - 5611 Cooney Road (opening May 17th). Job postings are available online at www.jobbank.gc.ca, under "Student/Youth Job Search", "British Columbia" "Vancouver/Surrey/Fraser Valley".

New Kwantlen Students Registration Workshops

- First year course planning
- Registration "How-To's"
- Tips for success
- Financial Assistance, Awards, and Student Loans

At MacNeill Wednesday May 25th during Advisory

At the Richmond Campus for parents and students

Thursday, May 19th 6:00 7:30pm

Saturday, May 28th 10:00 - 11:30am

Register at Kwantlen.ca/advising

Langara College Planning Sessions

Students that are planning to attend Langara this fall are strongly encouraged to attend an information session on course selection and registration. There are many session in May and June. For a list of dates and times visit:

www.langara.bc.ca/academic-services/counselling/course_planning.html

New Scholarships! We are getting new scholarships notices daily! Check the Career Centre News website (<http://www2.sd38.bc.ca/~CCNews@sd38.bc.ca>) for the latest additions. (Note: Although it is almost the end of the school year, scholarship are available year round....DON'T STOP LOOKING OR APPLYING)!

Canada – BC integrated Student Loans

Canada Student Loans and Student Aid BC will be managed as a single Canada – BC integrated loan at the National Student Loans Service Centre (NSLSC). <https://nslsc.canlearn.ca/eng/default.aspx>

For more information visit: www.StudentAidBC.ca or call: 604-660-2610 (have your Social Insurance number available).