

HOME OF THE MARLINS - ESTABLISHED IN 1974

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Principal's message:

Welcome back! We have been back at school following Spring Break for about a month now, and students are starting to feel the excitement of Spring as the end of another school year approaches! We have had a busy March and April, as the Basketball seasons ended (special congratulations to our Senior Boys team, who qualified for the Provincials and got the school very excited). We also enjoyed an incredible Theatre production of *Sleepy Hollow*, as all of the nearly sold-out audiences were treated to outstanding performances! Special thanks to **Mr. Soriano**, **Mrs. Watts** all the performers and crew who put it together! Since returning from Spring Break, we have hosted the **Grade 7 Basketball tournaments** for both boys and girls teams, and we are very excited about what these students will bring to our school next year! Special thanks to **Mr. Dhaliwal** and all the student helpers who put on a great tournament! We have also had several of our Math students compete in different Math contests over the past couple of weeks, and we expect that they have represented McNair very well! Two of our Grads, **Max Blanche** and **Joe Rose** have recently won a major **Worksafe BC** video contest, and need to be commended for their exceptional work. Our Music students have also just returned from an incredible experience playing in Edmonton! So much going on!

Our Mini-School students also ran a very popular and well-attended **Fine Arts Night** on **April 12th and 13th**. All the money raised was donated to Canuck Place, and the group raised as much as they ever have!

Next up we have to continue program planning as our school starts to plan for next year. Parents are asked to ensure the courses your child has selected are the right ones. We also have lots going on for the Grads of 2016, as we prepare for Spring events (**Spring Fling** at the **UBC Boat House on May 5th**), check our Grad requirements (please review your child's Transcript Verification Report with them), and start to think about the big finish (Final assignments, exams, Grad events and parties and so much more). It is a very exciting time to be at school and we are all very much looking forward to helping you meet all of your goals.

Report Cards were sent home on April 21st, and Parent-teacher Conferences were on April 27th and 28th. We hope you were able to see all of your child's teachers, but if you did not, please do not hesitate to call the school and set up an appointment on your own. --*Mr. Jason Leslie*

Traffic Safety

Just a reminder to staff and students: The days are still quite short and students are often arriving at school or leaving for the day in some dark and wet conditions. This can make crossing the busy Number 4 Road treacherous. We have had some recent close calls, and last year two students were hit while in the crosswalk. This is a reminder to all parents dropping off or picking up their children, please drive cautiously! Similarly, students need to cross the street using the crosswalks, but please be sure to look both ways before crossing. Many drivers have a hard time seeing pedestrians, so you need to be cautious, too.



Earth Day Summit:



On **Saturday, April 23rd**, youth from all across Richmond were invited to attend the **REaDY Summit** at **Hugh Boyd from 8:30-12:30**. The conference was a great way for students to

connect, listen to keynote presenters and bring ideas back to their own schools for ways to reduce our environmental impact. There were also workshops and exhibits and we know that a few McNair Marlins were there (including some of our **Eco-Marlins**)! To learn more about the event for next year, go to this website: http://www.readysummit.ca/index

Grade 12 News:

Grade 12's are now entering a very exciting and busy time of their high school lives. Please be sure to check over their TVR's (a record of student marks from Grades 10-12), and remind them to complete their PSI forms (Post Secondary Information). Students also need to start thinking about upcoming graduation events, and need to go to the school website enter their to Gown size https://survey.sd38.bc.ca/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=82M and write their Valedictory H5m2 comment https://survey.sd38.bc.ca/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=82M Hnm2 for when they cross the stage at Commencement. All students are also reminded to complete their Scholarship located on-line Applications, at: https://survey.sd38.bc.ca/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=7lMH m96 We also want to remind Grads of the upcoming Spring Fling at the UBC Boathouse on Thursday, May 5th. Tickets are on sale now for \$55, and the night promises to be a good time. Our Commencement ceremony will take place on Friday, June 10th at the South Delta Baptist Church in Tsawassen. We will rehearse on June 9th in blocks C and D. Please remember that the last semester will go by

very quickly, so it is important to stay on top of all the tasks you need to complete!



On-Line Safety:



Teenagers live in an incredibly connected, digital world that is changing every day. Communication happens faster now than ever before through all kinds of platforms (*Texting, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, SnapChat, Vine* and many

others). Students are reminded to always be thoughtful online. Parents are encouraged to learn about social media and reinforce with their children that their digital footprint can be traced to them and will stay with them forever. Be sure to demonstrate the same care, kindness and respect online that you do in person. Always think before you text or post-is this something I would be okay with my parents seeing? If not, then don't send!

Follow McNair Secondary School on Twitter:

Please stay connected to our school and join the over 475 students, parents, alumni and community members who are already following McNair on Twitter! This is a great way to get short reminders and updates of all that is happening at McNair Secondary. Twitter is easy to use from your smart phone or computer and is a very popular social media platform used by millions of businesses, universities, news agencies and community organizations in Richmond, Canada and throughout the world. Follow us: **@McNairMarlins**



Barry MacDonald

On **Thursday, April 21st** at **7 PM**, **McNair** hosted internationally recognized speaker **Barry MacDonald** who presented on "*Successfully Navigating Adolescence*". We hope many of you attended, as the cost was only \$5 and was hosted by **Richmond Addictions**. Mr. MacDonald is a wellknown author and speaker and provided great insights for parents as some may struggle to understand teenage priorities and how the teen brain functions. We hope you enjoyed it!

MCNAIR SECONDARY SCHOOL DATES:

(Please check the calendar on the school website regularly)

May 4	Collaboration Day-late start (9:45 AM)
May 8	Mother's Day
May 20	Pro-D Day (School Closed)
June 2	UBC/SFU Calculus Challenge Exam
June 19	Father's Day
June 21	Last day of regular classes
June 29	Report Card and Yearbook distribution

May 5 May 18-24 May 23 June 7 June 21 June 22-27 June 30 AP Calculus Exam Social Justice 12 to New York Victoria Day (School Closed) Spring Music Concert National Aboriginal Day Provincial Exams Administrative Day (School Closed)



APRIL 2016

Student Teachers:

Congratulations to all six of the students teachers who have just completed their practicum experience at McNair. The teachers fared very well and provided our students with highquality learning experiences. We also feel that they learned quite a bit while at our school and we know they enjoyed engaging with our students. We want to wish them the best as they now pursue careers in the teaching profession. Keep your eyes open. With any luck we may see them as Substitute Teachers at McNair one day soon!

Program Planning:

Counselors have been into classes to present information about course offerings for next year. Hopefully, you have taken the time to review your selections with your parents and have entered your choices into the computer system. Remember that changing courses is much harder to do after the timetable is built, so please ensure that the courses you have selected are the ones you want to take next year. For information about McNair courses, see our program Planning Guide at:

http://mcnair.sd38.bc.ca/sites/mcnair.sd38.bc.ca/files/attach ments/Thu%2C%202015-07-

J2%2012%3A59/ProgPlanBook%202015-16r.p

Dry Grad Fundraiser



Spring cleaning Support McNair Dry After Grad fundraiser by dropping off clothing items at the front of the school under the sign into the large bin.



Drop off bottles / cans at **Ironwood recycling** behind London Drugs. **Account #256**

PAC Meetings

The McNair PAC executive invites you to attend PAC meetings held on the second Tuesday of the month in the conference room. These meetings provide an overview of what is happening at school and an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback. Our next meeting is scheduled for **May 10th at 7 PM**.

Satisfaction Surveys:

Each year the B.C. Ministry of Education asks parents of students in Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12 to complete a **"Satisfaction Survey"** to determine parents levels of



satisfaction with their child's education. We invite all parents of children in Grades 10 and 12 to go online and complete the survey. It is available in 19 different languages and should take less than 10 minutes to complete. Please go to the link below, and under District, select **38 Richmond** and under school, select **McNair Secondary**. Thank you in advance for taking the time to provide your feedback.

https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull1/central/main/Parent Survey.asp

McNair Dry Grad 2016

What is a Dry Grad? A Dry Grad is a lively, informal event which follows the Grad Dinner/Dance on June 28. This is an alcohol-free and drug-free event where the grads enjoy a safe place to celebrate. The participating students are bussed directly from their formal Dinner/Dance downtown to the McNair Gym. The event runs late into the night (ending by 5 am). It's a fun-filled atmosphere where the grads enjoy good food, refreshments, music and many forms of entertainment and activities.

Help is needed by parents for.....donations, fundraising and organizing the dry grad event.

Next Dry Grad meeting is on **May 5th at 7pm** at the school. Join us and bring your ideas for making a great dry grad event for our kids.

Please visit the school website to access the donation letter *http://mcnair.sd38.bc.ca/parents/mcnair-dry-grad*

As we are nearing the DAG event, we will need lots of volunteers for the event.

- Security
- Check in
- Set up
- Take down and clean up

Please email mcnair.dry.grad@gmail.com to advise if you can help.





Eco-Marlins:

Mr. Wolfe and the McNair Eco-Marlins have been hard at work this past month. The have been awarded several grants, including **\$1250** for *Food Literacy* and they will engaging with our Cafeteria program to better educate our students about ideas like eating healthy and local. They also were awarded **\$4000** for a *Sustainability Grant* and used that money to purchase and build over 150 bird and bat houses that were then given to various members around the community. They were also heavily involved in the *April 22nd Earth Day*, and several of the team members attended the *REaDY Summit* on *April 23rd*.



The biggest project, however, was their involvement in the districtwide **EnergyWise Competition**,

which involved competing against other schools in hopes of reducing our energy consumption for the month of April. McNair was the big winner of the contest, having reduced our energy consumption for the month of April more than any other school in Richmond! Congratulations to all our school community members, and special thanks to **Mr. Wolfe** and the members of the **Eco-Marlins**!

McNair Courtyard Fundraiser



The CBC (Courtyard Beautification Committee) continues to work hard to raise funds for purchasing our green wall, plants, and general supplies.

Funds are raised through school fundraisers such as – bubble tea, samosa, and bake sales.

On **April 30th (Saturday) and May 28th (Saturday)**, CBC will be hosting car washes at McNair's south parking lot on Albion Rd **from 10am to 2pm** (weather dependent). All proceeds will go to beautifying McNair's courtyards. We hope parents will bring their cars out to support this great fundraiser!



Pro-D Information

On April 22, 2016 the staff were either at the Musqueam Nation delving into the First People's component of the new curriculum being implemented next school year or the staff were watching the American film "Beyond Measure" looking at personal student growth rather than test scores and rankings amongst other things. View the synopsis here of the film here: http://beyondmeasurefilm.com/

McNair Elementary Basketball Classic 2016 Award Winners

Congratulations and thank-you go out to all the staff and students who helped Mr. Dhaliwal run a very successful Grade 7 Basketball tournament earlier this month. The excitement was palpable, and the quality of the competition was high. We look forward to working with all of these athletes in the upcoming years!

Amelia Wu (Woodward)

Results were:

Girls

Hot-shot Winner

All-stars:

Hamilton Aneeya Johal Woodward Vivian Chen Kidd Annie Nijjar Lee Kyla Sasert Kingswood Anju Quimbayo MVP -Amelia Wu (Woodward) 1st Place: Woodward 2nd Place: Hamilton Bovs **Hot-shot Winner:** Cole Cruz-Dumont (Woodward) **All-Stars:** Kidd Matthew Rubio Conner Brodie Lee Hamilton Vince Cortel Woodward Chris Joseph Kingswood Aaron Bhatti **MVP** Cole Cruz-Dumont (Woodward) 1st Place: Woodward 2nd Place: Hamilton **Spirit Award:** Lee **Poster Award:** Kidd Sportsmanship: Kingswood

Congratulations to all teams!



Report Cards and PT Conferences

Report Cards were sent home on **April 21st** and **Parent-Teacher Conferences** were held on **April 27th and 28th**. We hope you have reviewed your child's progress at school with them, and encourage you to stay connected with the school and the teachers. If you have any questions, but were unable to come to the school for the Conferences, please call and set up an appointment.

Music Program

The McNair Jazz Band performed for the Education without Boarders South African Film festival fundraiser. The Gala event was set up in Vancouver's Gastown. The audience was greatly impressed at the professionalism of the ensemble and our Jazz Band was recognized by the organizers in the speeches to all the patrons.

Senior Band performed at the Richmond Baseball season opener at Blundell Park on April 9th. It was sunny and all appreciated the good weather as we were out on the field performing. The Band played O'Canada to open the event and of course, *Take Me Out To The Ball Game*, a Baseball favourite.

The McNair Music Program then geared up for the big spring trip to Edmonton from **April 20th to 24th**. Senior Band, String Orchestra, Choir and Jazz Band traveled and performed in Kamloops, Valemount, Jasper and Edmonton. Performing is always exciting and challenging but an essential part of the performing arts.

Choir will be performing at the Richmond Sings Music Monday Concert at Fraserview Church on Monday **May 2nd**. This event celebrates music in our district and community, and it is a nationally coordinated event with thousands of musical groups and ensembles performing to recognize how important music education and music is in our lives.

McNair is hosting the Music In Our School Concert with many feeder schools at the Gateway Theater on Wednesday **May 4**th The Gateway venue is a great stage to perform on for all the young students as well as the McNair ensembles.

All music ensembles will be attending the Kiwanis Festival in May. This is a competitive festival with many bands, choirs and String Orchestra's from across the country and the United States attending.

The Spring concert will be on **June 7th** in the McNair Theater and all ensembles will be performing. This is a great concert where all the ensembles have a chance to share their growth and amazing challenges that they have overcome with the music they perform. I am always so impressed at the change from the beginning of the year and the sound of all the ensembles at the Spring Concert. Everyone is invited to this event.

Choir will perform at Valedictory at the Delta Baptist Church in Tsawwassen on **June 10th** to share in the recognition of all graduating students of 2016.

McNair Jazz combo will be performing on **June 14th** for Richmond Tourism for their client Gala at the BCIT Aerospace Technology building in Richmond.

Free Math Tutoring

Tutoring available for ALL levels of math

When: Every Monday beginning May 2 from 3:00-5:30 Where: Towers Church (behind McNair)

Contact Mr. Garrett Holmes for more info Holmes814@gmail.com 604-754-9557





McNair Athletics

McNair is proud to have one of our students, Matthew Laljee, represent our school in the Penticton 2016 BC Winter Games in Archery. Matthew did exceptionally well and represented himself, his family and the school very well. Congratulations!

The Spring Sport Season is now underway and our teams are off to a very good start.



The **Grade 8 Boys Volleyball** team, being coached by students Patrick Doctolero and Elisha Thorsen and sponsored by Mr. Dengler, has had a couple of exciting wins and looks to be improving as the season progresses.

Our **Senior Girls Soccer** team looks to be contenders for the Richmond District Title, having won both of their games so far. This team will make another run for the Provincial

Championships!



We also have a school golf team that is playing an exhibition schedule, and we will put together a group to represent the school at the district **Track and Field** meet in June. If you are interested, please see **Mr. Dhaliwal**.

Theatre / Drama

Congratulations must go out to **Mr. Soriano**, **Mrs. Watts**, the stage crew and performers and the entire Theatre department at McNair. They once again put on a first-class show, this time showing their amazing talents in a musical production of *Sleepy Hollow*. The shows were near sell-out every night and all audience members were treated to exceptional shows.





A HUGE congratulations to Max Blanche and Joe Rose whose

short video "Overtime" recently won the **Worksafe BC** Student Safety Video contest for 2016. Max and Joe's video was up against 55 submissions from all over the province. The boys' outstanding video won 1st place in the Grade 11 / 12 category. There was a \$2,500 prize

for the win. Their entry will now be submitted by Worksafe BC to a National Contest, congratulations boys and good luck in the National Contest. The video is incredible, so take the time and watch it here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MVxPAXCSVq8

The Theatre Department continues to be busy since the closing of our successful run of "Sleep Hollow."

The Drama 10 students under the guidance of Mr. Soriano have just finished a Clowning Unit and presented their clowns in the main hallway on Tuesday April 19th at lunch time. These were serious clowns!! Seriously Clowning around!!

Four Directing and Scriptwriting 12 students will present their One Act Plays and short movies in the first week of June in the theatre at lunch time. All are welcome to come and enjoy their work.



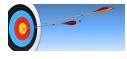
The Theatre is already busy planning for next year's big production. The Main stage production for next year will be "**The Lion King**" and it will be directed by Mrs. Watts.

Yes, the Theatre Department will be busy preparing with this Disney Classic from the start of next year. Look for info about the production in the 2016-2017 school year.

Until next time..... Hakuna Matata!!









Cancer Awareness Month

April was **Cancer Awareness Month**, and it feels like everyone has had their lives touched by this disease. On **April 29**th, Mr. Sangha's **Marketing 12** class hosted a "*Balding for Dollars*" campaign to raise money and awareness for research. Our staff and students were exceptionally generous and we raised **\$676.09** over the past 2 weeks! Seven of our staff have volunteered and three of them were chosen to shave their heads.





Mini School

The **McNair Mini-School** students have been hard at work over the past few weeks. They hosted their **20th Annual Fine Arts** *Night on April 12th and 13th* in the theatre, and the admission of \$3 was used as a fundraiser for Canuck Place. The entire class organizes the event, performs at least once over the two nights, and all parents and class members are there. The sold-out shows were standing room only and all audience members were treated to some funny, talented and very impressive performances. The amount donated to **Canuck Place will once again exceed \$1500.00**. Thank you for your generosity, and congratulations on a very enjoyable show.

The Senior Class also took a fieldtrip to the **Salvation Army Harbour Light Soup Kitchen** in downtown Vancouver on *April* 15th and 25th. This trip is a very moving experience for our students as they help some people who are having a difficult time. The trip has been part of the Mini-school experience for over 10 years, and each time, students come back happy that they have helped make a difference in someone's life, and also much more aware of all the privileges they enjoy living in Richmond.

Upcoming, the Mini-School students from each grade level are preparing for their year-end Spring Trips. The **Grade 8's** will go to *Galiano Island from June 1st-3rd*. Grade 9's went to *Timberline Ranch from April 27-29th*. The **Grade 10's** will travel to *Bamfield on May 10-13th*. The **Grade 11's** will head off to *Juan de Fuca Trail on May 10-13th*. The **Grade 12's** will go to *Tofino from May 17-20th*.

Be safe and be sure to have fun! These trips are part of what makes the Mini-School experience memorable and enjoyable. Remember to "*Push the Envelope*"!





RISP Homestay Host

Interested in opening your home up for a rewarding experience?

The **International Student Program** allows overseas students to enter Grades 8 through 12 at selected secondary schools, and under certain circumstances, Kindergarten to Grade 7 at selected elementary schools in Richmond, Greater Vancouver. The program gives overseas students the opportunity to study alongside Canadian students in the BC public education system. As a Host Family, you will have an opportunity to welcome into your home, students from around the world. Your family will have a profound influence on the students' study abroad experience. Both your family and the students you host will ideally gain a mutual understanding and respect for each other's culture and world-view. In addition to economic remuneration, your reward will be the realization that your commitment to host international students will, in some small way, contribute to global understanding and world peace.

Each member of your family and your student will come to know each other in depth. Our Homestay program is the ideal setting for this type of experience.

If you are interested in learning more about our hosting program please forward an email for information.

Karen York

Homestay Coordinator International Student Program Tel 604-295-4303 kyork@sd38.bc.ca

Career

http://public.sd38.bc.ca/~ccnews/

This website provides weekly updates on Post-Secondary, Career and Scholarship information.

Ms Hudson is in the office M-F from 11:15 to 3:15.

Facebook Page for Updates

www.facebook.com/MsHudsonCareerCentre News

APPLYING TO POST-SECONDARY

Most application deadlines have now passed. That being said, KPU, Langara and other colleges may still have space in various programs. Students should now be focused on:

- document deadlines
- scholarship deadlines
- housing and document deadlines

These dates vary so check carefully!

The McNair Scholarship application will soon be available on the McNair website - students will complete the application online.

Check out other scholarship opportunities on the District website: <u>http://public.sd38.bc.ca/~ccnews/</u>

Document Deadlines

Students should be aware when transcripts are required by the institution where they have applied.

The Post Secondary Choices Form (PSI) should now have been completed. If not, do so ASAP.

Students need to authorize the Ministry to transfer their marks by filling in the PSI choices form on-line at the Student Secure Website:

www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/welcome.

Register to write the TOEFL/IELTS and/or the LPI if you are required to do so. Contact the individual post-secondary institutions you are applying to for requirements and exemptions.







Career (continued) Reminders to Grade 11's

If you are planning to attend a USA post-secondary institution after graduation, it is a good idea to register for and to write your SAT admission exam during your Grade 11 year. See the College Board website for registration details: http://student.collegeboard.org/

APPRENTICESHIP (ACE IT) PROGRAMS - A Future Without Limits!!

Students in Grade 10 and 11 - note that applications will soon be accepted for students interested in high school apprenticeship programs. Students attend these programs in their Grade 12 year and therefore must apply in their Grade 11 year. The Richmond School District and post-secondary institutions have created partnerships designed to maximize student achievement in trades and technology programs. Apprenticeship (ACE IT) students earn both a high school diploma and Level 1 Certification from the Industry Training Authority (ITA). That's why these are sometimes called 'Dual Credit' programs. You are a college student while still in high school!!! See the Careers Program Website for more information:

http://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca or visit your Counsellor or Career Advisor

Some Important Dates

APR 18/16 - Richmond Virtual School Opens Summer Registration

MAY 7/16 - The Vancouver International Universities Fair from 1pm - 4pm

The Vancouver International Universities Fair

View a list of schools registered for this fair to date.

https://webportal.nacacnet.org/Exhibit/ExhsSearchResult.aspx?&ExhibitValue=8447FA25-7229-E511-9749-005056A62352&ExhibitText=2016+Spring+Vancouver+International+Universities+Fair&CompanyValue=All&CompanyText= All&City=&StateValue=All&StateText=All&CountryValue=All&CountryText=All

Location: Vancouver Convention Centre, East Exhibit Hall AB, 1055 Canada Place, Vancouver, BC

Free admission - all grades/parents are invited to attend.

Destination UBC - For students who have received UBC Offers

MAY 14/16 - Okanagan Campus

MAY 28/16 - Vancouver Campus

Admitted students from across Canada will be invited to a weekend on either UBC's Okanagan Campus: <u>https://account.you.ubc.ca/ubc/events/canada.ezc#okanagan</u>

or, UBC's Vancouver Campus: <u>https://account.you.ubc.ca/ubc/events/canada.ezc#vancouver</u> in May. UBC will cover the cost of travel and accommodation for students who will travel to join us. Check the links for more information.

MAY 5/16 Bishops University (Quebec) Reception for Admitted Students Where: Sheraton Wall Centre Hotel, from 7-9 P M, in the Parksville Room, North Tower

MAY 5/16 Dalhousie University Welcome Information Session for New Students

Where: Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre

MAY 25/16 Langara Library & Information Technology Info Session

Where: Visit http://langara.ca/news-and-events/information-sessions/index.html

MAY 26/16 Langara Nursing Information Sessions

Where: visit: http://langara.ca/news-and-events/information-sessions/index.html



