

# The Grapevine

Alberni District Secondary School  
February 2019

## Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to second semester. We are officially half way through the school year. First semester courses have ended and report cards went home last week. If your student did not bring a report card home to you, it's usually a good indicator that there is something they don't want you to see. Please contact the school and we will print another copy for you.

This is a busy season at the school with several large events happening. Thank you to everyone who came out to Totem Tournament and the Alberni Invitational Wrestling Tournament. Both were incredible events with large crowds cheering on our athletes. We hope you will also find time to take in a showing of this years ADSS drama production 'Beauty and the Beast' later this month. Your support is always appreciated.

Rob Souther,  
Principal

## Parent Teacher Interviews

Our semester 2 Parent teacher interviews will be held on the evening of February 26<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm and the afternoon of February 27<sup>th</sup> from 2-5pm. We're a week early for interviews this year as the early dates for Spring break have pushed us forward.

We will begin booking appointments at 8am on Tuesday February 19<sup>th</sup>. Appointments can be made online at the ADSS web page or by linking directly to <https://ads.schoolappointments.com/admin/> If you have problems booking online, you can also call the counselling department receptionist at 250-724-3284 for help. Please ensure that you know the names of your student's teachers before

### Important Upcoming Dates

Feb 15 – Non-Instructional day (NO CLASSES)

Feb 18 – FAMILY DAY (NO CLASSES)

Feb 26 – Parent/Teacher Interviews – 5-8pm

Feb 27 – Parent/Teacher Interviews – 2-5pm

Feb 27 – PINK SHIRT DAY

Feb 28 – Gr 12 Scholarship Grad Assembly

Feb 28-Mar 2 – Beauty and the Beast Production

Mar 11-22 – Spring Break (NO CLASSES)

attempting to select appointment times as the computer system does not automatically provide those names to you during the booking process.

To facilitate the conferences, we will run a 'Friday schedule' on both days with classes ending at 1:22. Buses will also run on a Friday schedule, which means that busses will pick students up at 1:30 for their ride home.

Some parents ask why we have different hours on the 2 days of interviews. The reason for this is to try and provide an opportunity for parents that work at different times of the day to have access to interview times.

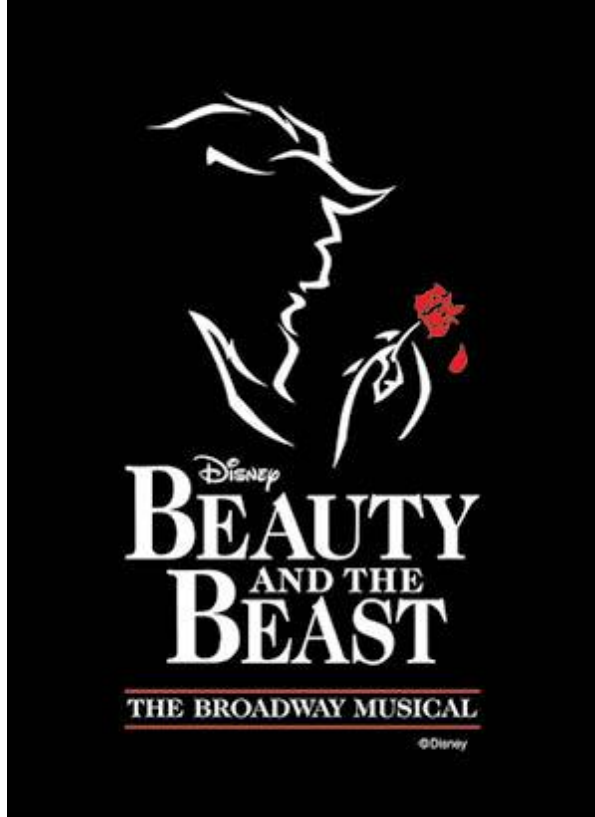
We hope that you will take the time to connect with teachers on these days but if you are unable to attend, please know that teachers will find alternate times to meet with you if you contact them directly. A full list of teacher email addresses can be found on the ADSS website.

### **Beauty and the Beast**

Feb 28-Mar2 Shows at 7pm; Saturday Matinee 1p

All seats \$15

Tickets available online at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) and through any cast member or Ms. Hopkins in Room 118





## **GRAD 2019**

Cap & Gown Form and the \$60 package fee (cash or cheque to ADSS) – this includes 2 Ceremony tickets – can now be handed into Ms Levasseur in the COUNSELLING OFFICE. Form is in the Grad transition book

## **SCHOOL SPIRIT CLOTHING**

Last ADSS Clothing order for this school year is Thursday, Feb 21<sup>st</sup>. Order forms can be picked up at the Career Centre.

## **GET YOUR YEARBOOK!!**

Yearbook order forms are available at the main office and the Career Centre. The cost this year is \$55.00. Money and order forms will be collected by the accountant Nikki Levasseur. The school pre-orders 300 copies and they are sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

## **PROM COMMITTEE**

Parents wishing for more information about prom or wanting to get involved, we have a Facebook page. Join our page at **ADSS 2019 Prom Parents**. Prom Parents have a table set up in the main entrance every Wednesday at lunch for parent and student inquiries.

## **ADSS PAC**

Happy New Semester from the ADSS PAC.

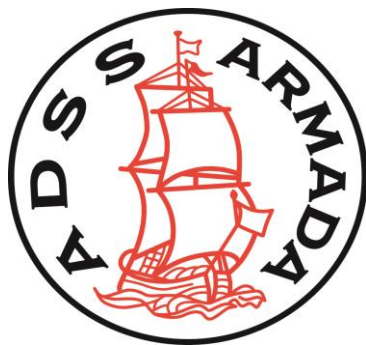
Our PAC meetings take place the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm at ADSS. All parents and guardians of ADSS students are encouraged to attend. We hope to see you all at our upcoming meeting that's been rescheduled to Wednesday January 20th, 2019 at 7pm at ADSS.

There will be no meeting in March. Enjoy your spring break.

If you have any questions or would like to be part of the PAC distribution list please send the PAC an email at [adsspac@gmail.com](mailto:adsspac@gmail.com). You can also get updates and resources through the "ADSS PAC" Facebook page.

## **FRANCE & BARCELONA TRIP 2020**

Plans are underway to organize a trip to France during Spring Break 2020! In conjunction with EF Tours, ADSS is going to Europe for 11 days to see the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, the walled city of Carcassonne and during our 2-day extension to Barcelona we will also visit the Sagrada Familia and the Picasso museum, plus much more! EF Tours focuses on "Education First" with trained tour guides and leaders who manage the tour from start to finish. If your child loves history, sightseeing and trying new things, this tour is a must! Information packages are available from Mr. J. Contant for students to pick up if they did not attend the meeting in October.



## CLUBS AND TEAMS

**MODEL UN CLUB:** is Tuesdays at lunch in room 218. Reghan, grade 12, is Head Delegate and Robbie, grade 10, is Co-Chair.

**SAFE:** Student Allies for Equality, meets Thursdays at lunch in room 218.

**THE BEE CLUB:** welcomes new members Thursdays at lunch in room 101 who are interested in learning how to become bee-keepers. We have two goals: To keep the school hives going as a place to learn about bee-keeping and extra aspects including: honey production, candle and cosmetics creation. In the Spring we hope to breed more new queen bees and establish mini-hives for students to adopt themselves.

Bee All You Can Bee! Cal Barber

### ADSS DEBATE TEAM:

Once again, the ADSS Debate Team is up and running. With 16 members, our after-school meetings are dynamic, informative and very fun as always, team meetings are open to students who would like to see what debating is all about. We meet Tuesdays after school in room 203 from 3:30-5:00.

**WRESTLING CLUB:** Sponsor Teachers: Jeanette Badovinac, John McDonald and Russ Bodnar  
The Alberni Valley Wrestling Club is an umbrella organization that represents wrestling programs at the Valley Elementary Schools and at Alberni District Secondary School. The AVWC has wrestlers in both female and male divisions from grades 5-12. The high School membership is annually close to 50 students making up a Jr Varsity (Novice –Intermediate wrestlers) and a Sr Varsity (Intermediate- Elite wrestlers). **Practices began in November Mondays and Wednesdays at ADSS for the Sr Varsity athletes and Tuesdays and Thursday for the Jr Varsity athletes. All Practice times at ADSS are 3:30-5pm. We also have Tuesday and Thursday nights at A W Neill for Sr Varsity and Alumni club members 6pm- 8pm.** The high season runs from November until March with the club season extending until the end of April to include participation at the National Wrestling Championships

**ADSS GAMES CLUB:** Meets every Friday after school in Room #216

**BAND:** "For music students, see our Facebook and Instagram pages for weekly updates by following @ADSSmusic and also all dates and hands-outs can be found at the music program website, [www.adssmusic.weebly.com](http://www.adssmusic.weebly.com)."

## **LIBRARY AND OVERDUE BOOKS**

Library currently has **311** overdue books!

Report cards have gone home with students now and many students may have an Overdue Notice / Outstanding Fine letter attached. Students are responsible for the cost of lost library books and lost or damaged textbooks. All fines must be settled, or books returned, in time for graduation. If your student has something outstanding, we recommend they do a thorough search at home. Payments can be made to Nikki Levasseur in the Counselling office (cash or cheque).

We also would collect any outstanding books or payments on behalf of their former elementary school, should there be any on the report card notices, as well.

We appreciate your attention to this matter. Please see Erika McLeod in the main office or library, if you have any concerns.



## ADSS Breakfast Club February Report



The Breakfast Club Room is open daily from 7:30 am until 8:35 am. There are 23 classrooms throughout the school that offer food for hungry students; the office staff has a list. We would like to thank the following people and community groups for their generous donations to Breakfast Club and their continued support of our students and program:

- SD 70
- Save On Foods Management and Staff
- Circle Dairy
- Swale Rock Café
- Little Bavaria
- Salvation Army
- Port Alberni Rotary Club
- Breakfast Clubs of Canada
- President's Choice Children's Charity
- AV Lions
- Port Alberni Toy Run
- CO-OP Gas Stations
- Arrowsmith Flooring Center
- Alberni Eco Dry Cleaners
- Susan Addy
- 2018 Prom Committee
- Nanaimo Grad Closet
- Wanda Keene
- Costco
- Cox Lake Blueberry Farm
- Kelly ~~Lepp~~
- Sarah York
- Deb Wood
- ADSS Cooking Class Students
- 1968 Grad Reunion Class
- Arrowsmith Flooring Center
- Mark Hetherington and Brenda Spencer
- Best Western
- Lee Harrigan
- Parks and Rec
- Ruby Petersen
- The Peak
- ~~Jowsey's~~ Furniture
- Capital Theatre
- Heather ~~Edmond~~
- Alberni Valley Christian Reformed Church Parishioners
- Amy Mather
- Deb Miller

## ADSS Breakfast Club February Report

- Potluck Ceramics Port Alberni Fundraising Co-op
- Alberni #100- Order of the Eastern Star
- Port Alberni Christian Women's Club
- TOPS Chapter 3402
- Lindsay Kolba
- Boomerangs Café
- Scotiabank
- Bev Nickerson
- Rodney Rogers and family
- Costco
- Samantha Burton
- ~~Melody Edsall~~
- Theresa Thompson
- Cathy ~~MacFarlane~~
- Cathy Rothwell
- Susan Addy
- Landon Morin
- Heather McNamee
- All anonymous donors
- Our amazing volunteers: Bev and Gord Nickerson, Young Life reps ~~Shavlene Ball~~ and Jonathan Behnke, ~~Shavlene Ball~~, Jenny Geddes, Brenda ~~Stavroul~~ from Family Guidance, Susan and Tom Wall, Pat Bouchard, Sheila Hvid, Gregory Thomas from NETP, ~~Camie Sogge~~, Heather McNamee, Lisa Jenkins, Trish LaPointe from INEO, ~~Quana~~ Youth Worker Amelie Duquette and Ed Ross, NIC reps Janis Almond, Jessie ~~Brotherton~~ and Heather Thompson, USMA Guardianship Team reps Penny Matthews, Arlene Bill, Theresa Thompson, Wilma Gus and Kim Erickson, Joe Burton, Marilee Alexander, Jonah Thomas, Geraldine Dick, Vanessa Schoen, Lisa Duncan, Colleen Lange, Cedars Program 1 & 2 Students, Star Porter, Deb A., April and EAs, Cathy Cross, PAC and ADSS Admin and staff. If we have missed anyone, we are truly sorry, that was not our intention.]

### There are a few ways that you can help the Breakfast Club:

- We are always in need of donations of gift cards from any grocery or clothing stores, hygiene items such as ~~Tampax~~ Tampax (regular and sports with plastic applicator) or Always Infinity Pads (not liners), disposable razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, 2 in 1 shampoo and conditioner, shaving cream, men's and ladies deodorant. If you are able to donate these items, they can be brought to the school office.
- The Breakfast Club has a QF points card if anybody would like to donate their points to the program. The points will be used to purchase gift cards for vulnerable students and groceries when needed. You can donate your points at any QF cashier and state it is for the ADSS Breakfast Club. **Please** save your Quality Foods receipts for the breakfast club; they are collected, totaled (QF \$5000 before taxes= \$20) and turned into gift cards for that are then distributed to vulnerable students. Receipts can be dropped at the school office for Melody.
- We are always looking For the Grad Closet; **Suits, tuxedos, ties and grad dresses** are always appreciated.
- The ADSS Breakfast Club accepts monetary donations. If you would like to donate \$50 or more and would like a tax receipt, cheques can be made out to SD 70, subject line- ADSS Breakfast Club, if cash (\$50+), please include your name/address information. Please drop them off at the ADSS office or the School Board office. We appreciate any help.





## CAREER CORNER

### ADSS APP

Do you want to keep up to date on what's happening at ADSS? Our school app is the way to do that! Download the free "My School Day" app from the Google Play or Apple Stores and stay connected. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Wynans in the Career Centre at 250-723-1191 ext. 1



### GRAD TRANSITIONS

REMINDER TO ALL GRADE 12 STUDENTS: The Grad Transitions Booklet is due March 6<sup>th</sup> – come to the Career Centre if you have any questions or attend one of the upcoming lunchtime sessions for more information.

## GRADUATION TRANSITIONS COURSE



Any **Grade 12 students who missed the class presentations** are asked to come to one of the **Lunch Sessions** in Mr. Roberts's room (250) **Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** or **Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**

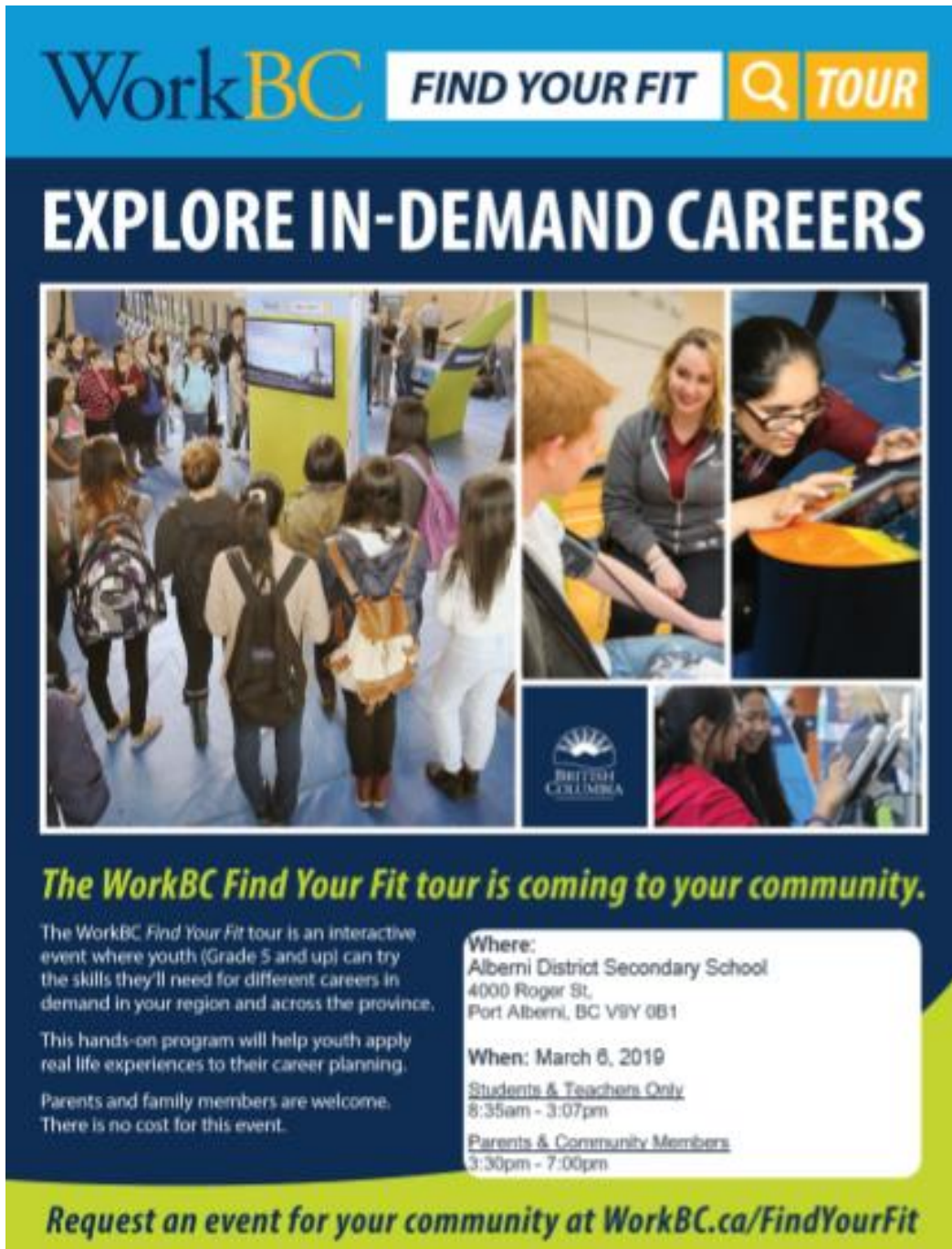
Grad Transition Booklet Due Date: **Wednesday, March 6, 2019**  
*Please hand in to the Career Centre*

### FIND YOUR FIT TOUR – A CAREER EXPLORATION EVENT


DATE: March 6, 2019  
 TIMES: Student and Teachers: 8:35am-3:07pm  
 Students and Parents: 3:30pm-7:00pm

The WorkBC Find Your Fit Tour is an interactive student-based event taking place at Alberni District Secondary on March 6, 2019 from 8:35am – 3:07pm for students and from 3:30pm - 7:00pm for students and parents. The event allows students to jump right in and try the skills they'll need for different in careers in demand across BC. Interactive activity stations including welding, carpentry, accounting, and more will help students apply real life experiences to their career planning. Students will also be able to connect with WorkBC's labour market information, tools and services. Parents are also welcomed to attend the event, as they look for ways to educate and support their children in their career exploration.

Find Your Fit is part of the provincial government's B.C.'s Skills for Jobs Blueprint commitment to re-engineer education and deliver the skilled workforce B.C.'s growing economy needs. **Drop in and explore the program and discover how to 'find your fit' for a career!**



The poster features a blue header with the 'WorkBC' logo in white and yellow, followed by 'FIND YOUR FIT' in white on a blue background, and 'TOUR' in white on a yellow background with a magnifying glass icon. Below this is the main title 'EXPLORE IN-DEMAND CAREERS' in large white letters. The central image is a collage: a large photo of a crowd of people at an event, a smaller photo of a woman talking to a young man, another of a woman working on a laptop, and a small photo of a woman smiling. The British Columbia logo is also present. The bottom section contains event details in white text on a blue background, and a final call to action in white text on a yellow background.

**WorkBC** FIND YOUR FIT  TOUR

## EXPLORE IN-DEMAND CAREERS

*The WorkBC Find Your Fit tour is coming to your community.*

The WorkBC Find Your Fit tour is an interactive event where youth (Grade 5 and up) can try the skills they'll need for different careers in demand in your region and across the province.


This hands-on program will help youth apply real life experiences to their career planning.

Parents and family members are welcome. There is no cost for this event.

**Where:**  
Alberni District Secondary School  
4000 Roger St,  
Port Alberni, BC V8Y 0B1

**When: March 6, 2019**  
Students & Teachers Only  
8:35am - 3:07pm  
Parents & Community Members  
3:30pm - 7:00pm

**Request an event for your community at [WorkBC.ca/FindYourFit](http://WorkBC.ca/FindYourFit)**



# My School Day


school app for 2018/19

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## Quick Introduction

- ### 1. Download the app

On your phone or tablet, go to the App Store (iOS) or Google Play (Android) and search for "My School Day". Install it - *it's free!* Make sure to allow it to receive notifications if asked - the school will send out important reminders, information and alerts through notifications.



  
- ### 2. Select Your School

The first time you start the app you will need to select your school. Choose a province, school district, and finally your school from the lists provided, and tap "confirm". *This only needs to be done once.*
  
- ### 3. Enter your classes

Tap on the gear icon in the bottom right corner.



Enter your class names and select colours. You can also enter morning, lunch, and after school activities.
  
- ### 4. See your schedule.

The calendar view shows school events at the top and your classes below.


Swipe left and right to move through the days.

Tap the date to go back to today. Press and hold on the date to choose a date to go to.

Tap on a class to enter notes, take photos, and add To-Do list items for that class.

To see a week or month at a time, turn the phone sideways. Once there, you can view a single day, 5- or 7-day weeks, or the whole month.
  
- ### 5. Browse the menu.

Tap the menu icon to get access to news, notification history, links, and more.



Remember to check "Select Channels" for subjects and groups you can subscribe to get notifications for.



### For Parents too!

Subscribe to the same subject channels as your student and get all the same notifications as they do. If you have multiple students in the school, enter up to 5 schedules to keep track of them all: Tap the lightning bolt icon, and select "Student" as the action. From then on, tapping that button will let you switch between student profiles.

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## Switching to the new My School Day app

### *What it means & how to switch*

#### ***Why is there a new app?***

Starting with 2018-2019 school year we are moving to a new, unified app instead of individual apps for each school. The new app is needed to comply with recent changes to App Store requirements.

#### ***Do I lose any features or functionality?***

NO. The new app has all of the same features as your previous app: school-specific schedules, note taking, notifications, etc. We will actually be able to add new features faster with the new app.

#### ***What about our school logo and colour?***

Within the app all the same branding remains, with the logo visible as a watermark and the school colour used for the header and other elements, and of course all of the information remains school-specific once a school is selected. iOS users (10.3+) will have the opportunity to switch the app icon to match the school.

#### ***What do I need to do?***

To install the new app, search the app store for "My School Day" (or use the QR code/Snapcode below), and download it. The first time the app is opened it will guide you through selecting your school. *This only needs to be done once.* From that point on, the app will behave as if it was an individual app for your school.

#### ***What about my notes, photos, classes?***

Once My School Day is installed and you have selected your school, go into the previous app for your school, and look in the settings: there will be a new button there to transfer your info<sup>1</sup>. When you tap it, it will save all of your photo notes to the camera roll, and automatically transfer your notes, todos, class names, and channel subscriptions to the new app.

1. Requires iOS 8+ or Android 5.1+. Older devices will need to cut and paste notes, export photos, etc manually.

Once you have checked that all of the info you need has been transferred, the old app can be deleted. Leaving it installed will not interfere with the new app, but you will receive double notifications (once in each app) unless you disable notifications for one of them.

#### ***What if I don't install the new app?***

You will still be able to use the old app and will receive notifications for now, but you will not get any new features.



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