



The Grapevine

Alberni District Secondary School
April 3, 2013

“Learners today, leaders tomorrow”

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We're nearing the end of this third term. Term 4 begins next week on April 10th. All parents can expect report cards to be printed and distributed on April 18. Our practice is that students are issued their report cards at a special TAG or homeroom, at the end of first period class on that day. Students are expected to bring those report cards home for parents to look at and, if necessary, respond to. Because some students are unavoidably absent from school on that day, any unclaimed report cards are left in the Main Office. Any that have not been picked up by either the student or their parent are mailed home within 2 weeks. We do not keep report cards beyond that time frame. This is important information for parents and students and we need to be reassured that we've made every effort to get it into the correct hands.

The last day of classes in for the school year is June 14. School-based exams will occur June 17, 18, and 19. Provincial exams start June 20 and end June 24. Our Final Awards Assemblies will be held on June 14. Please attend if you are able. Further details will follow.

There's lots to do between now and the end of school!

Upcoming Music Dates:

- April 4 - Jazz Night at Char's Landing, 7:00 pm, \$10 admission
- April 6 - Big Band Dance at Little Bavaria Centre
- April 11 - 14 ADSS Jazz Groups travel to the BC Interior Jazz Festival in Kelowna
- April 17 - 19 ADSS hosts the Vancouver Island School Concert Band Festival
- May 1 - 3 ADSS Jazz groups participate in the West Coast School Jazz Festival, at Vancouver Island University
- May 7,8 - ADSS Spring Concerts

URGENT!

We are in need of outstanding textbooks. We have students who do not have textbooks This semester. Please return textbooks ASAP!

Where In The World Are They Now?

In each issue of the Grapevine we highlight one ADSS graduate. If you know of anyone who has graduated from ADSS and would be willing to share their “story” we’d be happy to feature it. This month we feature Kate Duncan, an ADSS graduate of 1999. She has taught woodworking for 10 years plus owns her own business in Vancouver.



Kate Duncan, designer and fine woodworker

Kate Duncan has always had an *eye for things*. Even as a kid, Duncan was well aware of the aesthetics around her. She would spend her free time rearranging the furniture in her bedroom over and over again, hunting at Woodwards for the perfect bed skirt and then making curtains to match, or crafting up a storm with glitter and ribbons to make something that would hang on the wall forever.

When Duncan was in Jr. high school she enrolled in her first woodworking class motivated by the thought of designing and building a new desk to study at. Once she started, she just couldn’t stop and by the time she graduated from high school Duncan had 6 years of woodworking classes under her belt and not one but two desks to study at. Following high school, Duncan went to university to learn how to become a woodworking teacher. After two years at BCIT followed by a year of teacher training at UBC, she was a bona fide woodworking teacher working at a high school in Burnaby.

Nearly a decade later and Duncan still teaches woodworking in Burnaby along with interior design and jewelry making but she’s always made time to design and construct outside of her work as a teacher. Over the past decade Duncan has taken on several home renovations, countless furniture projects and design assignments all of which have well prepared her to own and operate *Kate Duncan*. She uses her passion, skill, and eye for things to create bold designs and solid furniture. *Kate Duncan* is more than just design, it’s experience, expertise, and execution.

Printed from Kate’s own website www.kateduncan.ca.

Riley Paddock Wins Scholarship

Riley graduated from ADSS last year. He has been awarded a \$5000 scholarship from Black Press to study business at the University of Victoria. Riley is one of 37 recipients of this scholarship – one for every community Black Press serves. Scholarships are awarded based on academic merit, leadership and a demonstrated desire to make a positive difference in the world. Congratulations to Riley.

Preparing for Graduation 2013

Grad 2013 is coming soon. This is an exciting time of year students, families and school staff. We want to remind students and parents of the school's Graduating Student in Good Standing Policy. We will be discussing this policy with our students during an assembly in Term 4.

Graduating Student in Good Standing Eligible to Participate in Graduation Ceremony

Participation in the graduation ceremony is a privilege and not a right. In order to be considered eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony at Alberni District Secondary School a grade 12 student must be a student in good standing and have met the following criteria:

- Must have met all graduation requirements, as mandated by the BC Ministry of Education, by June 1st of their graduating year or have a firm plan approved by administration.
- Must have fully paid the Student Activity Fee.
- Attendance for their final semester:
 - Must physically be present in the school and enrolled in ADSS programs.
 - Must have an average of 90% attendance rate for their final term. (Begins April 10th)
- Must have returned any overdue books or school supplies and settled any outstanding accounts.
- Must be in full compliance with the School Code of Conduct from the first day of their final month of the year in which the graduation ceremony occurs.
- Must have completed the Grad Transition Plan by May 1st or have a firm plan approved by Administration.

ADSS Policy – October 2008

There will be a Grad 2013 Newsletter available on May 22nd that will outline all the particulars related to Graduation events. The calendar of events below is also available on the school website as is all Graduation related information. Please check out www.sd70.bc.ca/school/adss Check under Grad Zone.

Grad 2013 Slideshow

Each year as part of the Graduation Ceremony, there is a brief slideshow that includes a picture of every graduating student. This slideshow will include pictures of all our students. You can help by forwarding a picture digitally to adssgradslideshow@live.ca and/or a print can be dropped off into the Grad Slideshow drop box in the school's main office. As this is a time sensitive slideshow, not all photos submitted will be included. Photos that are appropriate for public viewing and that show small groups of Grade 12s students (3 – 5) are preferred. The deadline for submission is Friday May 3rd. We look forward to presenting these shared experiences of our Class of 2013 to you on June 28th.

Date	Event	Location
February 13	Last Chance for LifeTouch Grad Photos	Activity Room #1
February 15	Yearbook Grad Photos Due	Mr. Wall (118)
February 22	\$50.00 Dry Grad/Prom Ticket deposit due	Front Lobby
February 25	Grad Wear Orders Begin	Front Lobby
February 26	Grade 12 Assembly – Scholarship/Bursary Info	Theatre
February 28	Yearbook Write Ups Due	Mr. Wall (118)
February 28	Cap & Gown \$20 fee and application due	Main Office
March 11	Grad Wear Orders End	Front Lobby
March 15	Grad Ceremony Write Up/Script due	ADSS Website
March 28	Scholarship/Bursary Applications Due	Counselling Office
April 2	Grad Transitions Orientation Day	Career Centre
April 11	Valedictorian & MC Nomination forms available	Main Office
April 26	Nominations for Valedictorian & MC close	Main Office
May 15	Grade 12 Lunch Assembly	ADSS Theatre
May 22	Grad 2013 Newsletter distributed	Main Office
June 7	First Grad List posted	Outside Main Office
June 12	Local Scholarship and Bursary Awards Night	ADSS Theatre
May 27	Graduation Student Meeting – Cap & Gown Distribution. All graduates must attend.	Activity Rooms 1 & 2
June 8	Parade & Dry Grad/Prom Event	Old ADSS/AV Athletic Hall
June 10	Grad Ceremony Tickets on Sale	Main Office - Accountant
June 12	Bursary & Scholarship Awards Ceremony	ADSS Theatre
June 17 - 24	Semester 2 Final and Provincial Exams	ADSS
June 27	Grad Ceremony Rehearsal (4 – 5 pm) All graduates must attend.	AV Multiplex
June 28	ADSS Graduation Ceremony – 7:00 pm	AV Multiplex

Dry Grad/Prom Information

Grad wear hoodies and sweat pants will be handed out Monday April 8th at ADSS at lunch.

Flower sale going on now, order forms are available in the office and are due back at the school Monday April 22nd at lunch. They will be handed out May 8th – week before Mother's Day.

Our bottle drive is on hold but we have an account set up at the Port Alberni bottle depot if you would like to donate it is ADSS Dry Grad/Prom.

Please consider donating your Quality Foods Q points to ADSS Dry Grad/Prom. This will help to purchase food for prom.

We will be having a garage/bake sale April 27th 9am – 1 pm at the Italian Hall. We are in need of donations for this. We will be collecting donations at the Italian Hall Friday April 26th from 3 – 7 pm. For more info please contact Stella Bujotzek at 250 724-3146 or bujotzekstella1@gmail.com or message on the Prom Facebook page – ADSS Prom 2013.

We are having another Boston Pizza dinner/auction night on Wednesday April 17th starts at 6:30 pm. We have silent auction items and there will be a fabulous 50/50 draw. For tickets contact Rhonda Doughty at rhondadoughty@shaw.ca or message on the Prom Facebook page – ADSS Prom 2013 or you can buy them at lunch on Mondays at ADSS \$20.00 each or 2 for \$35.00

Our next Prom meeting will be on Tuesday April 9th at 7:15 pm at the Athletic Hall- everyone is welcome.

First Nations Theme Weeks

The purpose of this week, April 22 – May 3, is to share, focusing on students in grade 9, various aspects of Nuu-chah-nulth culture and how they are already imbedded in the curriculum.

Throughout the week the media class will be recording the activities and present the results at a later date. In Foods classes, a special presentation, including the making of bannock will occur. There will be a Nuu-chah-nulth language presentation in our French classes. In PE students will participate in games such as stealing sticks and lacross. WildCrafters will present on resources that are available in the forests of our area. In Art and Technology Education, students will participate in presentations of making bent wood boxes and carving.

Many of these experiences will involve presentations by community experts and will be of tremendous interest to our students and their families.

Thank-you to our First Nations Steering Committee, particularly Angie Miller and Richard Samuel, who have been instrumental in organizing these learning opportunities.

Important Upcoming Dates

- April 4 – Grad Transition Orientation Day
- April 3 – White Ribbon Campaign
- April 10 – Term 4 begins
- April 10 – PAC Meeting, 7:00 pm
- April 12 – 15 – BC Interior Jazz Festival, Kelowna
- April 12 – Professional Day, no school for students
- April 17 – Euclid Math Contest
- April 17 – WorkSafe BC, Injured Worker presentation
- April 18 – Report cards issued
- April 18 – Math contests: Fryer (gr 9), Galois (gr 10), Hypatia (gr 11)
- April 23 – Grade 12 assembly
- April 17 - 19 – Vancouver Island concert Band Festival, ADSS

Please contact me at 723-6251, extension 2404, if you have questions or concerns about this newsletter.

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