



# The Grapevine

**Alberni District Secondary School  
November 5, 2013**

**Learners today, leaders tomorrow**

**Dear Parents and Guardians:**

**Internet Safety Session for Parents  
November 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm in ADSS Theatre**

**Helping Parents and Students To Pro-Actively Understand The Enabling Power Of Digital Technology, And The Consequences Of High Risk/Less Than Desirable On-Line Behaviour**

**Parents and young adults (13+) are invited to this important session. Darren Laur will help parents navigate the digital world their children live in with practical, easy to understand solutions to understand the power of the cyber world. Please join us for this very important parent session.**

**By the start of year 2013, it was estimated that there were approximately 3 billion people on-line, a large segment of which were children, tweens, teens, and young adults. As the Internet continues to grow in popularity, we are depending upon it at an increasing rate to conduct everyday life, which also includes the sharing of private and at times very sensitive information about ourselves with others on-line knowingly, and at times unknowingly. Many who are now on-line use the Internet for communication, education, entertainment, research, socializing, business and commerce. There is no doubt that the Internet and Social Media have facilitated important positive connections and amazing accomplishments amongst our youth. In fact, teens are the primary producers of web content and want to share their ideas, thoughts and pictures with others on-line. It is a reality however, that the Internet (just like the real world) has also created an on-line virtual**

environment where thieves, vandals, con artists, and in rare cases sexual predators, will hunt their prey. Our pro-active award winning Social Media/Internet Safety and Digital Literacy 101 presentation for schools will provide the needed information that will help to keep students safer, increase their privacy and protect their on-line digital footprint.

### **Grapevine E-mailed Home**

Starting with this issue, the Grapevine will be e-mailed to homes that have provided an e-mail address on their demographic forms. This change will help reduce the consumption of paper in keeping with LEED gold standards. If you have received this e-mail in error or you wish to be added to the e-mail list, please contact the school at 723 6251 ext 0 or e-mail the school at [lgoorts@sd70.bc.ca](mailto:lgoorts@sd70.bc.ca). The Grapevine is also available on the ADSS website and some paper copies will be offered to students to take home in class.

### **Additional ADSS Scholarship Winners**

The following students have received Scholarships from the Ministry of Education based on their provincial exam marks. Ahmber Barbosa, Dayle Carter, Angela Cheng, Rhea Lauzon, Lorenzo Rose, Jessie Stolz, Courtney Turner, Katherine Webb.

## **ADSS PAC NEWS – Treasurer Needed!**

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**The ADSS PAC desperately needs someone to step up and take on the role of treasurer for the 2013-2014 year (Starting now and running until June).**

**Without a full PAC executive, the PAC will be unable to operate and will lose core funding. Without these funds we will not be able to support extracurricular and sport related activities, the Armada van or the yearly PAC bursaries. Leave a message at the school for PAC co-chairs Silvia Hart or Tammy Dewar, if you are able to help with the treasurer position. If**

**numbers are not your thing and you know of anyone who has a knack for it...please ask them to help out!**

**The next PAC meeting is November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in conference room. The PAC meetings are a GREAT place to get informed and connected with what is upcoming in the school. The Principal attends the meetings and offers a report while connections are made between the school and parents. We try to keep the meetings to ONE hour...it's a small time investment with big results. We hope you will join us!**

**Co –Chairs – Silvia Hart and Tammy Dewar  
Secretary – Natalie Van Viegen  
Treasurer - Open Position  
DPAC Representative – Open position**

### **Contribution to ADSS Athletics**

**ADSS would like to thank the Port Alberni Fantastic Sports Society for their contribution to ADSS Athletics. The \$1000 will be used toward the purchase of a field shed to store equipment.**

### **NOVEMBER GRAD NEWSLETTER**

- **CHECK OUT OUR GRAD ZONE ON THE ADSS WEB PAGE AND LIKE THE NEW FACEBOOK PAGE AT <https://www.facebook.com/ADSSGrad2014>**
- **GRAD CHECK – DO YOU HAVE ALL YOUR CORE CLASSES, 4 GRADE 12 LEVEL COURSES? TOTAL OF 80 CREDITS?**
- **POST SECONDARY PLANS? DO YOU HAVE THE COURSES AND MARKS YOU NEED TO FOLLOW YOUR CAREER PATH?**
- **THE POST SECONDARY LAISON DAY IS ON THURSDAY NOV. 7. MOST B.C. COLLEGE/UNIVERSITIES WILL BE PRESENT FOR STUDENTS TO FIND INFORMATION OR TALK WITH A COUNSELOR**
- **NOV 15 IS THE FIRST DAY FOR APPLYING TO VIU – SOME PROGRAMS ARE FIRST COME – FIRST SERVE SO APPLY EARLY**
- **UVIC IS STILL ALLOWING SELF REPORTING OF GRADE 11 MARKS (UNTIL NOV 30) IF YOU HAVE APPLIED BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR EMAILS AND MEET THEIR DEADLINES**
- **CAMOSUN COLLEGE IS NOW OFFERING 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR ENGINEERING WITH A 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR TRANSFER TO UVIC**
- **INTERESTED IN UBC ENGINEERING? ADSS IS HAVING A TOUR ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12. YOU NEED TO REGISTER IF INTERESTED IN THE CAREER CENTER**

- **PSI -REGISTRATION – IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND A POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION IN CANADA YOU MUST COMPLETE A PSI REGISTRATION FORM ON THE MINISTRY WEBSITE – YOU NEED YOUR PEN # (ON REPORT CARD) AND AN ACCOUNT – GO TO: [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/) IF YOU CREATED AN ACCOUNT PRIOR TO THIS YEAR YOU NEED YOUR PASSWORD.**
- **GRAD TRANSITIONS – THE CAREER CENTER STAFF WILL BE PROVIDING INFO IN ENGLISH 12 OR COMMUNICATION 12 CLASSES FOR THE GT BOOKLET AND INTERVIEWS – AT THIS TIME YOU CAN BE CHECKING FOR THE FOLLOWING:**
  1. **30 HOURS WORK EXPERIENCE/VOLUNTEER TIME DOCUMENTED THROUGH THE CAREER CENTER**
  2. **90 HOURS PHYSICAL FITNESS, IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED IN (AND PASSING) A PE 11/12 COURSE OR DANCE. IF YOU ARE COMPLETING THE HOURS ON YOUR OWN PICK UP THE FORM FROM COUNSELING OFFICE OR THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE AND HAND IT IN TO THE CAREER CENTER**
  3. **STUDENT FEES – DID YOU PAY LAST YEAR AND THIS YEAR? – SEE MR. SMITH IF YOU NEED TO CHECK**
  4. **LIBRARY BOOKS OVERDUE? SEE MRS SMITH or MS. WILSON**

**PLEASE CONTACT MR. OSTWALD [rostwald@sd70.bc.ca](mailto:rostwald@sd70.bc.ca) OR MS GRAYDON, [cgraydon@sd70.bc.ca](mailto:cgraydon@sd70.bc.ca) IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS**

**GRAD PORTRAITS - November 18 - 22, 2013**

**Graduation Photos sittings will take place in Activity Rooms 1 & 2. Go to [www.lifetouch.ca/qualicum](http://www.lifetouch.ca/qualicum) to make your appointment. There is a sitting fee that is payable at the time of sitting. A brochure containing more details is available at the school office.**

**The photographers will be at ADSS:**

**Monday, November 18 – 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Tuesday, November 19,  
Wednesday, November 20 and Thursday, November 21 – 3:15 to 9:00 pm and  
Friday, November 22 – 1:30 pm to 9:00 pm**

**A grad photo is required for the Yearbook. If you do not wish to receive any proofs and only want a photo in the yearbook the sitting fee is waived but you must advise the photographer at the time of the photo shoot.**

## **Letter from Parent Grad Executive 2014**

**To Parents and Guardians of 2014 grads:**

**Prom is planned for Saturday June 7 2014. This is where the graduation class of 2014 can come together to celebrate, with music, food, entertainment, and prizes. This will be a drug-free and alcohol free event. Prom is only able to happen with the involvement of the students as well as parents/guardians. The organization is mostly done by parents/guardians with input from the grads. An executive has been put together to start fundraising and planning for the big night. There is always room for anyone who would like to get involved. We meet every second Tuesday upstairs at the Multiplex starting a 7:00 pm. Next meeting is Nov. 5. Even if you are unable to attend the meeting you are encouraged to be involved. There is and will be opportunity for you to help out. The Prom is funded by donations from business and from fundraising. We will be doing fundraising throughout the year. The fundraiser's that are going on right now are:**

**Poinsettia sales (ends Nov. 15),**

**Grad Hoodie and Sweats (ends Nov. 14-to be back by Christmas)  
(another order with go out in the spring)**

**Purdy's Chocolate bar sales (on going).**

**Ask your son/daughter about the fundraisers if you want to buy or be involved. The grads can pick up order forms, chocolate bars and drop money back off every Tuesday at lunch just inside the front entrance at the high school.**

**To find out what is going on go to Facebook:**

**Adss Prom (grad parent group)**

**<https://www.facebook.com/adss.prom>**

**ADSS Grad 2014 (school group)**

**<https://www.facebook.com/ADSSGrad2014>**

**If you don't use Facebook you can find the info at:**

**<http://www.sd70.bc.ca/school/adss/GradZone/SitePages/Home.aspx> . If you have any ideas for a fundraiser or you want to be involved you can post it on Facebook or contact one of the executive. Below is a list of the executive with contact info. Feel free to contact us if you have questions, concerns or fundraiser ideas.**

**Thanks from the 2014 Grad Executive.**

### **PROM 2014 News**

**Fundraising is underway for this year's Grad, starting with poinsettia sales. Grade 12's, please pick up a poinsettia form to help with this fundraiser. Order forms and money are due Nov. 15. Sweatshirt and pants orders and**

money are due Nov.14. The donation of your Quality Foods points to grad 2014 would be greatly appreciated! The parent group meets every second Tuesday. The next meeting is at 7:00 Tuesday, November 5, upstairs at the multi-plex. If you are a parent of a grade 12 student, please attend. Student grad meetings are every Tuesday at lunch. The Parent Grad group will also be in the school on Tuesday at lunch in the front foyer to answer questions, collect order forms and money. In order to keep informed, please join the facebook group. <https://www.facebook.com/adss.prom>

The more people that come out, the less work for all! Please come and share your ideas for fundraising. See you all at the next meeting!

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**Book returns:**

**It is important for parents and students to know that textbooks issued at the beginning of each semester must be returned at the end of each semester or the student becomes responsible for the payment of the textbook. At the end of the school year letters are sent to parents letting them know how many and the cost of replacement of those textbooks. This must then be cleared up before the following school year. Textbooks can always be returned to the library or main office and the bookroom is conveniently open before each semester for students to return and pick up textbooks.**

**The downside of students not being responsible is that often we run out of textbooks when the semester begins and we have to wait to order in new textbooks. This is not a good learning environment for students and is very frustrating for teachers. Also, the cost of textbooks is staggering because most texts cost over \$70.00. In fact ADSS spends approximately \$70,000.00 each year purchasing new textbooks. Hundreds of dollars are lost each school year because of neglect and loss of textbooks.**

**Please encourage your student to be proactive and return the textbooks. It is a win-win situation for everyone - you don't pay and another student gets their textbook when they need it.**



**Port Alberni International Twinning Society  
is excited to offer**

**Three Opportunities to be involved in Twinning with  
Port Alberni's Sister City, Abashiri, Japan**

**We are looking for:**

- **SD 70 students (grades 6-10) interested in joining the next delegation to Abashiri, Japan in July 2014, should attend the information session on Wednesday, November 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Alberni Elementary School Library-come in the front doors. Students will stay with a family in Abashiri, attend school and experience cultural activities before touring in Sapporo and Tokyo. Adult chaperones are also needed for this trip.**
- **High School Students interested in a 1-3 month student/home exchange to Abashiri, Japan in 2014-2015 please contact Laurie Morphet (info below).**

- **Adults who live in Port Alberni and surrounding area, who are interested to travel to Japan and visit/stay with our friends in Abashiri in July 2014 are asked to contact Laurie Morphet (info below). This group will also travel to other parts of Japan, depending on the interest of the group. (Adults only).**

**Expenses for all the trips are the sole responsibility of the student/adult. The Port Alberni International Twinning Society is supportive of group fundraising.**

**If you are interested in partaking in any of the above Twinning opportunities or becoming a Twinning member, please contact Laurie Morphet at [lmorphet@sd70.bc.ca](mailto:lmorphet@sd70.bc.ca) or at Alberni Elementary School 250-724-0623.**

### **Important Upcoming Dates**

- **November 7 - Internet and Digital Safety -Parent Session 7:00 pm  
ADSS Theatre**
- **November 8 – End of Term 1**
- **November 8 – Remembrance Day Assemblies**
- **November 11 – Remembrance Day, no school**
- **November 12 – Term 2 begins**
- **November 13 – PAC Meeting, 7:00 pm, conference room**
- **November 14 – First Term Report Cards issued**
- **November 14 – Band Chocolate Drive**
- **November 18 – Professional Day**
- **November 18 – 22 – Grad Photos**
- **November 21 – Canadian Math Contests**

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

**Mrs. N Moncur,  
Principal**