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Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Students and Staff

Special "Mail-Out" Newsletter

This is a special "mail-out" newsletter which includes the PTI Request form thus ensuring that each home receives a copy of these important documents.

Zero to Sixty in Six Seconds!!

I am very pleased to inform parents and students that the Handsworth Web Site is up and running!

The titled metaphor aptly describes the speed with which this major undertaking has been achieved! Under the guidance of Scott Bell, an expert on using the web site design program called Site Core, the Handsworth staff have done an amazing job of learning how to use the application in a very short period of time.

Although we are at the early stages of hosting the web-site many staff have quickly embraced it as a valuable communication tool with students and parents.

A Quick Tour of the Handsworth Web Site

To access the site go to: handsworth.ca You immediately see a scrolling banner that has up-to-date Announcements and News. At the time of writing the News items had information about:

- Social Studies 10 trip to Victoria
- Grad Portraits
- Drama Festival Play
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Library
- P.A.C. News

These News items are linked to more information about them and a many other items of interest along the right hand column of the page. The daily updates are our commitment to you to ensure that the Web-Site is current, progressive and interesting.

The other major headings are as follows:

- School Information
- Calendar
- Departments
- Staff Sites
- Library
- Student Activities
- Athletics
- Parent Information
- Principal's Corner

Like an onion, each of the above headings has multiple layers of information embedded within it – go peel back some layers of the web site and go exploring!

Newsletter and Web-Site: A Perfect Marriage!

The implications and application of the Handsworth Web Site are significant and extensive. One of the most significant implications is that it will no longer be necessary to treat the “print” newsletter as an “all inclusive” publication. The web-site will enable us to make reference to certain attachments, flyers, pamphlets, etc which will be posted in a related area on the school site. This approach to communication with the home will reduce paper plus provide more choices for the reader and a more comprehensive array of information related to Handsworth Secondary and the community it serves. (See the Principal’s Corner for the full article.)

For example, Handsworth is hosting a “Health Fair” on the same day as the Parent / Teacher Interviews, Feb 7th, and Friday, Feb. 8th. Previously, we would have devoted a full page of the newsletter for the “Health Fair” information. Now we will simply provide an extract or a synopsis of the relevant activity with the full text posted on the Handsworth Web-Site.

To illustrate the point, here is a brief synopsis of the “Health Fair”:

The “Health Fair” consists of a number of different health based modules. There are 13 modules based on the following topics:

- PAP Testing/ Breast Health/ Testicular Health
- Healthy Relationships
- Healthy Minds/Healthy Spirits
- Tobacco
- Healthy Eating
- Active Living
- Communicable Disease
- Media
- STI/HPV
- Do Bugs Need Drugs
- Alcohol and Drugs
- Healthy Sexuality/ Contraception

We will have 13 stations representing each of the 13 modules set up in the Gallery and Foyer areas. The stations will be staffed by both Douglas College Nursing students as well as some of our Phys. Ed 12 students.

The reason the Health Fair has been scheduled for the Parent /Teacher Interviews is to allow parents to see first hand the graphic displays and health modules which the students are learning. Essentially, this will also be an excellent educational experience for parents. More on the Web-Site.

Peter Ewens, Principal *Peter Ewens*

HANDSWORTH ART DEPARTMENT

On the last Monday before the Christmas break, our Media, Graphic Design, Art 8 teacher, Mr. Steve Maclean was involved in a serious accident on Capilano Road. Luckily his injuries are not life threatening; however, it may be several weeks before he can return to Handsworth. We miss him VERY MUCH and wish him a speedy recovery.



DURING PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS, parents and visitors are encouraged to look at the terracotta sculptures and 2D Art work that will be displayed in the cases opposite the main office and the Art rooms. We will not have as many rolling display boards in the gallery due to the presence of the "Health Fair" displays.

Senior students are frantically putting the finishing touches to portfolios required for admission to post-secondary art institutes and universities. Please be patient with your sons and daughters if they seem more stressed because of these commitments.

Thank you! Mrs. Stevenson-Moore

Music Department

Please refer to our website, handsworth.ca - [departments-music](http://handsworth.ca/departments-music) for more news from the Music Department.

- ✚ Annual Strings Extravaganza, March 6th Centennial Theatre. Tickets \$10.00 and \$5.00 All strings orchestras and special guest performance and eclectic mix of music,
- ✚ Orchestras traveling to Portland March 13th -15th for Northwest Orchestra Festival
- ✚ Strings Orchestra Students Retreat on January 31st
- ✚ Orchestra and Band Students to perform with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2008



January 14th, 18th, 20th and 26th

GRAD PORTRAITS

Friday, Jan. 18th & Saturday, Jan. 19th
Juvenile Girls Basketball Tournament

Friday, January 18th
Social Studies 10 to Victoria

Monday, January 21st
PAC Meeting at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, January 23rd
Grade 9 Immunization at 9:00 a m

Wednesday, January 30th
Senior Drama North Shore Festival

Thursday, January 31st
Senior Formal 6:00 to 10:00 pm

Thursday, January 31st
Strings Retreat at Camp Capilano

Friday, February 1st
School Based Pro-D Day
SCHOOL CLOSED

Thursday, February 7th
Parent/Teacher Interviews
Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm

Friday, February 8th
Early Dismissal at 12:55 pm

PARENT MEETING PROGRAMMING DATES

Monday, February 11th at 7:00 pm
Grade 11 into 12 - Grade 10 into 11

Tuesday, February 12th at 7:00 pm
Grade 9 into 10- Grade 8 into 9

Thursday, February 21st at 7:00 pm
Grade 7 into 8 (6:15 pm optional tour)
(Please refer to our website for the full schedule)

BUSINESS EDUCATION GRADE 10 STUDENTS

Junior Achievement

The Business Education 10 students have spent the past 3 months competing with 756 teams in British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario in an on-line stock simulation. Congratulations to everyone who participated! Special congratulations go to our top teams... Stacy Sole and Cissy Yi, who finished in 29th place overall and Blair Deakin, Sarah Choi and Jiyeon Lee who finished in 34th place overall. Great job everyone!

The Events Crew

The Events Crew (formerly the Royal Marketing Club) is well on its way to raising money for Children's Hospital this year. Halloween and Christmas events have raised more than \$300 for this worthy cause. The students hope to present a much larger cheque at the Children's Hospital Spring telethon. Look for our upcoming Valentine's Day event.

French for Parents Workshops

Larson Elementary 2605 Larson Road at
7:00 to 9:30 pm

Beginner 1: Thursday January 24th to March 13th
Elementary 2: Tuesday January 22nd to March 11th

École André- Piolat: 380 W. Kings Road
at 7:00 to 9:30 pm

Beginner 2: Thursday January 24th to March 13th
Elementary 1: Tuesday January 22nd to March 11th

Ross Road Elementary: 2875, Bushnell Place at
7:00 to 9:30 pm

Intermediate 2: Thurs. Jan. 24th to Mar 13th

Please register by January 17th
Cost 100\$ per person + 15\$ workbook

For information and registration:

1-800-747-4825 or 604-708-5100 or
frenchforparents@educacentre.com

Or visit our website at:

<http://www.educacentre.com>

January Athletics Newsletter Submission

While many of our school community were resting and relaxing over the *Winter Break* our school's varsity teams remained active. Some teams were practicing, others were meeting to gear up for the spring season and a few of our teams were competing against some of the best in North America.

Our Senior Girls Basketball team traveled to Hawaii to win three straight games and bring home the Championship trophy from the Palama Invitational tournament. Not to be outdone our Junior Girls Basketball team also won the SFU invitational tournament, beating some of the top teams from around the province. Meanwhile, our Senior Boys Basketball team traveled to San Diego to compete in the Torrey Pines Prep Classic and competed strongly against American high schools that have over 2000 students in the Senior grades alone!

Back home in our own North Shore leagues, we currently have four of our nine basketball teams sitting in first place! At this time all of our teams have a shot at making the play-offs as well.

In other sports action the Ski and Snowboard team is under way with dryland training currently taking place. These athletes are gearing up for the North Shore Championships to be held on February 7th.

Some things to look for in the coming weeks include:

- Spring sports sign-up and information meetings
- Rugby team *Manure sale*
- Basketball play-offs

All of these sports highlights can be tracked on our Athletics page accessed through www.handsworth.ca

News from our Handsworth Parent Advisory Council...

Report from the HPAC/HSSA District PAC Dates to Remember

1. ****Attention All want-to-be Treasurers!!!**
In conjunction with the Burnaby DPAC there will be a Treasurers Workshop and a BCCPAC Provincial Advocates seminar. This is an opportunity for anyone interested in developing some of the skills and knowledge useful for volunteering on you school PAC or your DPAC. Date and location to be determined.
2. ****Attention All parents that handle food for the school**
This would include all parents involved with the Hot Food days and concessions (FPAC, VPAC, BPAC and Teachers Luncheon). There will be a Food Safe program offered in North Vancouver on Saturday February 9, 2008 8:30 - 4:30 pm. Location to be announced.
3. ****February 21, 2008 NVPAC General Meeting, LMCC at 7 pm**
The topic for this meeting is health promotion in schools. Guest speakers are Kathy Romses - VCH community nutritionist, Jennifer Fenton - Action Schools BC and Eva Ratzberg - NVSD#44 Curriculum Consultant. Short presentations by each speaker followed by a panel discussion.
Parents we need your input

DRY GRAD/AFTER GRAD

Parents are interested in supporting Dry Grad/After Grad celebrations. This has arisen due to safety concerns. The PAC endorses the concept of a Dry Grad event. The Dry Grad/After Grad is a parent organized and supervised event that provides a fun evening of activities for our Grads. This is great event that many other schools on the North Shore and lower mainland offer their students. A number of volunteers will make this a very doable event and hopefully establish it as a long-term Handsworth tradition.

It is hoped that we will be able to hold an information session with parents of grade 10, 11 and 12 students, teachers and administrators in late January and early February. Interested parents please contact Barb Vincent at thevincents@telus.net or phone at 604-980-0913.

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

Handsworth PAC is looking for one more parent volunteer to participate in a traffic committee. We already have two and need just one more.

Two parents would be members of the committee with the third parent being an alternate. The traffic committee will consider school based traffic issues and suggest changes where necessary. Other members of the committee will be members of the school administration, a teacher and students. The committee will be chaired by a senior administrator. A parent representative on the committee will report to the Handsworth PAC membership at general meetings. Volunteers should be available for meetings. If you are interested and wish to be considered for one of the committee positions please contact HPAC co-chair Barb Vincent at thevincents@telus.net or phone 604-980-0913 by January 28, 2008.

HANDSWORTH'S NEW WEBSITE

Don't forget to take a look at the school's updated website (www.handsworth.ca). If you have any suggestions on what you would like to see on the parent portion of the website please forward your comments to Barb Vincent

at thevincents@telus.net or phone at 604-980-0913. FPAC, BPAC and VPAC parents you may be interested in getting your information up on the school site.

FUTURE HANDSWORTH PAC MEETING TOPICS

If parents have any other suggestions they can contact Barb Vincent at thevincents@telus.net or phone 604-980-0913.

The January HPAC meeting will be held January 21, 2008 at 7pm in the school library. There will be a presentation by students who attended the summer Artists for Kids program, Ms. Stanhope will discuss Handsworth Cookbooks and "Project Hands" and there will be a walk through of the new Handsworth school website (www.handsworth.ca). The February HPAC meeting will be held Monday February 18, 2008 at 7 pm in the school library where we hope to have a presentation from the Community Liaison Police Officer.

Hope to see you at the next meeting! All parents are welcome.

Note - We have an executive meeting generally one week before the scheduled HPAC meeting and that is where we set our agenda. If you have any concerns, issues, ideas, etc. that you would like to discuss at a future HPAC meeting, it would be appreciated if you would please get in touch with one of our executive members so we may discuss it and put it on the agenda.

HANDSWORTH SCHOOL COOKBOOK



WANTED! Your family's best recipe (appetizers, soups/salads, entrees or desserts) to include in a Handsworth Family Cookbook with proceeds going to Project Hands (www.projecthands.org). The focus is "excellent and easy" recipes. Please help this worthy cause. You may email your recipe to Shelley Stanhope at ssanhope@nvsd44.bc.ca or hand deliver it to Room 224. A contact number for clarification on ingredients (if needed) is appreciated. Parent and student volunteers are welcome. Thanks again for taking part in this worthwhile project. *Shelley Stanhope*

PROGRAMMING INFORMATION 2007-2008



The Counsellors are busy confirming dates for programming this year. Parent meetings and classroom visits will take place in February and March. Parents are asked to check the web site (www.handsworth.ca) for the full schedule of Programming dates. You are encouraged to view the Programming Booklet which is also on the web site. (Please note this booklet is last year's guide; there will be minor changes to the new one). The revised booklet will be on line in early February.

Please ensure that your course selection decisions accurately meet your child's educational needs.