

Spectrum

Community School

N E W S L E T T E R

April 2017

I hope that you had some opportunity to spend time with family and friends over the recent Spring Break or Easter long weekend. I know the weather has not been particularly good, but summer is coming.

After our recent breaks, we are ready for the last term of the 2016/17 school year. We know our almost 300 grads will be making their final efforts of their past thirteen years in the public school system. Many have already had confirmations from a number of universities and colleges, both locally and nationally. Students are venturing into a variety of fields, while some are choosing to work, and/or travel before entering their post-secondary opportunities. In whatever they pursue we truly wish them well, but they just might need that gentle nudge or a big shove to get them to the finish line. June 27 is just over two months away!

This year, a number of students have been involved in the Scholarship Class at Spectrum, but it is not too late to apply for a vast number of bursaries and scholarships available to students. If students are interested in accessing post-secondary information or want to obtain help in completing scholarship applications, please contact Spectrum's Counselling Department at 250-479-8271. Also see inside for more information about the district scholarships.

With the late Spring Break, the Course Selection process for the 2017/18 school year started early and has been completed. As you may know, this process drives our timetable for the coming year, so students' choices are critical. Students are still able to apply to our many programs through the Counselling Department, but should do so right away to ensure they get in. For more information, students can also check our website at <https://spectrum.sd61.bc.ca/>.

Finally, please check the last page of this newsletter as there has been a slight adjustment for the last week of classes. As always, please do contact us if you have questions or concerns about your child's progress.

Rob House - Principal

A TOUCH OF NEW ORLEANS

JAZZ & DESSERT NIGHT

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 7:00 PM

NEW & OLD GYMS

TICKETS \$10 AT THE DOOR

Parent Teacher Interviews

Our next Parent-Teacher Interview time will be **Thursday, April, 27th**, from **5:00 pm – 7:30 pm** in both Gyms. On April 27th, there will be an altered schedule and early dismissal due to Parent-Teacher Interviews in the evening. Parent- Teacher Interviews can be booked using our online booking website at <https://spectrum.schoolappointments.com/admin/> starting April 19, at 9 AM through to April 27 at 12:00 noon Detailed instructions are listed on Spectrum's website at www.spectrum.sd61.bc.ca → Parent Information → Parent Teacher Interviews.

The day's schedule will be as follows:

Collaboration	8:30 – 9:00
Period 2	9:05 – 10:00
No TAG today	
BREAK	10:00 – 10:15
Period 1	10:20 – 11:15
LUNCH	11:15 – 12:00
Period 4	12:05 – 1:00
Period 3	1:05 – 2:00
Students dismissed	2:00 PM

**Semester 2, Term 1 Report Cards
are issued in TAG on Friday, April 21st**



News for Grads

Grad Recognition Ceremony



Tuesday, June 27, 2017
5:00 PM

University of Victoria Farquhar Auditorium



Grad 2017 is June 27, 2017 at 5:00 PM

All grads participating in the UVic Grad Recognition Ceremony must pay their \$60 Grad Ceremony Fee by Friday, April 28. This covers the university facility, grad certificates, and more. There will be a Grad Parent Information Meeting, on Wednesday May 3rd at 7 PM in the Theatre, to review Grad Ceremony Tickets and day's events. Ceremony tickets will be available through UVic Ticket Centre, Farquhar Auditorium. The ceremony will be live-streamed to allow family and friends will be able to share in the celebration.

A day in the life of a Grad ...

8:20 AM **Mandatory rehearsal** at UVic Farquhar Auditorium. Do not book hair/makeup appointments before 1:00 PM.

4:30 PM **Grad Group Photo** at UVic

5:00 PM **Grad Recognition Ceremony**

Dinner Dance to follow at Cadboro Room, UVic
Busses depart directly from UVic to Dry Grad



Need help with a formal outfit? Connect with **The Magic Wand Project**. Formal wear is available to borrow for both men and women.

Have questions about Grad? Please see Ms. D. Thompson, Vice-Principal, or visit Spectrum's webpage at www.spectrum.sd61.bc.ca and follow the links "Student Info" and "Grad Resources" for details.

Dry Grad 2017

Short on time but want to help out with this year's Dry Grad event? The Dry Grad Parent Committee is committed to making this a fun, safe and memorable alcohol and substance-free event for your graduating son/daughter! But, we can't do it without everyone's help! How about making a cash or prize donation, or sponsor a specific activity for your Grad?

- Tax receipts will be issued for monetary donations
- Cash donations can be sent directly through the on-line donation site: <https://www.canadahelps.org/dn/29576>
- Cheques made payable to "Spectrum Community School" Re: Dry Grad, can be dropped off or

mailed directly to the school at 957 Burnside Road West, Victoria, BC, V8Z 6E9

- PRIZE Donations are also gratefully accepted for draws on the night on the event
- Contact our Volunteer Coordinator Julie Singh by email at Julie75@telus.net
- Or donate the money from your recycled bottles and cans through our new Bottle Depot Account, **Spectrum School, Dry Grad 2017** at the Glanford or Quadra Street locations.
- PRIZE Donations are also gratefully accepted for draws on the night of the event.

And no matter how you help out, you'll be acknowledged for your generosity on the Spectrum Community School's website for the Dry Grad, Grad Facebook page, the Spectrum Newsletter, and at the Dry Grad event itself. Tax receipts will be issued for all monetary donations, and your generous donations will be put to good use making this a night to remember!! No amount is too small...

Current Donors Include:

- 1550's Pub Style Restaurant
- 2 Burley Men Moving Ltd.
- 7-Eleven (Carey & Tillicum)
- Ali Baba Pizza
- Alley Kat Signs
- Alpine Group
- Bin 4 Burger Lounge
- Cedar Hill Golf Shop
- Cobs Bread Royal Oak
- Crooked Goose Bistro
- Draycor Construction
- Galaxy Motors (1990) Ltd.
- Hansbraun Investment Ltd.
- Lot 1 Pasta Bar
- M&M Food Market, Royal Oak
- Matrix Marble & Stone
- Oughtred Coffee & Tea
- Peninsula Co-op
- Pomponio & Company
- Rogers' Chocolates
- Sea Glass Waterfront Grill
- Shoppers Drug Mart, Royal Oak
- Six Mile Pub & Eatery
- Taylor & Colt | BarberSpa
- The Zone @ 91.3
- Victoria Harbour Cats
- Victoria Royals
- Victoria Shamrocks



Dry Grad Slideshow

The Dry Grad Parent Committee is looking for photos of Grads as they are beginning to put together a Dry Grad Slide Show. (If your student missed the yearbook deadline for baby photos, you can still submit it here to be included in the slide show!). Also, if you have pictures of young Grads or groups of just Grads we would love those too! Please send all images to spectrumgrad2017@gmail.com

For more info about Dry Grad, please email Tracey Campbell at tlc2014@shaw.ca or Donna Kent at bdrq@shaw.ca

~ Thank you in advance, Dry Grad Parent Committee 2017

The **JAPAN 2018** students are hosting a very special fundraising event on the evening of Thursday, April 20 at 7:00 PM in the Spectrum Theatre. **"EX-SPECT TO LAUGH"** will be a night of clean stand-up comedy, featuring ex-Spectrum student Logan Smith, fellow comic Pat Boyle, and magician Kigen Martin. Tickets are \$10 each or 4 for \$30 and are available for purchase from the school office. Partial proceeds from the event will go towards helping students visit Japan next Spring Break.

School Supplies Now Available at the Mall Store

Every day during Morning Break, Spectrum is selling basic school supplies: paper, pencils, binders, dividers, calculators, etc. If we don't have it, we will by the next day! ~ submitted by Ms. C. Warrender

From the Visual Arts Department

This term we have two exciting art shows coming up. The Limelight Youth Artists Exhibition & Showcase will have pieces of work by Spectrum artists from grades 10 through 12; this coincides with National Youth Arts Week and will exhibit art created by students from all over the region. The show runs from May 4 to 16 at the Cedar Hill Recreation Centre, with the opening reception on Friday, May 5 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM with refreshments and performances, potentially a Spectrum Quartet from the Band will be playing at the opening as well.

We are also having our first ever Spectrum artists only show out in the community. Our grade 12 Dual Credit art class, which is co-taught by Rick Leong from the Camosun College Visual Arts Program is hosting their own event entitled Growing Pains from June 1 to 13 in the Café Gallery at the Cedar Hill Recreation Centre. This opening event will be on June 1 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. We are really excited and proud of what we have created so far this semester and this will be a wonderful experience for all of our graduating artists.

Please bring your friends & family and come support our Spectrum artists as they show their work out in the community. ~ submitted by Ms. M. Raynor

From the Career Resource Centre

For more information on Spectrum's Career Resource Centre, Career Preparation Programs, work, volunteer or learning opportunities, check out these links to our website:

The Career Resource Centre

<https://spectrum.sd61.bc.ca/student-info/career-resource-center/>

Work, Volunteer, and Learning Opportunities

<https://spectrum.sd61.bc.ca/student-info/job-and-volunteer-opportunities/>

Career Preparation Programs

<https://spectrum.sd61.bc.ca/programs-courses/career-transition/>

News from Video Arts!

The class this semester has focused on the massive task of digitizing the school's old video stock from when the school first opened in order to create a video archive of Spectrum's history and changing culture.



We will soon be publishing a catalogue of videos produced by our program from which anyone can request a DVD copy in any digital format they wish.

This semester has been particularly busy with producing videos; the musical theatre production of *Evita*, a new Spectrum Hockey Academy promo, a promo for the Victoria Youth Empowerment Society, a video about mental health services, our Environment Club's salmon fry release, a promo for the Greater Victoria Food Rescue Project and ongoing supplemental food preparation videos, a new Culinary Arts Program promo, a music video produced with Marigold Elementary for Music Monday, Elders' Tea highlights, New Orleans' Jazz Night and all of the other Spectrum Band Program concerts.



As the film industry grows locally so too do the opportunities for students interested in pursuing careers related to digital film, lighting and sound production. Watch for our "What is this Spectrum Grad doing now?" segment in the next newsletter and online. ~ submitted by Mr. R. Schwarz

District Scholarship Information

Grade 12 students are invited to submit applications to Mrs. Thompson for the District Scholarship Award. Several of these awards are made to Spectrum students each year to recognize excellence in a variety of categories. Details for the award are available on the Spectrum website under the Student Info - Scholarship Information Section. Due date for the application is May 26, 2017. ~ submitted by Ms. L. Tetrault

Spectrum Library News

This spring, in partnership with Fisheries and Oceans Canada, we've been raising Coho salmon fry in the Library. This project ended this week, when Library Science students released nearly 200 salmon into Colquitz Creek. Thank you to Ms. Beagle for organizing this exciting project.

Two student clubs meet in the Library at lunch. The Spectrum AV Club explores the world of audio and video recording on Thursdays. This group is sponsoring a "May the Fourth Be With You" Coffee House on May 4th, from 7:00—9:00 p.m. in the Video Arts Studio. At this open-mic event, students are invited to share music, poetry, or drama. Light refreshments will be available. Students are welcome to drop by and listen to performers, or participate themselves. A sign-up list is available in the office for this event.

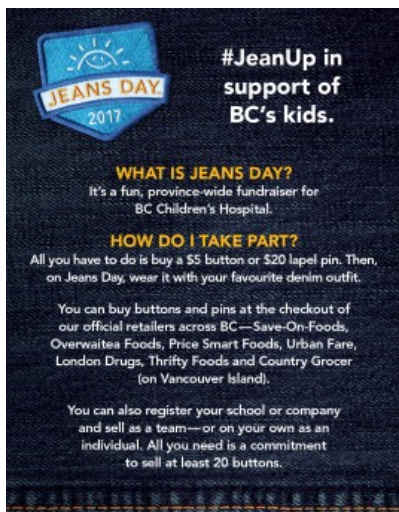
The Spectrum Student Book Club is a new group at our school. We meet on Mondays at lunch. To date, students have read and discussed "Slacker" by Gordon Korman, "Out of My Mind" by Sharon Draper, and are currently reading "Borderline" by Mishell Baker.

Interested students are invited to join either of these two clubs.

We are the lucky recipients of two grants this spring. Brick Books has kindly awarded us with an extensive selection of poetry books by Canadian writers. These titles are now available for sign out by students and staff. We'd also like to thank the Times Colonist for a substantial gift. Through their Raise-a-Reader foundation, the newspaper recently donated \$2000 towards new fiction and non-fiction titles for students.

Our library continues to be busy with students working on book club, independent reading, and Inquiry projects. We encourage students to drop by and see what's new!

~ submitted by Mr. Al Clark



Volunteer Drivers

We greatly appreciate our volunteer drivers. Volunteers driving any child other than their own must submit copies of their driver's licence, vehicle insurance and a completed Adult Volunteer Driver form to Spectrum's office before driving. Volunteers are also asked to complete a Criminal Record Check (valid five years) and a Driver's Abstract (valid same as driver's licence), this is free of charge. For detailed info, please visit our website at <https://spectrum.sd61.bc.ca/parent-info/volunteer-drivers/>



Spectrum Clothing Orders Coming soon . . . stay tuned for new products, both for Gradwear and Spectrumwear.

#Jeanup for BC's Kids



On May 4, 2017, individuals, families, corporations, and schools across BC and the Yukon are encouraged to buy a button or a pin and #JeanUp by wearing denim from head to toe! Buttons (\$5) will be on sale at Spectrum. We hope you or your student will buy a button and support the vital work of BC Children's Hospital and #JeanUp!



All funds raised by Jeans Day™ go toward the Excellence in Child Health Fund.

The Excellence in Child Health Fund provides critical support to the programs and services provided by BC Children's Hospital, Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children and the Child & Family Research Institute. Your contribution will support the areas of greatest need in each of these facilities, including specialized research into childhood diseases, the purchase of and/or upgrading to state-of-the-art medical equipment, and education programs for caregivers and families.

Join us in giving our children the best chance of a healthy future. ~ submitted by Mr. A. Clark & Mrs. B. McCulloch



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Monday, April 24

Spectrum's Professional Development Day

Thursday, April 27

Parent-Teacher Interviews, 5:00 to 7:30 PM, Gym

Saturday, April 29

Band Bottle Drive, 9 AM to 1 PM, Parking Lot

Tuesday, May 2

Junior Band Concert, 7 PM, Old Gym

Wednesday, May 3

West Coast Jazz Festival Performance, Nanaimo

Grad Parent Information Night, 7 PM, Theatre

Thursday, May 4

Senior Concert Band Performance, 7 PM, Theatre

May 4 to 16

Limelight Youth Artists Exhibition & Showcase, Cedar Hill Recreation Centre

Friday, May 5

GTP – Semester Two completion date

Tuesday, May 9

PAC Meeting, 7 PM, Library

Thursday, May 11 and Friday, May 12

Provincial Exam Rewrites

Saturday, March 13

Marching Band in Esquimalt Buccaneers Day Parade, 10 AM

Thursday, May 18

District Orientation Day, incoming Grade 8s

Friday, May 19

Professional Development Day, students not in session

Monday, May 22

Victoria Day Holiday

Marching Band in Victoria Day Parade, 9 AM

Friday, May 26

District Scholarship Applications Due

Saturday, May 27

Band Bottle Drive, 9 AM, Parking Lot

Thursday, June 1

Aboriginal Grad 2017

June 1 to 13

Dual Credit Art 12 "Growing Pains" exhibition, Café Gallery at Cedar Hill Recreation Centre. Opening event June 1, 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

Saturday, June 3

Marching Band in Oak Bay Tea Party Parade, 10:30 AM

Monday, June 5

Year-End Band Concert, 7:00 PM, Dave Dunnet Community Theatre at Oak Bay High School

Tuesday, June 13

PAC Meeting, 7:00 PM, Library

Thursday, June 15

Awards Night, 7:00 PM, Old Gym

Friday, June 16

Semester Two Locker Tidy & Toss

Saturday, June 17

Band Bottle Drive, 9 AM, Parking Lot

Tuesday, June 20

Celebrations Day

Wednesday, June 21

Copernican Day Period 1 and Period 3

Thursday, June 22

Copernican Day Period 2 and Period 4

Friday, June 23

English 12 Provincial
Exam Conflicts

Monday, June 26

COM 12 Provincial

Tuesday, June 27

Grad 2017

Thursday, June 29

Last Day of School, Report Cards Issued, Last day of Semester Two

Friday, June 30

Administrative Day

Dear Parent/Guardian,

If you would like to use this newsletter as a vehicle for two-way communication, please send your compliment, idea or concern, to spectrum@sd61.bc.ca and include:

- Parent Name & Student Name
- Telephone (home/work/cell)
- e-mail

With thanks, Rob House, Principal

How do I . . .

If you're wondering who your student's Counsellor is, Spectrum Counsellors divide their case load by student last name – as follows:

A to J	Lise Tetrault
K to R	Jude Woodland
S to Z	Celeste Bradshaw



Spectrum's Administrators also divide their case load by last name:

A to L	Mr. Thomas Thompson, Vice-Principal
M to Z	Mrs. Donna Thompson, Vice-Principal

If you have any concerns, please contact your student's teachers or the Principal, Rob House.

School Announcements

For up-to-date information about school activities, visit our website at www.spectrum.sd61.bc.ca. "Daily Announcements" are updated daily at 10:10 each day.