

SPECTRUM

COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

February 2018 Edition

Greetings Spectrum Families,

My name is Bruce Bidney and I am both excited and honoured to be the 10th Principal of Spectrum Community School. In my short time here I have been impressed by the sense of community spirit that fills the halls and classrooms of Spectrum. Parents you should be very proud of your children as they have made me feel so welcome here. In my return to Victoria, I have brought my family and like me they are ready to grow and flourish in this fabulous city.

As I walk the halls of Spectrum school it is filled with so much history and tradition. From the photos of students from the various grad classes to the trophy cases of past accomplishments, it makes me proud to be a Hokie!

Just last evening I managed to sit in a basketball game and the place was electric. The chants and cheers coming from the students were thunderous, so much that the boys managed to hold on for the win! That is my goal for this school. Staff, students, parents and the community; we are a team and we will accomplish many more wins in our journey together.

Please remember my office door is always open so please feel free to stop by and say hello.

Have a warm and fuzzy day!

Go Thunder!

Regards,
Bruce Bidney, Principal

How to Report an Absence . . .

Parents/Guardians can report an absence by:

E-mail spectrum_attendance@sd61.bc.ca **OR**

Phone (250) 479-8271, choose option 1, 24 hours a day **OR**

Student can bring a note signed by a parent/guardian. Notes should be handed in to the office.

For more information, see Spectrum's website, www.spectrum.sd61.bc.ca and choose "Attendance" in the top right corner.



Spectrum Brings "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" to Victoria

While Broadway musicals based on 1980s movies seem to be all the rage, not all have made the transition from screen to stage successfully. Such is not the case with *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* (The Musical). Based on the 1988 film of the same name starring Michael Caine and Steve Martin, the 2005 Broadway version is a hysterical romp that captures the whimsical humour of the movie and wraps it in an all new, jazzy, Tony nominated score by David Yazbek. The plot revolves around two con artists who first butt heads, then team up, and ultimately compete for the cash and affection of American Soap Queen Christine Colgate. Lawrence runs a sophisticated con at a casino resort on the French Riviera. Posing as the wrongfully deposed prince of a tiny European nation, wealthy female tourists are persuaded by his charm and the thrill of adventure to finance his noble rebellion. Freddy, a two-bit American hustler working the train circuit in the south of France, compels compassionate listeners to pick up his lunch tab by spinning yarns of woe about his ailing grandmother. When the two wager over who can first swindle \$50,000 and a kiss out of Miss Colgate both end up getting more than they bargained for. With performance rights only recently made available, Spectrum Community School is excited to be the first to bring *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* to any stage in Victoria. March 2-3 & 8-10 @ 7:30 PM and March 11 @ 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students. Please call for more info at 250-479-8271.



From the Visual Arts Department

This past semester has been a very busy one in the Visual Arts. Congratulations go out to the Art 9/10 class who submitted watercolour images to our local MP, Randall Garrison, for his holiday card contest; their images were based on the theme of water conservation. We had 3 lucky artists whose work was chosen to be printed as holiday and thank you cards. A big congratulations to Brandon, Elise and Jade who got a few copies of the cards to share with friends and family. Some of the originals have been also on display at the School Board office at the Tolmie building and the others are on display at Spectrum in the picture rails in our lower new wing hallway. All of the images are really stunning! Coming up in semester two we have a few shows on the horizon. One of these shows is our Camosun Dual Credit Art Class which will host a show in late spring at the Cedar Hill Recreation Centre's Cafe Gallery. This will be our second annual show and all the artists will be putting in work that they have created in conjunction with Rick Leong and Moira Raynor-Atterbury during the course of their class. Stay tuned for more information about the show dates and the opening night event.



Spectrum's 2018-2019 Canada and the World Wars Tour

The Social Studies & Modern Languages departments are continuing Spectrum's strong tradition of learning through travel with the 2018-2019 Canada and the World Wars Tour. The tour will take place during Spring Break 2019 & will take students from Berlin to Amsterdam to Paris & London, while seeing/visiting important Canadian WWI and WWII battlefields, museums, & monuments. Some of the places we will visit would include: the Berlin Wall, Anne Frank House, Vimy Ridge, the Eiffel Tower, Juno Beach, & the Churchill War Rooms. Please contact Mr. Thatcher for information or to answer any questions.

Library News

It's been a busy first semester in the library. Classes have participated in activities related to media literacy, research skills, literature studies, and technology.

The Spectrum Student Book Club meets on Mondays at lunch in the library. This student-led group has recently read and discussed *Let it Snow* by John Green and *Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls. They are looking forward to a February visit from Patsy Scott, Camosun College Librarian, for discussions about information literacy as well as the book selection process.

The Spectrum AV Club also meets in the library. Recent projects include a weekly podcast, focused on school-related topics. Our latest discussion featured a talk with Brian Whitmore, chair of the Spectrum Alumni Association, who spoke about school history. We invite you to visit the school webpage to listen to this interview and others.

Careers

Thank you to all who have checked out the webpages of our Career Resource Centre. There you can find updated information on district programs available for students, work and volunteer opportunities and other career and education events happening for our students. spectrumcareercentre.weebly.com/

Reynolds Secondary is hosting a District Career and Transition Parent Information Meeting on Tuesday, February 27th - 6:30-7:30pm. An opportunity to learn what district programs will be available in the coming year for your student.

Parking Woes

Traffic around Spectrum continues to be busy at the start and end of the school day. With three schools in close proximity to each other we all need to remain vigilant during these times. With the high volume of parents picking students up at three different schools in the area, we need your help to try and reduce the volume coming through our parking lot. If your son or daughter needs to be dropped off or picked up, doing so a few blocks away would be very helpful. And while we do remind our students to be careful when leaving the school, they can be a little inattentive at times. Patience is the order of the day, especially with our Supervisors! Also, we are asking all our parents not to use the roundabout area at the front entrance to drop off or pick up their children. We need to keep this area clear for our Third Wave bus, district vehicles and cars displaying valid Handicap stickers. Thank you for continuing to help us keep all students safe.

2017 Award Winners:

Congratulations to the following Spectrum Grads for earning a BC Achievement Scholarship:

Sydney Akai-Platt	Brendan Jennings	Jacob Otter
Aarfa Ali	Paige Leslie	Dawson Peddle
Stephanie Bright	Corey Liverton	Dominique Polard
Ellen Bown	Fiona Luo	Aila Sakiyama
Emily Buhr	Molly Lydon	Tessa Sanders
Kaitlynn Chan	Nathan MacDonald	Benjamin Thomlinson
Akshpreet Chauhan	Brooke MacNab	Lynel Valderama
Julie Chiem	Emily McIntyre	Morgan Vincent
Lyon Chow	Rylan McQuarrie	Megan Wong
Ashley Deventer	Andrew Montgomery	Ava Zanatta
Sydney Elarid	Sarah Norman	

Congratulations to Ellen Brown for earning the 2017 Governor General's Award!

News for Grads

Grad 2018 is June 18, 2018 at 5:00 PM; University of Victoria Farquhar Auditorium



All grads participating in the U-Vic Grad Recognition Ceremony must pay their \$70 Grad Fee by Friday March 16th. This covers the university facility, grad certificates, and more. As students voted to wear cap and gown this year, there will be an additional cost for gown rentals. More information will follow in the future. Details for ticket availability will be emailed and posted on the grad webpage in April. A Grad Parent Information is scheduled for April 26th following the Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews.

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 and refer to the Amended Spectrum Grad Calendar for all important dates and deadline.

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

Hey Grads! The deadline for emailing your baby photo, your grad comment or quote, and your grad photo if you're having it done by someone other than LifeTouch is FEBRUARY 20. You have to email these to: spectrumgradinfo@gmail.com. Don't get left out the most important yearbook you'll ever have.

Grad Transition Plan

Students taking English or Communications in Semester 2 will need to have their GTP completed and have an interview with Ms. Crisp *before* they can purchase tickets to the end of the year grad activities. For additional information please visit Spectrum's Grad webpage at <https://spectrumcommunityschoolgrad.weebly.com/>

Grad Parents and Future Grad Parents!

The Dry Grad Parent Committee is looking for volunteers to help the evening of June 16th. Come support the grad event by volunteering for one of the many jobs including decorating, food, clothing, supervision, and clean up. We will need close to 100 volunteers the night of the event to ensure it is a success. If you have a grad or a future grad and want to be part of the event, please consider volunteering. For more information or to volunteer, please email Tiffany Craig, Chair at: specdrygrad2018@gmail.com. Thank you in advance from Spectrum's Dry Grad Parent Committee 2018

Dry Grad Event

The 2018 Dry Grad Parent Committee is planning a fabulous alcohol and drug free event for the grads of 2018.

The Dry Grad event will take place on June 16, 2018, following the Graduation dinner/dance. This event will be held at Pearkes Recreation Center and include activities such as bubble soccer, ice skating, photo booths, laser tag, a blow up obstacle course and more! There will be food, beverages, amazing prizes and most of all a night of memories that will last a lifetime.

In order to make this event a success we need your help!

We are looking for:

- * Prize donations – we are hoping to have some great prizes for the draw at the end of the evening.
- * Cash Donations – Tax receipts will be issued for monetary donations (Cheques payable to: "Spectrum Community School, RE: Dry Grad" Cheques can be dropped off or mailed directly to the school at 957 West Burnside Rd., Victoria, BC, V8Z 6E9)

If you are able to volunteer for this annual Grad event, your duties could include supervising activities, set up, take down, and serving food and beverages. We also require chaperones for the bus trip from the dinner/dance to Pearkes Arena. For more information please email: Specdrygrad2018@gmail.com or Tiffany Craig at thecraigs@shaw.ca

Numeracy Assessment

Please note that current grade 10 and 11 students will need to write the Provincial Numeracy Assessment prior to graduation. We recommend that all Grade 10 and 11 students write the assessment in June of 2018. The Ministry of Education has allowed for each student to write the assessment up to three times before completion of grade 12. The Assessment is mandatory by the Ministry of Education for graduation.

School Announcements

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



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Monday, February 12

Family Day

Tuesday, February 13

PAC Meeting, 7PM, Library

Thursday, February 15

K-12 Student transfer process begins

Saturday, February 17

Band Bottle Drive, 9AM - 1PM

Friday, February 23

Pro-D Day - Students not in session

K-12 Student Transfer process ends.

Friday, March 2

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels - 7:30pm

Saturday, March 3

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels - 7:30pm

Thursday, March 8

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels - 7:30pm

Friday, March 9

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels - 7:30pm

Saturday, March 10

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels - 7:30pm

Sunday, March 11

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels - 2:00pm - matinee

Tuesday, March 13

PAC Meeting, 7PM, Library

Friday, March 16

Last day of classes before Spring Break

Monday, March 19 - Tuesday, April 3

Spring Break and Easter Holiday

Wednesday, April 4

School opens after Spring Break

Friday, April 13

Term 3 ends