

SPECTRUM

COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2019 EDITION

This newsletter is being sent to you as your sons and daughters bring home their report cards. To say that our students have achieved well is an understatement - an astounding 936 certificates were issued to students scoring 90% or better in their courses! That is impressive to say the least.

Please check inside for information about the upcoming musical, Young Frankenstein opening Friday, March 1. There is also lots of information for our grads who have many exciting moments ahead. This is the last semester of public schooling for our grade 12's; June 17th isn't that far away - 139 days, as we told them yesterday!

Just as we begin the new semester, we are preparing for next year for our current grades 9 to 11, and with our incoming grade 8's, too. In February and March, we will be involved in course selection and planning for the 2018/19 school year. It is important for students to make informed decisions on their course choices for next year as we build the timetable based on their requests. If you have any questions regarding our programs, learning strategies and teacher offerings, please contact us at spectrum@sd61.bc.ca or touch base with any of our counselors. kAs always, please don't hesitate to contact me or any staff member if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,
Bruce Bidney, Principal

Parking Woes



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In a continued effort to manage the chaos that is our parking lot, **we are reminding all students that only Grade 12 students with a *Spectrum Student* parking decal are permitted to park on the school property.** The small lot closest to our football field is designated as student only. The large lot is for staff and visitors only. If there are no student spots available we respectfully request that students find street parking. Any students found to be parking in a staff/visitor spot may have their parking pass revoked. We thank you for your understanding.

Outdoor Rec and Athletic Leadership

The Athletic Leadership and Outdoor Rec classes are fundraising with the Victoria Royals. They are currently selling tickets for Sunday February 24th against the Vancouver Giants. Please support our wonderful programs.



From the Visual Arts Department

Semester two is going to be filled with many community events for our Spectrum artists. Our junior class will be involved with the New Extreme program courtesy of the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria; we will be working with artist in residence Lydia Beauregard to create a mural that will be installed on an outside wall of the art gallery on Moss Street. An opening event will take place in April; stay tuned for details on our community art project.



Our Senior Dual Credit Camosun Art 102 artists will host their own show in May at the Cafe Gallery Space at Cedar Hill Rec Centre, show dates will be May 7-27 and will include an opening gala event on May 9, mark your calendar for this incredible 3rd annual art show; this year we will be learning from Camosun instructor and artist Connie Morey.

As well, we will be involved with the annual Limelight showcase also at Cedar Hill Rec Centre which is a collaborative show featuring young artists from the Victoria area; this encompasses artists from all Fine Arts disciplines and will happen from the end of May into June, watch for information on the gala night.

From the Desk of Mr. Schwarz

Another semester comes to a close and students in the practical arts of Theatre, Film Production, and Photography can be proud of their accomplishments with compliments coming from the wider community on their performances, short films, and Black & White prints. Learning the skills of a subject that provides feedback almost as soon as action is taken can be as intimidating as it is a positive, confidence-building challenge. It is with gratitude that Mr. Schwarz would like to thank the students of his classes who rose up to the challenge and found something about which to be passionate. Congratulations on such successes as the Fine Arts Showcase (now on DVD), the collaborative short films, the photography exhibits, and simply sharing moments of self-discovery and learning. Also, a thank you to my colleagues both in and out of Spectrum's Bibliotech Studio (search spectrum community school on SoundCloud for details). Let's all have a great second semester.

Mainstage Musical Theatre Production 2019

Don't miss Spectrum's 2019 Mainstage Musical Theatre production, Mel Brooks' hysterical Tony nominated musical comedy *Young Frankenstein* (The Broadway Musical). Based on his own 1974 cult classic movie of the same name starring Gene Wilder, *Young Frankenstein* opened on Broadway on November 8, 2007. The hilariously irreverent production enjoyed a successful New York run, earning four Tony nominations and winning the Outer Critics Circle award for Best Musical. This was Brooks' second Broadway production, following on the heels of the wildly successful *The Producers*. The stage adaptation of *Young Frankenstein* takes the deadpan dialogue and zany characters from the original film intact and weaves in an all new score written by Brooks himself, earning him a Grammy nomination for the Broadway soundtrack. After playing on Broadway and London's West End to rave reviews, the show also enjoyed success with touring companies before being released just a few years ago for school and community groups to license. Spectrum Community School's production of *Young Frankenstein* (The Broadway Musical) runs March 1, 2, 7, 8, 9 @ 7:30 and March 10 @ 2:00. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and are available through the school office, 250-479-8271. These shows sell out every year so don't delay – get your tickets soon!



Spectrum Turf and Rink (STAR) Committee

Spectrum Athletics is looking for volunteers with a particular skillset. With Spectrum pursuing a pop-up ice-rink and turf-field on our property, we are seeking some highly qualified volunteers. Do you have experience in writing a Business Plan? Are you a Certified General Accountant? Have you worked to formulate a financial and logistical plan? If you have experience in any of these areas, please call Mr. Dom Butcher at 250-479-8271.

Library News

In January, award-winning young adult author Robin Stevenson visited Spectrum and spoke with English and Writing 12 students about the writing and publishing process.

Robin has published more than twenty books, for toddlers to teens. Thank you to Spectrum's PAC for making this visit possible. At the end of January, we became the lucky recipients of a \$2200 grant from the Times Colonist's Raise A Reader foundation. This grant will go towards the purchase of book club sets, graphic novels written by Indigenous authors, and non-fiction material related to traditional food use.



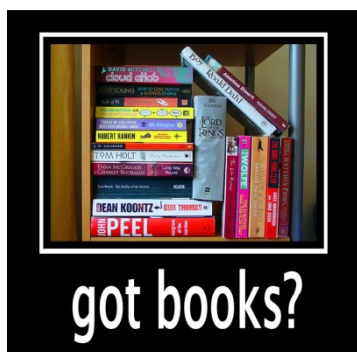
February marks the beginning of the Great Spectrum Read event, in partnership with Lambrick Park Secondary and the Greater Victoria Public Library. On February 13, the event begins with book talks from students, teachers, and librarians. Our long list of titles, comprised of suggestions from students, staff, GVPL, Munro's Books, and other schools, is:

Anger is a Gift – Mark Oshiro
Book of Awesome – Neil Pasricha
Bridge of Clay – Markus Zusak
Children of Blood and Bone – Tami Adeyemi
Contagion – Erin Bowman
Darius the Great is Not OK – Adib Khorram
Dear Martin – Nic Stone
Dumplin – Julie Murphy
Every Day – David Levithan
I Will Always Write Back – Caitlin Alifirenka
Indian Horse – Richard Wagamese
Jurassic Park – Michael Crichton
Life of Pi -- Yann Martel
Little Brother – Cory Doctorow
Long Way Down – Jason Reynolds
Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children -- Ransom Riggs

Mosquito Coast – Paul Theroux
Painted Boy – Charles DeLint
Perks of Being a Wallflower – David Chbosky
Pulse Point – Colleen Nelson
Ready, Player One -- Ernest Cline
Sadie – Courtney Summers
Salt to the Sea -- Ruta Sepetys
Scythe -- Neal Shusterman
The 57 Bus -- Dashka Slater
The Hate U Give – Angie Thomas
Turtles All the Way Down – John Green
Tyler Johnson Was Here -- Jay Coles
Warcross – Marie Lu
We Were Liars – E. Lockhart
We'll Fly Away – Bryan Bliss
What if it's Us? – Becky Albertalli

Classes will be deciding on the shortlist of titles, reading the novels this spring and building technology-based presentations for the final round of voting in May to determine the winning title.

The Spectrum AV Club, which meets in the Library Learning Commons on Mondays and Fridays at lunch, has started a dramatic podcast series titled "The Lesser Known". We invite you to listen to the episodes on Soundcloud. This series is written, performed, and produced by Spectrum students and staff. Starting this month, the club will be sponsoring a monthly showing of films related to inspiring social activism, after school in the library. Everyone is welcome to attend our weekly meetings and film events. For more information about the club, or to join, please see Mr. Schwarz, Mr. Marchi, or Mr. Gordon.



The Spectrum Student Book Club meets on Wednesdays at lunch in Room 160. Students are welcome to join in our book-related discussions (and enjoy tea and cookies!). Recent Student Book Club events include visiting a local bookstore to purchase new titles for our collection, a lunch hour scavenger hunt, and an afterschool film showing.

For more information about new titles and events at our Library Learning Commons, you are welcome follow us on Twitter (@spectrumlibrary) and Instagram (@spectrumschoollibrary).

Lastly, the Greater Victoria Public Library's teen writing contest is this month. For more information, please click to their website.



SPECTRUM CULINARY ARTS PROGRAM

The Culinary Arts Program in Partnership with Camosun College will be hosting the Camosun College Cuisine Machine! The Cuisine Machine will be offering up fresh, healthy and delicious options to the Spectrum students and staff! The Cuisine Machine will be on campus the following dates:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday January 31 • Thursday February 14 • Thursday March 14 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday April 18 • Thursday May 16 • Thursday, June 6 |
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2018 AWARD WINNERS

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

Casey A.	Ryan H.	Keith R.
Eldridge B.	Carmen H.	Emma R.
Luke B.	Shayne H.	Nina S.
Dana B.	Duncan J.	Heaven S.
Andrej B.	Takaji K.	Eden S.
Mary C.	Megan L.	Ryan S.
Steven C.	Shelley L.	Sean S.
Ewan C.	Daniel M.	Sydney S.
Antonio C.	Sierra M.	Julia S.
Gemma C.	Ruth M.	Cael T.
Aya E.	Sophia M.	Camryn V.
Victor F.	Katelyn M.	Victoria V. N.
Bohdan F.	Jasmine P.	Dominique W.
Jewel F.	Naoya P.	
Scott G.	Kemie P.	

Congratulations to Carmen H. for earning the 2018 Governor General's Award!

NEWS FOR GRADS

Grad 2019 is June 17, 2019 at 5:00 PM, University of Victoria, Farquhar Auditorium at 5pm

All grads participating in the U-Vic Grad Recognition Ceremony MUST pay their \$70 Grad Fee no later than Friday, March 15th. 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 of \$30.00 for gown purchase. More information will follow in the near future. Details for ticket availability will be emailed and posted on the Grad Google Classroom in April. A Grad Parent information night is scheduled for April 25, 2019 following the Parent/Teacher/Student interviews.

Have questions about Grad? Please see Ms. Thompson, Vice Principal or visit Spectrum's webpage at <https://spectrum.sd61.bc.ca/> and follow the links "Student Info" and "Grad Resources" for details and refer to the Amended Grad Calendar for all important dates and deadlines.

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.



GRAD TRANSITION PLAN

Students taking English or Communications in Semester Two, will need to have their GTP completed and have an interview with Ms. Crisp before they can purchase tickets to Graduation Ceremony. Check for available times on the Google Classroom. 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 15th. 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 the Dry Grad Committee at: specdrygrad2019@gmail.com. Thank you in advance from Spectrum's Dry Grad Parent Committee 2019.

DRY GRAD EVENT

The 2019 Dry Grad Parent Committee is planning a fabulous alcohol and drug free event for the grads of 2019. The Dry Grad event will take place on June 15, 2019, 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 Terry Wickett at: TanLspecgrad2019@shaw.ca



SPRING BREAK 2020

Spectrum will be offering another International Cultural Trip for Spring Break 2020 for 13 days to Switzerland, France, and Spain. The purpose of this trip is to excite students about world culture and history as well as to encourage them to explore opportunities available around the world. Please check out the link to see the destinations we will be going.

<https://www.eftours.ca/educational-tour/alps-provence-barcelona?query=The+alps>

In order to qualify for this wonderful opportunity, students:

1. must currently be a Spectrum student in good standing
2. have no less than “GOOD” work habits in all courses as potentially 1-2 days of school may be missed for this trip.
3. Attendance in all classes is a priority.

If you might be interested in this opportunity, please contact Ms. Condie at racondie@sd61.bc.ca

Spectrum Yearbook

Have you bought your Spectrum Yearbook yet? This year's annual is up for yet another award and is sure to be

a book long remembered. Buy early and skip the line on Celebrations Day in June. There are a limited number of books available so order yours now! Books are \$50 each and can be purchased in the office or online at: <https://sd61.schoolcashionline.com/>.



How DO I...

Find a student's counselor? Counselors at Spectrum divide their case load by student last name – as follows:

A to G and Y, Z	Lise Tetrault
H to O	Jude Woodland
P to X	Celeste Bradshaw

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

A to L	Ms. Amanda Chan, Vice-Principal
M to Z	Mrs. Donna Thompson, Vice-Principal

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

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

We greatly appreciate our volunteer drivers. Volunteers driving any child other than their own must submit copies of their driver's license, 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 license), this is free of charge. For detailed info, please visit our website at: <https://spectrum.sd61.bc.ca/parent-info/volunteer-drivers/>



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

February 8 - Report Cards issued

February 12 - PAC Meeting, 7pm, Library

February 15 - Tri-District Pro-D Day

February 18 - Family Day - school not in session

February 27 - Pink Shirt Day

February 27 - Young Frankenstein Dress Rehearsal 5 - 10pm

February 28 - Grade 9 Immunizations

March 1 & 2 - Young Frankenstein Performance 7:30pm

March 7 - 9 - Young Frankenstein Performance 7:30pm

March 10 - Young Frankenstein Performance 2:00pm

March 12 - Grade 9 Immunizations (for absent students)

March 12 - PAC Meeting, 7pm, Library

March 15 - Last day of classes before Spring Break

March 17 - 31 - Spring Break

April 1 - School reopens after Spring Break

April 6 - Band Bottle Drive

April 9 - PAC Meeting, 7pm, Library

April 11 - Term 3 ends

April 12 - Curriculum Implementation Day - no classes in session

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MEL BROOKS
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YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN

BOOK BY MEL BROOKS & THOMAS MEEHAN | MUSIC & LYRICS BY MEL BROOKS | ORIGINAL LYRICS & CHOREOGRAPHY BY SUSAN STROMAN

SPECTRUM COMMUNITY SCHOOL | 957 BURNSIDE RD. WEST

MARCH ^{1, 2}
7, 8, 9

7:30:PM

MARCH 10

2:00PM

TICKETS

ADULTS \$12

STUDENTS \$10

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