

# South Delta Secondary School Newsletter

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## Mission Statement

At South Delta Secondary, our mission is

- to provide a stimulating environment where passion is ignited and the creative potential in each of us is realized.
- to motivate and challenge today's learners to be actively engaged, inspired, and empowered to become tomorrow's lifelong learners.
- to forge reciprocal connections with our local and global communities by fostering positive and respectful relationships.
- to develop responsible, accountable, open-minded citizens who accept and celebrate the diversity of others.

## Greetings from Mr. Ainge, Principal

May is both an exciting and busy month at SDSS, with a wide array of special events as well as the final push before the end of the school year with provincial exams, course finals, and projects on the horizon.

Plans are underway for many year end activities including our annual Honours Event and Carnival on Thursday June 1<sup>st</sup>. Students who have achieved Honor Roll, Principal's List, G-Club, or Fine Arts or Service Recognition will receive an invitation to attend a complementary lunch. This year's lunch will feature choices from a variety of "food trucks." Students will be asked to RSVP the week prior to the event, so stay tuned for the announcements and email.

Looking further ahead in June, on June 14<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> we will switch to an alternate bell schedule. On each day, students will attend two "long blocks" (2 hours and 15 minutes in length) with a lunch break in between. These blocks will allow for summative activities including exams, presentations, or portfolio assessments. The last day of classes will be **Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**. Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> through to Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> will be "I" Days, which will be an opportunity for students to complete missed

assignments and tests. All students should check the schedule for final exams and plan accordingly.

Spring also means that the graduation season is upon us! Our annual Grad/Dinner Dance will be held on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. The festivities on the 9<sup>th</sup> will include a Grad Walk and a Dry Grad after party organized by the parents. The Grad Walk will begin at 4pm at the west end of the track. The Grad Walk is the precursor to the Grad Banquet and Dance which will be held that evening at the Tsawwassen Springs Clubhouse. Following the dinner and dance, parents have organized the Dry Grad celebrations which will also be held at Tsawwassen Springs. Many thanks to the parents, volunteers, and donors who have spent many hours to organize these events and ensure a special day for our graduating students.

On Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> the Valedictory and Scholarship Ceremony will be held at the South Delta Baptist Church. Information on the event, tickets, etc. will be sent to parents via email later this month.

For our grade 12 students the graduation activities and the

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Interim Reports - May 12
- ◆ ICBC Safe Driving Presentation Grade 11 & 12 - May 16
- ◆ Non-Instructional Day - May 19
- ◆ Victoria Day - May 22
- ◆ Incoming Grade 8 Assembly - May 31



**COUNSELLORS**

Ms. Hayes  
Grade 9 (Grade 8 L-Q)

Ms. Kilpatrick  
Grade 10 (Grade 8 R-Z)

Ms. Diomis  
Grade 11 (Grade 8 A-D)

Ms. Sammartino  
Grade 12 (Grade 8 E-K)

official end of their public education are coming fast. For all students, the excitement of this time of year is very evident. We all need to be reminded, though, that there is still important work to do. Students who are doing well need to continue to practice their good work habits. Students who have been less diligent still have time to improve their performance before the end of the year.

In closing, I'd like to thank the parents for their support and their continued involvement in school life at South Delta Secondary. SDSS continues to be a busy and vibrant school. Much credit belongs to a caring parent community.

Be sure to check out South Delta Secondary on Facebook and [@SDSSSundevils](#) on Twitter for all the latest information, pictures and events.

**Career Advisor**

Ms. Amstutz is available in the Career Centre to answer your questions.

**Tuesday to Friday**  
• 8:00am - 3:30pm



**SDWarrior challenge for the senior P.E./Superfit/Fit 4 Life classes on Tuesday, June 6 at noon.**

**Volunteers needed. Please see Mrs. Burr or Mrs. Jobke**



## Appropriate Dress for School

SDSS recognizes the importance of teenage clothing styles and understands that not all of the current styles are appropriate attire to wear to school.

Our school is not unlike a place of business, where there are appropriate standards of dress that communicate respect for self and others. At all times, we expect that students will avoid wearing clothing that is too revealing and informal. When students wear revealing clothing, it is uncomfortable for staff and other students. We ask students to be mindful of others and respectful of their sensitivities. Delta School District is obligated to provide a safe and comfortable work environment for all its employees and a suitable learning environment for all students. We ask parents and students for their support. Please speak with your student(s) about the necessity of wearing work-appropriate clothing to school.

If you further wish clarification of this matter, please contact the school at 604-943-7407.

## Green Team

Submitted by Mme Olsen

Green Team continues to be very busy picking up sorting the refundable items used by students and faculty every Wednesday after school, which is the designated recycling day, where classes rotate responsibility for their own hallways. As the weather improves, we will be promoting and participating in our ongoing initiative of cleaning up the school grounds. We are offering prizes for a contest that asks students to identify flowers and trees in an attempt to educate the school community about the beauty of our environment. We look forward to the 150 anniversary tulips which we planted last fall blooming soon. We would like to thank the Delta Gardening Club for their generous donation of the bulbs. Green Team has also been collecting plastic bags which we are using to make sleeping mats for those unfortunate to be sleeping outside. We would like to acknowledge Save-On Foods (Tsawwassen store) for allowing us to have the bags that their customers have returned for recycling. We are always open to working with groups and to welcoming new members.

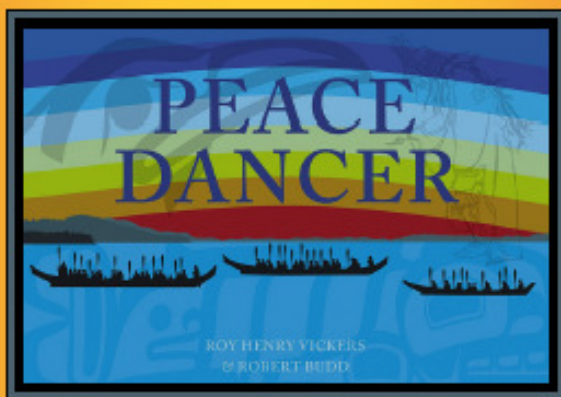


### Submitted by Ms. Harbott

Come out to the Equinox Theatre on Tuesday, June 13th and Wednesday, June 14th at 7pm for our Cabaret Festival! The festival will include both musical and theatrical performances from SDSS's Musical Theatre, Jazz Choir and Drama students with production design by the Stage Craft students. It will be sure to be two evenings of superb entertainment with adjudication. Looking forward to seeing you soon at the Equinox!

### SDSS Music Concert & Awards Ceremony

Tuesday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Equinox Theatre. Entry is by donation.



Join Delta and Surrey Schools as we explore  
**Storytelling with Roy Henry Vickers**

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

Surrey Resource Education Centre ([14123 92 Avenue, Surrey](#)) Room 304

3:30—4:00 pm Book signing, snacks and refreshments

(additional books will be available at venue)

4:00—5:00 pm Keynote with Roy Henry Vickers

5:00-6:00 pm Exploring Storytelling and First Peoples Principles of Learning

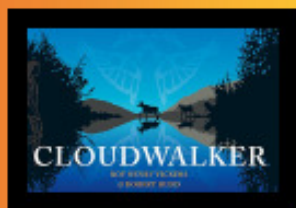
6:00 pm Closing and Thank You

Registration \$20 (includes a copy of one book)

Registration: <https://goo.gl/uvrhFP>

Contact: Karen McDonald, Indigenous Success Coordinator

604-952-5373 or at [kmcdonald@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:kmcdonald@deltasd.bc.ca)



## Grad 2017 Information



### Save the Dates!

#### Wednesday, May 17: Grad Car Rally (3:15pm)

- Grab a partner, and join the exciting scavenger hunt around Tsawwassen (The theme is Dynamic Duo's)
- The winners will each receive a free Grad ticket!

#### May 15-18: Grad Ticket Sales (at lunch)

- Ticket prices \$160
- Ticket includes banquet and dry grad
- Grads may sign up for a table once they have purchased a ticket

#### Friday, June 9: Processional & Grad Banquet & Dance

The Grad Banquet and Dance will be held at Tsawwassen Spring Golf Course. Students will arrive at SDSS for the annual processional at 4pm, and will meet at Tsawwassen Springs at 6pm. Parents are welcome to attend the event at 6pm for speeches.

3:30pm: Grads meet in cafeteria to prepare for grad walk

4pm: Grad walk begins around SDSS track

4:30pm: Class photo on bleachers

5:30pm: Grads & Parents meet at Tsawwassen Springs for class photo, speeches and first dance

7:00pm: Parents Leave

7:30pm: Dinner & Dance

11pm: Dry Grad

3am: Dry Grad ends

### Valedictory Ceremony: June 21, 2017

#### South Delta Baptist Church

Valedictory, our much-anticipated graduation ceremony, will be held on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at the South Delta Baptist Church. In preparation for the event, grad packages will be distributed June 5-6<sup>th</sup> at lunch in the Humanities hallway. The package will contain the grad cap and gown ordered earlier this year, along with four tickets for family members or friends. Grads themselves do not require a ticket. Seating in the church is limited, so if you would like an additional ticket, you'll have to seek out another graduate who might not need all four tickets. Families and friends are invited to arrive at the venue early for picture opportunities. Seating will begin at 6:30pm and the ceremony will begin at 7 pm. For guests unable to attend, or who have difficulty sitting for long periods of time, we are planning to provide a livestream broadcast of the ceremony; details to follow. Grads and parents of grads: please stay tuned for further important graduation information coming via email or your English class. Contact Mrs. Lymburner if you would like to be an usher at the ceremony (SDSS siblings welcome!) or if you have any other pressing Valedictory questions.



**CAREER CENTRE****SUBMITTED BY MS. AMSTUTUZ**For up to date news: <http://southdeltasecondarycareercentre.weebly.com>

SDSS Community Awards Application is due May 5th. This includes all the extra essays and/or forms. District Awards application is also due May 5th. For this year, participation in a "show of evidence or tangible Achievement" in your chosen area is also required. Dates to show evidence/tangible achievements will be at lunch on Tuesday, May 23 (Day 1) or Tuesday, May 30 (Day 2) in the library. Students will have the 2nd block to set up their presentation in the library.

Applications are posted on The Career Centre website's front page, at:  
<http://southdeltasecondarycareercentre.weebly.com/>

If any Grade 12 student has received a scholarship please notify Ms. Amstutz ([tamstutz@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:tamstutz@deltasd.bc.ca)) by June 15th. We would like to mention this, or any other outside- of- school honour at Valedictory.

Have you logged into your post-secondary student account?

Enter your account by going to the institutes' website. Kwantlen is "myKwantlen" and Langara is "login". You will need the student number sent to you by the institute and a login code which is usually your birthdate. Now that you are in your post-secondary account, pay your "Acceptance or Registration Fee". Universities and colleges will be sending out emails, letters or postcards to notify students of procedures and registration times. Students must pay a registration or acceptance fee before registering in classes, which will be deducted from tuition costs.

If you need help in deciding what courses to take or how to arrange a timetable please come to the Career Centre for help - at least a day before your registration time please. Remember the Career Centre is closed Mondays.

Booked a tour, planning session or visited your future post-secondary school? Registration seminars at your post-secondary institute will answer most of your questions about how to timetable your courses.

**Student Loans**

Apply for provincial government student loans through StudentAidBC at <http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc/welcome.html>. Apply by June 30th to ensure your loan for September.

**"Creation": Student Drawing and Painting Exhibit**  
**June 2-11, 2017 at the Tsawwassen Mills Mall**

The splendor of a blossoming cherry, the depths of a dystopian world, and a majestic eagle's head are just three of the powerful images taking shape in the art room these days. Over 70 students are continuing to create art pieces for our upcoming show, "Creation". The all-encompassing theme inspired, challenged, and at time perplexed students as they drafted their ideas. This year's final exhibit will be held at the Tsawwassen Mills Mall and should prove to both be thought-provoking and engaging for viewers. Our show will hang inside Entry #3 from June 2-11, 2017. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the gala opening on Friday, June 2nd from 4:30-6:30pm. The event is open to the public and light refreshments will be served.

If you are able to help hang or transport art for the show, please contact Mrs. Lymburner at [jlymburner@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:jlymburner@deltasd.bc.ca).



**PARENT SURVEY**

The Indigenous Education Department is conducting a survey to hear the voices of the families with Indigenous ancestry to hear your thoughts for the future of Indigenous Education. This survey has 16 questions and should take approximately 10 minutes of your time. Your comments will be used to help us develop a new Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement (AEEA).

If you have already completed the survey, thank you. Your name will be entered into a draw for a mini i-pad to be drawn at an upcoming community gathering on May 31, 2017. More information on this will follow shortly.

If you have not completed the survey, you still have time to fill it out and enter into the draw for a mini i-pad. Here is the link for the survey:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeV4BDNSP8IhJ65r9aR9\\_zBlkvtFF26HpAlTgsyV7SF4mb77A/viewform?c=0&w=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeV4BDNSP8IhJ65r9aR9_zBlkvtFF26HpAlTgsyV7SF4mb77A/viewform?c=0&w=1)

If you would prefer to get in touch with the Indigenous Education Department at a time that is more convenient to you, please call Diane Jubinville, District VP, Indigenous Education at 604-952-5058 or email: [djubinville@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:djubinville@deltasd.bc.ca).

**SDSS 2016/2017 Calendar**

Apr. 26 - May 1	Fine Art Field Trip - New York
May 12	Interim Reports
May 17	Grad Car Rally
May 19	Non Instructional Day - schools closed
May 22	Victoria Day - no school
Jun 3 - 4	Football Gr. 8-11 - Kelowna
June 9	Grad Banquet & Dance followed by Dry Grad
June 9	Grad Walk
June 20	Last day of classes
June 21	Valedictory
June 29	Term Three Report Cards on Parent Connect
June 30	Schools Close for Summer Break

**DRY GRAD**

Dry Grad Parent meetings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the Library. For more information check the facebook page or email [sdssdrygrad2017@gmail.com](mailto:sdssdrygrad2017@gmail.com)  
<http://sdssdrygrad2017.weebly.com/>

**PAC**

For more information please check their website:  
<http://sdsspac.weebly.com/>

**\*\*\*June 8<sup>th</sup> PAC Annual General Meeting at 7pm in the SDSS Library. We have several positions open on the executive and we aren't eligible to receive Gaming Funds without a full executive.**