

# NEWSLETTER

## Wells Gray Community Forest \$89,000 and Counting



Hello Parents,

This Wednesday, April 13th, I invite you to come out and tour the school with the board of the **Wells Gray Community Forest**. Since I arrived in September of 2012 the WGCF has funded projects at the school in excess of \$89,000! The funding they have provided has vastly increased the opportunities for your child at CSS.

The spread of projects that have been funded are so vast that I would argue every child in the entire school has benefited. CSS will be applying for grants once again this year and would love to have some parents out to support our grant process. The list of past projects that have been funded include: soccer uniforms, rugby uniforms, basket ball uniforms, guitars and related equipment, drama lights, rugby sled, our CNC Design Lab, video studio equipment, lego robotics, our Literacy Lounge, the Upper Gym, and our school garden.

**The tour starts at 6 pm** and will likely last for an hour. You are welcome to join us for part of it or the entire tour. We will have the BBQ on and will be providing our world famous homemade (by me) hamburgers. Free dinner and a chance to see some of what your child is up to!

In addition to the tour, the **PAC is putting on an excellent presentation at 5:30** Wednesday. Come and hear some of the collective wisdom of other parents who have sent their children to post secondary. Hear about some of the challenges, pitfalls, and mistakes so that you can be well prepared for the next transition. In the library.

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## Art Contest

Another reminder that we are still looking for student artwork. We have had a number of students submit work for the **Principal's Permanent Art Collection** but I am still hoping to see a number of additional pieces submitted prior to the deadline. There will be \$600 up for grabs for the pieces that are judged to be the highest quality. These pieces will be purchased by the school and become part of the Permanent Collection hanging in our halls. Pieces to be shown and winners announced Wednesday May 4th during the Youth Week Talent show.

**Deadline for submission is Tuesday April 26th.**

## Customer Feedback

Last year SD73 used Thought Exchange to collect feedback and it was very valuable. We made some changes at the school based on the feedback we received. In order to serve our school community better I am asking for feedback again and will likely include this as a regular feature of newsletters. **Here is the link**, four questions, only I see the unfiltered responses.

## Graduation Requirements

A reminder to students and parents that only students who are in a position to graduate will be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremonies held at CSS. Specifically this means that by Tuesday May 17th students must be: passing any CSS courses they need for graduation; 75% complete online courses required for graduation; and have completed both Planning 10 and Grad Transitions.

Grad fees of \$100 are now due to the office for grads participating in the Friday evening commencement ceremonies. Grad is Friday June 3rd.

## Course Selections

Grade 7 to 11 students have completed course selections and parents can see what they have chosen by accessing MyEdBC. Changes can be made by seeing Mrs. Buck or Mrs. Giesbrecht. We have not built our whole school timetable yet which means you can view and edit their requests for courses, not their actual timetable. When the school time table is built we will send home individual student timetables and have them available at the school as well.

## Scholarship Information

Scholarship packages have been handed out to grads. Packages are due back to the office **Friday April 29th at 9 am**. Packages will not be accepted after this deadline. Forms and additional information can be found on [Mrs. Giesbrecht's website](#) or book an appointment to see her in person. Don't leave it to the last minute, thousands of dollars up for grabs!

A great [page](#) that lists many many scholarships available to SD73 students.

<http://www3.sd73.bc.ca/general/content/awards-and-scholarships>

A number scholarships from BC School Sports

<http://www.bcschoolsports.ca/recognition/scholarships>

## Upcoming Dates

PAC Meeting Monday April 11th at 3 pm

WGCF Tour/PAC presentation Wednesday April 13th at 5:30 pm

End of Term Friday April 15th

ProD Day, no school Monday April 18th

Art Collection Deadline for submission Tuesday April 26th

Report cards home Thursday April 28th

Deadline for CSS scholarship packages to the office Friday April 29th at 9 am.

## Photos of Life at CSS

Photos of our recent super awesome collaboration project last Wednesday. All of our grade 8 and 9 students worked together all morning on a colossal Rube Goldberg machine.

