



MOUNT DOUG NEWS UPDATE

Principal's Message

Report Cards

With this newsletter you should be in receipt of your son's or daughter's first term report card. In general, our students continue to amaze with outstanding achievement, often balancing academic workload with numerous extra-curricular activities. If you have any questions or concerns about the report card, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate teacher(s). Sometimes it may also be appropriate to involve a school counselor or administrator if additional support is required.

Remembrance Day Assembly

Thank you to all involved in creating what was a memorable Remembrance Day assembly. The performances and speeches were thoughtful and reflective of the occasion. Special thank you to Sandra Justice and all those involved in organizing the event.

It's Getting Cold!!

We are now approaching the season when inclement weather may affect the safety and welfare of students. In particular, snowy weather has the potential to cause school closure or some School District 61 services to be suspended.

During inclement weather, information about schools will be updated continuously on the Greater Victoria School District 61 website at <http://www.sd61.bc.ca/>.

Within the Greater Victoria School District, the Superintendent of Schools will provide media outlets with information about the status of our facilities and transportation services by 6:30 a.m.

Shawn Boulding
Principal



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Peer Tutoring

Concepts Unravelled...Confidence Boosted...
Peer tutors can help!

Support is just an email away...contact us...students who can help you get organized, study for tests and complete homework!

Go to the Mount Doug WebPage Specialty Pages. Just click on peer tutoring and request a tutor.

If you would like to contact our peer tutoring coordinator directly, please email Su Phillips at: srphillips@sd61.bc.ca

Drop by for tutoring with Daphne, Ryan, Si Min and many other Peer Tutors! We are here for you EVERYDAY after school!!!



Multicultural Mondays...

The Foods 12 students -- aka The **Global Gourmets** -- are presenting a surprise entree every Monday at lunch for only \$3.00. So far this year, the students have prepared **Veggie Chow Mein**, **Teriyaki Crab Udon**, **Fettucini Alfredo** and good ol' **Mac n' Cheese!** Stay tuned for some interesting upcoming delights!

Sushi and Pita pre-ordered lunches are well underway and students are reminded to pick up their lunch in the front foyer by 11:30 a.m. Sushi is also available for sale on Wednesdays at lunch and Pita is on sale Friday at lunch on a first come, first served basis.



Campus View Kindergarten Visit

Mrs. Gaucher's Kindergarten class dropped by the Foods 12 class for Halloween cooking and baking. We weren't sure who had more fun...the five-year-olds or the 17-year-olds!!!

Science Opportunities Session

There are many varied learning opportunities in the science community for senior students. Some of these, such as the Cancer Research Internship and Ocean Science symposium, require students to be nominated by the Mount Doug Science department. Others, such as GeneCure, the Perimeter Institute and the Bamfield Marine Center summer intensive, require students to submit their own applications.

There will be an information meeting to explain the varied offerings in Science on **Wednesday, December 5th at lunch in room 219**. Please speak to Ms. Kucher (agkucher@sd61.bc.ca) if you have any questions or have suggestions for high school programs currently offered.



Mount Doug Wear is on sale until

Thursday, November
22nd.

Order forms are available online at
www.mountdougwear.com

MOUNT DOUG....
Wear you belong!





Club CIA at Mount Doug - Connection, Involvement and Activity (also known as Success 61)

In consultation with ESL teachers and counsellors, a club of approximately 30 students has been formed to provide specialized support to immigrant students. Our hope is that students will begin to feel more connected to the school and community and empowered to overcome learning and school adjustment issues.

Developing student relationships and making connections within Mount Douglas and the community is the key focus of this club. Mrs. Phillips meets with the students on an on-going basis to provide optional social activities and in-school support. Many students have taken advantage of a Bowling Activity, Pumpkin Carving Event and

Pizza Social. Several students also attended the Youth for Inclusion and Change Day.

There are many other activities scheduled for the year and social events occur each month. Many Mount Douglas Peer Tutors also attend the socials to provide further connections and support. If you would like more information please contact Mrs. Phillips srphillips@sd61.bc.ca or call Mount Douglas School at 250-477-6977.

Notes from the Mount Doug Music Department

Congratulations to all the Bands and Choirs for an excellent performance at our Fall Concert.

Upcoming Events:

- ➡ November 20 - 7:00 p.m. - GVSD Strings Festival at Mount Doug
- ➡ December 17 - 7:00 p.m. - Night of Holiday Music Concert - Mount Doug Gym



\$\$\$ Scholarships \$\$\$

The total amount of money awarded to Mount Douglas Students last year was an outstanding \$860,025.00. This includes Provincial Exam Scholarships, University Entrance Scholarships, District Scholarships, Private Scholarships and School based scholarships. Congratulations Mount Doug Class of 2012!

Has your family ever considered giving back to the community by leaving a legacy for Mount Douglas future graduates? If you think you may be interested in creating a scholarship in your family's name, contact Ms. Bailey to discuss the possibility of assisting deserving young men and women with their post-secondary education.



Scholarship Information Evening

We are holding a Scholarship Information Evening on Thursday, November 22nd from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

This session is open to all interested parents & guardians (or students) and is geared mainly to the grade 12 level. It will be held in Room 223.

Leadership Update

During October and the beginning of November Mount Doug Leadership got right into action with tons of activities. Leadership had its annual retreat at Camp Pringle with Student Council members and the leadership advisers, **Caroline Baldwin**, **Amelita Kucher** and **Ted Meldrum**, leading team-building and leadership activities. From bridge-building and performing skits to brainstorming ideas for the future of Mount Doug Leadership, students connected and came back ready to get to work on all of our amazing projects.

- ➔ Inspiring more students, **Emily Eckard**, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, led a group of students from the school to We Day in Vancouver to listen to inspiring speakers **Desmond Tutu**, **Spencer West**, and, of course, the **Kielburger brothers**, **Craig** and **Mark**. They also saw performances by artists **Shawn Desmond** and **Demi Lovato**.
- ➔ The Minister of Social Events, **Ninu Forrest**, in collaboration with **Delaney L.**, **Andrea Witty** and **Grad Leadership**, organized Mount Doug's first successful **Halloween Dance** of the year with hundreds of students attending the costumed event. Thanks to tremendous student, parent and staff involvement our Halloween dance was a monster-mashing success. Mount Doug's Grad and Leadership students, under the direction of the grad chair-women and the minister of social affairs, worked together to put on this event enjoyed by nearly 400 Mount Doug students.



Halloween Dance 2012

Intricately carved pumpkins and spooky artwork adorned the foyer, while students in elaborate and tasteful costumes contributed to the celebratory mood. We are excited to announce that some of the profit generated from ticket sales will be used to support children and families in need in our community.

- ➔ Leadership got involved in many other school events these past few weeks including the fantastic **Pep Rally** hosted by **Gaelan McMillan**, **Zoe Holms** and our very own **Prime Minister**, **Chris Lee**. This event saw the release of Mount Doug - *Wear you Belong*. Meanwhile, **Brianna Van Campen**, the Minister of Local Community organized this year's successful Halloween for Hunger collecting non-perishable food items from Mount Doug's neighbours for local food banks.
- ➔ Leadership students also volunteered their time in the local community and are working on increasing the recycling program at Mount Douglas. Leadership class is now doing athletic leadership and a series of lunch time intramurals have kept students hopping in the gym. Any student who would like to help out with reffing or be part of hosting tournaments is encouraged to speak to **Heather Byrne** or **Kyle Clarke**.
- ➔ On Friday November 9th, Mount Doug held its own **Remembrance Day assembly** hosted by Deputy Prime Minister **Sandra Justice**. There were performances by the Senior Concert Band, both the Men's and the Concert Choir and a group of Mount Doug's finest Dancers choreographed by **Mrs. Morson**. Inspirational speeches from **Mr. Boulding** and our guest-speaker **Major Mark Kierstead** focused students' attention on the sacrifices made by men and women over the past 200 years to protect the people of Canada and the world. **Will Darling** organized the school's cadets to bring in the flags and our guest speaker. **Will** also ended the ceremony with the Last Post.
- ➔ **Mia Angus**, the Minister for Fine Arts, has been busy organizing what is sure to be an amazing Carnival - themed **Talent Show**, **Cirque du Beliers**, on November 26th at 7 pm. Auditions have already happened and the performers' list has been announced, including the surprise addition of **Trevor Kidd's** band, **Endurance**, which recently was offered a \$100 000 contract on the CBC's *The Dragon's Den*. Tickets go on sale this week at lunch time in the foyer and are also available at the door for parents. Doors open at 6:30 to get the best seats for some incredible talent!

Other upcoming events include **Santa's Breakfast** on December 21st.

Talent Show
November 26th - 7:00 p.m.
Silent Auction 6:30 p.m.
Tickets on sale at lunch
in the foyer



News from the Career Centre

Police Camp



Applications are now being accepted for Police Camp 2013. This eight-day leadership program takes place March 23rd - 30th and is for high school students interested in law enforcement or the criminal justice field. The deadline for applications is December 12th. Constable Gray will host an information session Monday, November 26th at lunch in room 201. See Mrs. Irving in the Career Centre for applications and details.

Camosun College - Now's the time to explore program options

The Fall semester is an ideal time for Grade 12 students to attend a program info session. Offered on the third Thursday evening each month, these info sessions cover important details about the programs and their transfer and career opportunities.

Grade 10 and 11 students are welcome too, as are parents and teachers. The next session is Thursday, November 15th. Check online for time and location details at <http://camosun.ca/learn/infosessions/>



Upcoming Post Secondary Visits and Events

[Queens University](#) - Wed., Nov. 21st @ 7:45 a.m. in the Career Centre

[McGill University](#) - Wed., Nov. 21st @ lunch in the Career Centre

[University of Toronto](#) - Tues., Nov. 27th @ lunch in the Career Centre

[Western University](#) - Wed., Nov. 28th @ lunch in the Career Centre

[University of Guelph](#) - Thurs., Nov. 29th @ lunch in the Career Centre

[University of Waterloo](#) - Fri., Nov. 30th @ lunch in the Career Centre

[Education and Career Fair](#) - Mon., Dec. 3rd @ Pearkes Recreation Centre

RAMPAC Meeting



A reminder notice of our next meeting on **Wednesday, November 21st**. This is our Budget meeting!!!

Please come and have a say in how we spend our money...we'd love your input. The meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Mount Doug Library. Hope to see you there.

Susan Watt,
Chair, RAMPAC

Sports Review

Thank you to all the 260 athletes, coaches, volunteers, sponsors, and parents for making, once again, Mount Douglas Athletics one of the best programs to be found in the province. Without your dedication, hard work, and commitment, Mount Douglas Athletics would not be what it is.



- **Swimming** - Over 30 athletes contributed to a great season once again. The team sent over 20 swimmers to the Island Championships with **Leanna Woo, Keisa Matticks, Emily Ding, Sophie Baines, Achintya Chaudhari, Raymond Chou, Kevin Shen, Tony Shen, Mohand Khouider, Freddy Cheng, Jago Yang, Hanna Carter, Ollie Brown, Vicky Mock, Ana Macleod, Rai Goyal, Maria Ross, Sophia Zhai, and Joshua Lee** qualifying to move on to the BC Championships, November 15-16.
- **Senior Boys' Soccer** - This year saw the boys go through a very up and down season. Throughout all the difficulties, the boys kept in great spirits and just wanted to play. This team truly exemplified the concept of playing sports for the joy of playing.
- **Cross Country** - Last year saw Mount Douglas return to the BC Provincials for the first time in 20 years, and once again the school sent a Boys' team to the Provincials with their 4th place finish in the Island Championships. The BC Championship in Prince George provided many obstacles to overcome, weather and long travel time being the biggest, but the Boys' team finished 7th in the Province. **Caleigh Bachop** was the only girl to qualify for the BC Championships and came away 8th in the Province; meanwhile, **Thomas Getty** placed 7th in the Province.
- **Senior Girls' Volleyball** - The senior girls' volleyball team could not have been a nicer "bunch" of athletes. Their enthusiastic smiles and love for the game was evident at every practice and match played. These women were also dedicated as attendance for all events was close to a 100%! On top of this, the team had a very successful year. The team finished 2nd place in the South Island league with a record of 26 wins and only 4 losses in set play. In the South Island playoffs for AAAA, the girls from Mount Doug walked away with 3rd place, their only loss being a heartbreaker in overtime during the semi-final. The team is now off to the Island Championships and are looking for a berth in the BC Championships.
- **Junior Boys' Volleyball** - The Junior Boys' Volleyball team had a tremendously successful year. This year's team ended league play in third place and qualified for the Lower Island Championships. During this tournament the boys narrowly missed qualifying to move on to the Island Finals by losing some very close, hard fought matches to both Oak Bay and Claremont. Next year looks very promising as the majority of this year's team is in grade 9.
- **Junior Girls' Volleyball** - The Junior Girls' team had nine dedicated players who improved as the season progressed. The team played its best games of the season in the last weekend of play and ended up finishing 5th out 19 teams in League play.



- **Field Hockey** - The Mount Douglas Field Hockey team wrapped up their season at the AAA Island Championships November 1 - 2. With a 5th place finish, the team equaled their result from 2011. Showing significant improvements from the beginning of the season, the girls had their best performances of the year competing in a very difficult pool at Islands. They faced Oak Bay and Frances Kelsey - both teams with provincial championship experience and both with a large number of returning players. The Mount Doug team showed great strength of character, frustrating opponents with their tenacious defence and goalkeeping, and threatening to score on the counter-attack. While they suffered a 3-1 loss to Oak Bay and a 3-0 loss to Frances Kelsey on the first day of play, the team rebounded to finish the tournament with two wins: 4-0 against Vanier and 3-0 against Reynolds. The team trained hard throughout the short season, learning more about the game technically and tactically, having fun, and becoming closer as a group. With 6:30 a.m. practices, they demonstrated their commitment to the team and to each other.



The team graduates four grade 12 players: **Regina Elizondo, Brandy Craveiro, Remi Pleasants, and Catherine Newman-Day**. These four athletes played important leadership roles on and off the field for the team, setting the standard high for next season. Good luck next year graduates - we will miss you!

The team was also led by Grade 10 Junior National athlete **Alexis DeArmond** who scored the majority of the team's goals and was integral in distributing the ball all over the field. Lexi led by example and set the competitive tone for the team on the field. With a strong foundation set, and a large number of returning athletes, the team is bound to have a great start to the 2013 season. Mount Douglas has an impressive history in the sport of Field Hockey and will be looking to return to the provincial stage in the coming years.

- **Rowing** - Over three regattas this fall, Rams' rowers demonstrated that they are a force by powering their way to 19 top three finishes. The highlight of this feat was the Senior Boys' Quadruple Sculls of **Aiyden Martindale**, **Shae Humphries**, **Brook Willis** and **Ben Wuelbern**, who were crowned City Champions at the Elk Lake City Championships Regatta. As well, the team took bronze in the Senior Boys' Single Sculls and Senior Boys' Double Sculls, and silver in the Senior Boys' Eights. The Senior Boys tied for first with Stelly's for the Senior Boys' Overall Points Aggregate Plaque.



- On the girls' side at City Champs, the top grade 10 girl, **Leigh C.**, placed 5th in the Senior Single Sculls, while the top grade 12 girl, **Mia Angus**, placed 5th with **Leigh C.** in the Senior Girls' Double sculls. The Junior Boys' crews also showed that Mount Doug will be a force in the future by placing in the City Champs final in the double and quadruple sculls and by winning Bronze in the Junior Boys' Eight. Both the Novice Girls and Boys showed tremendous improvement this season with the girls placing fourth in both the eight and the quadruple sculls.
- **Junior Boys' Football** - The team finished 2nd in their Conference, moving the team on to the first round of the Playoffs on November 8. There the team beat Centennial 49-0 to move on to the Quarterfinals against Kelowna. This is a remarkable feat considering the team started out with two straight losses before winning the next four games. Good luck boys for the rest of the playoffs.
- **Senior Boys' Football** - The defending BC Champions had only one loss for the season, losing to last year's BC Championship runner up, W.J. Mouat. The team finished first in their Conference and are hosting a Quarterfinal Playoff game on November 16 at Bear Mountain Stadium. This team is looking to return to the Finals at BC Place Stadium and defend its Championship, once again setting High School Football history. Good luck boys for the rest of the playoffs.

WINTER SPORTS

Good luck to all of our basketball teams, wrestlers, and curling teams as they begin their regular seasons and prepare for playoff action. Please note that Mount Douglas will be hosting the Boys' AAA Island Championship in February.

SPRING SPORTS

For those interested in the upcoming spring sports, please listen carefully to all the announcements as many exciting sports are starting up over the next few weeks. For a complete list of all of Mount Doug's Spring Sports, please refer to the Athletics section of the online course guide, at: <http://mountdouglas.ca/index.php?folder=students&content=coursebook>

Mr. Meldrum
Athletic Director

Host Family Needed – France Trip

Mount Douglas has had an exchange program with our sister school in Avignon, France for over 10 years. Each year one of the schools will take a group of interested students to the other country to learn about the culture while being hosted by students from the other school. Mount Douglas will be sending a group of students to France at March Break 2013.

There are still three spots left for the trip for interested students. There will be a planning meeting on Thursday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

We have a grade 11 girl coming from Avignon for semester 2 who needs a host family. She will provide room and board and an excellent opportunity to get to know a very mature European. If you are interested or if you have any further questions, please contact Ms. Kucher at agkucher@sd61.bc.ca

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Coming up...

Report Cards.....Thurs., Nov. 15
Strings Festival at Mt Doug 7:00 pm (with Elementary) Tues., Nov. 20
 Queens University visit – Career Centre 7:45 a.m. Wed., Nov 21
 McGill University visit – Career Centre -lunch. Wed., Nov. 21
 RAMPAC Meeting - Mount Doug Library (7:00 p.m.)..... Wed., Nov. 21
Scholarship Information Evening – Room 223..... Thurs., Nov. 22
Strings Festival at Oak Bay 7:00 pm (w/middle School) Thurs., Nov. 22
 Pro-D Day Fri., Nov. 23
Talent Show Mon., Nov. 26
 Western University Visit –Career Centre - lunch Wed., Nov. 28
 University of Guelph – Career Centre-lunch.....Thurs., Nov. 29
Aboriginal Students & Families Open House 4:30 – 6:30 Library Thurs., Nov. 29
University of Waterloo – Career Centre – lunch.....Fri., Nov. 30
Education and Career Fair – Pearkes Recreation Centre... Mon., Dec. 3
 Original Grad Photos Dec. 10 – Dec. 19
 MD hosting Sr. Girls' Basketball Tourney..... Dec. 14 – Dec. 15
Night of Holiday Music – Mount Doug Gym (7:00 p.m.) . Mon., Dec. 17
 Grad Winter Formal..... Wed., Dec. 19
 Santa's Breakfast Fri., Dec. 21
 Last day of school before Winter Break Fri., Dec. 21
 School Re-Opens Mon., Jan. 7
Challenge Prog. Info. Night at Esquimalt Sec. (revised date) ... Mon., Jan. 14
 RAMPAC AGM - Mount Doug Library (7:00 p.m.)..... Wed., Jan. 16
 Mount Doug Information Evening Mon., Jan. 21
Reg. Classes–Altered Sched.–Period 1 am/Period 3 pm Thurs., Jan. 24
Reg. Classes–Altered Sched.–Period 3 am/Period 4 pm Fri., Jan 25
 Grad Photo Retakes..... Jan. 28 – Jan. 29
 School Exams..... Jan. 28 – Jan. 31
 Provincial Exams..... Jan. 28 – Jan. 31
 First day of Semester 2 (semester 2 classes begin) Fri., Feb. 1
 Grade 9 Immunizations 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m..... Wed., Feb. 6
 Report Cards..... Fri., Feb. 8
 Family Day Holiday Mon., Feb. 11
 Meet the Teacher Night Wed., Feb. 13
 Student Transfer Forms available..... Thurs., Feb. 14
 Pro-D Day Fri., Feb. 15
Grad Entertainment Showcase..... Mon., Feb. 18

K-12 Student Transfer Process Feb. 18 – Feb. 22
 RAMPAC Meeting - Mount Doug Library (7:00 p.m.) Wed., Feb. 20
 GVSD "Explore Your Options" Job & Career Fair SJ WillisWed., Feb. 27
 Interim Reports Wed., Feb. 27
 Spring Dance (tentative) TBA
Concert Band Festival Concert - Gym (7:00 p.m.) Tues., Mar. 5
 Parent-Teacher Interviews Wed., Mar. 6
 Last Day Classes before Spring Break Fri., Mar. 8
France Trip..... Mar. 8 - 22
 School Re-Opens Mon., Mar. 25
 Secondary Late Transfer Process Mar. 25 – Apr. 2
 Grad Lock-in Thurs., Mar. 28
 Good Friday Fri., Mar. 29
 Easter Monday Mon., Apr. 1
 RAMPAC Meeting - Mount Doug Library (7:00 p.m.) Wed., Apr. 17
 Pro D Day - School Based Mon., Apr. 22
 Report Cards Tues., Apr. 23
Musical Theatre Production Apr. 23, 24 25, 26, 27
 Party Program (Planning Classes) 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. ... Thurs., May 9
Spring Concert – Alix Goolden Hall (7:00 p.m.).....Tues., May 14
 RAMPAC Meeting - Mount Doug Library (7:00 p.m.) Wed., May 15
 District Orientation/Transition Day..... Thurs., May 16
 Pro-D Day - School-based..... Fri., May 17
 Victoria Day..... Mon., May 20
 Grad Recognition Ceremony UVIC Wed., May 22
Strings orchestra Finale at UVIC McKinnon Gym Thurs., May 23
 Grad Banquet -Location TBA (tentative) Fri., May 24
 Party Program (Planning Classes) 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. . Thurs., May 30
 ANED Graduation Ceremony..... Thurs., June 6
 Awards Ceremony..... TBA
 Shortened Classes in a.m./BBQ & Yearbook Dist. in p.m. . Mon., June 17
 Regular Classes Tues., June 18
 Last Day of Classes Wed., June 19
 RAMPAC Meeting - Mount Doug Library (7:00 p.m.) Wed., June 19
 School Exams June 20 – June 25
 Provincial Exams June 20 – June 26
 Last Day of School/Report Cards.....Thur., June 27
 Year-end Administrative Day Fri., June 28

Dates on this calendar are subject to change and should be confirmed with the School Office prior to the event. Events in Bold type indicate an addition or change since original published calendar - TBA dates, tentative dates and changes will be published in later editions of this calendar