



# MOUNT DOUG NEWS UPDATE

## Principal's Message

Welcome to our first spring newsletter of 2013. With what we hope to be improved weather, combined with the excitement of the final term of the school year, it is important for all students to remain focused on their classes and putting forth their best work ethic. Just a quick reminder that with the warm weather often comes a change in wardrobe. Please keep in mind that we view school as our work place and that appropriate dress is expected.

At this point in the year our graduating students begin to culminate their high school experiences through a number of graduation activities while at the same time, we begin to welcome our incoming grade 9 students. Currently, our preliminary numbers for next year's school population will be very close to what we have this year; including international students we expect to have a school population of approximately 1,050.

Kind regards,

**Shawn Boulding**  
Principal

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## SPRING Pep Rally



TO MOUNT DOUG



*Mount Doug Musical Theatre Presents*  
**Guys and Dolls**

at the Oak Bay Secondary Theatre

April 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 at 8pm  
 and April 27 at 2pm  
 \$10 seniors and students, \$12 adults  
 Tickets available at Mt. Doug  
 Secondary School or by email at  
 sdevries@sd61.bc.ca

Music and Lyrics: Frank Loesser  
 Based on a story and characters  
 by Damon Runyon  
 Stage director: Steven De Vries  
 Musical director: Doug Awai  
 Choreographer: Alison White

For more information, please contact Steven De Vries at sdevries@sd61.bc.ca

## Peer Tutoring

### What is Peer Tutoring?

- A group of dedicated students.
- Their goal is to help you achieve in your academic courses!

### The Stigma Around Tutoring...

- **False Facts:**
  - If you get tutored, it means you're dumb.
  - Peer tutors can't really help.
  - It's not normal to get so frustrated with school work.

### The Truth About Tutoring!

- **True Facts:**
  - Not everyone is good at everything.
  - It's normal to get stuck with school work and look for help.
  - Getting help from a peer tutor can make a real difference!

### Some Final Details:

- Peer tutoring happens every day after school in the Career Centre.
- We can help with almost every subject.
- You don't need an appointment; you're welcome to just show up!



## Top Chef Visits Foods Class

**Top Chef Mount Doug:** Former Mount Doug Marketing Student, **Kayla Dhaliwall** from Season Three of **Top Chef Canada** left her restaurant in Steveston, BC, for the day to come back to Mount Doug to work with our grade 11 and 12 foods classes.

Organic Fried Chicken and Cream Cheese Waffles were on the menu. DELICIOUS! (left to right: **Kayla Dhaliwall** (Top Chef), **Hannah MacAulay** (grade 12 student), **Ms. Weir** (foods teacher). Hannah MacAulay was particularly thrilled by the visit as she is planning on attending VIU next year for the Pastry Program.



## YPI comes to Mount Doug!

The Youth and Philanthropy Initiative is a one-of-a-kind experience that engages young people in social change and empowers them to participate in the growing of compassionate communities.

The YPI curriculum has been delivered to all 250 Planning class students at Mount Doug, both first and second semester. The goal of this program is to select and research a social service sector charity.

Students go to an on-site visit and then prepare a presentation for their peers and judges.

This amazing project runs in high schools across Canada, United States, Scotland and England. The goal is to provide the hands-on experience of giving energy and enthusiasm to make a difference in creating compassionate communities. The groups compete for a \$5000 grant which will be donated to their chosen charity.

On May 15<sup>th</sup> the 4 winning teams will compete to represent their charities at the final presentation in the Mount Doug gymnasium from 10:00 am. to 11:15 a.m. For further information please contact [srphillips@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:srphillips@sd61.bc.ca)

## Leadership Update

Despite the limited amount of time students have spent at school these past couple of months, Mount Doug leadership has kept very busy bringing fantastic events and projects to our students. The Minister of Social Events, **Ninu Forrest**, was occupied with running another amazing *Spirit Week* leading up to the much-anticipated *Much Music Dance* that was held Thursday, April 11th. Attendees had the chance to find their perfect date by purchasing their results from a *Match Maker* questionnaire that was filled out by 600 students across all grades.

Our school's deputy Prime Minister, **Sandra Justice**, organized a fantastic *Pep Rally* that celebrated the various groups and sports happening at the school. Great performances by the Jazz Band, Mount Doug Cheerleaders and both junior and senior dance troupes made the block memorable. **Warren Gevers** directed his last action packed production to promote Mount Doug Wear followed by a thrilling fashion show of how to Jump into Spring!

Looking ahead, council is excited to be helping out with a number of unique events. The actual candidates for the up-coming provincial election in Mount Doug's riding will come to present their party's platform and ideas to the school and answer questions as part of the *Student Vote* event. The *30-Hour Famine* is also coming up, bringing with it dozens of Rams fasting to raise awareness for the millions around the globe who go hungry every day while supporting Free the Children.

On the athletic side of things, the Minister of Sport and Recreation **Heather Byrne** is in the midst of running one of the most popular Inter-mural sports at Mount Doug - *Floor Hockey*. You can watch teams battle it out in the gym at lunch over the course of the next couple of weeks. **Mia Angus** is organizing the *Spring Gala* for May 8 that highlights many of the great Fine Arts creations and productions blossoming from our school.

Interested in one of these events? Feel free to ask one of the Leadership advisers (Mr. Meldrum, Ms. Kucher and Ms. Baldwin) how you can get involved or consider signing up for leadership next year.



Much Music Dance  
Theme - TIGHT & BRIGHT



★  
Parents/Guardians,  
Students, Community members  
Join us at  
Mount Doug for the Spring Gala  
taking place  
Wed., May 8<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m.

MT DOUGLAS SECONDARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

# A SPRING GALA

CELEBRATE THE FINE ARTS

WEDNESDAY MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> @ 7 P.M

Join us for an evening to celebrate the diversity and excellence of the Arts in our school community.

DANCE, MUSIC, DRAMA, VISUAL AND MEDIA ARTS EXHIBITION

## News from the Career Centre



### Camosun College Open House 2013 – One day can change everything!

Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m. @ the Interurban Campus



Camosun's annual Open House welcomes students for a day of hands-on experience and fun, showcasing everything Camosun has to offer. Interurban campus is hosting the event, but all the Lansdowne programs will be setting up activities and demonstrations too! VIHA will be joining us again this year, so students can also meet people who work and hire in the Island's health care sector.

This is an excellent opportunity for students to explore the college, learn about programs, talk with instructors and start thinking about their future. There will be hands on activities, entertainment, food and great prizes. Buses are provided so sign up in the Career Centre to reserve your spot.

Check out the list of activities and events at <http://camosun.ca/ccr/events/open-house-activities.html>.

### Trades and Apprenticeship Foundational Skills and Knowledge Program - TASK

The TASK program is a trades awareness program designed in cooperation with the Camosun College South Island Partnership. Students spend their entire school day, for one full semester, immersed in experiencing a variety of trades including minor carpentry, drywall, electrical, floor laying, painting, plumbing, roofing repairs, and general maintenance and inspection, demolition, testing and troubleshooting. Students will also have the opportunity to try some of the metal trades. The experience gained in this program will give students:

- Dual Credit (Secondary and Post-Secondary)
- An introduction to SD 61 ACEIT Programs
- Skills to gain employment and/or enter an apprenticeship
- Further post-secondary training
- Credits – 2004 Graduation Program (8 courses – 32 credits)



For more information see **Mrs. Irving** in the Mount Doug Career Centre.

## Notes from the Mount Doug Music Department

### Upcoming Events:

- ➔ **April 23 - April 27** - Mount Doug Musical Theatre production of Guys and Dolls - at the Oak Bay High school Theatre
- ➔ **April 26** - Capital City Jazz Festival - Grade 9 and Grade 10 Jazz Bands - at Glanford Middle School
- ➔ **May 2-5** – Mount Doug Bands/Choir travel to the Whistler Music Festival
- ➔ **May 14** - Mount Doug Spring Concert - Alix Goolden Hall at the Victoria Conservatory of Music - 7:00 p.m.
- ➔ **May 23** – Orchestra Strings Finale – Uvic McKinnon Gym 7:00 p.m. (by donation)
- ➔ **June 11** - Jazz and Java - Lambrick Park Church Hall - 7:00 p.m.



## Athletics



### SPORTS REVIEW



**CURLING** - This year saw a girls-only curling team learning the game, expanding their knowledge of the game, and having fun at the same time. These dedicated 11 athletes travelled to the Victoria Curling Club each week to learn the basics of this challenging sport.

**JUNIOR GIRLS' BASKETBALL** - This year the Junior Girls' Basketball Team had a great season that saw the team grow both in skills and as a team. The girls found themselves playing against some stiff competition from Reynolds, St. Andrews, and Oak Bay. The girls came 4<sup>th</sup> in league play, and finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the City "B" Championships. With a good mix of grade 9 and grade 10 athletes, this team looks to have a bright future for next year.

**JUNIOR BOYS' BASKETBALL** - The Junior Boys had a great season this year, a season that had success, beginning with tryouts for the team, to a strong finish in league play. With over 30 boys trying out for the team, the 15 boys that went on to play the regular season had some great highlights. The team won both the Gulf Island Tournament and the Parkland Tournament, but the highlight of the season was the overtime win against Oak Bay. The boys finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in league play, with 8 wins and 1 loss, but came up just short of going on to the Island Championships, finishing 4<sup>th</sup> at the City Championships. With so many returning grade 9 players and a strong coaching staff, this team looks like they can do even better next season.

**SENIOR GIRLS' BASKETBALL** - On a team that lost four starters to injury, for the season, before Christmas, this team over achieved. By constantly working hard as a team, in every essence of that meaning, the senior girls went into City Playoffs with "upset-mode" uppermost in their minds. In two very close matches during playoffs, the girls managed one-point and two-point victories to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in the City Championship, and qualify for the Island Tournament. This was an extremely well earned and deserved athletic accomplishment. The coaches wish the graduating seniors Heather, Brandy and Regina much luck in all of their future endeavours. And now, it is time to get ready for next season. Mahalo.

**SENIOR BOYS' BASKETBALL** - With 8 grade 11 players and only 2 graduating players, this season was more about improving and finding consistency in their game. The team finished 5<sup>th</sup> in league play, but had a surprising 4<sup>th</sup> place finish in the Lower Island Championships, putting the team as the 4<sup>th</sup> place seed for the Island Championships. The boys finished the Island Championships in 5<sup>th</sup> place after some hard fought and close losses to Cowichan and Belmont. Congratulations go out to **Ashton MacKinnon** and **Harrison Mar** who were chosen as second team All-Stars for the tournament. The coaching staff wish the graduating seniors **Harrison Mar** and **Andres Marquez** all the best for the future. With 8 returning players for next season, expectations that the growth made during this season will help the team take the next step to the BC Championships.

### SPRING SPORTS

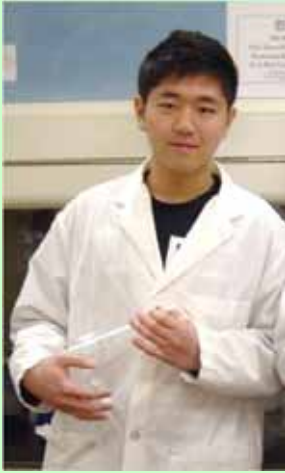
Good luck to our rugby, badminton, soccer, cycling, track and field, golf, and tennis teams, as they continue their regular season play and start to prepare for their championship play. The spring sports look to continue the strong performances seen all year long. For enquires about athletics at Mount Douglas, please contact the school at 250-477-6977 or email [tmeldrum@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:tmeldrum@sd61.bc.ca).

Mr. Meldrum,  
Athletic Director



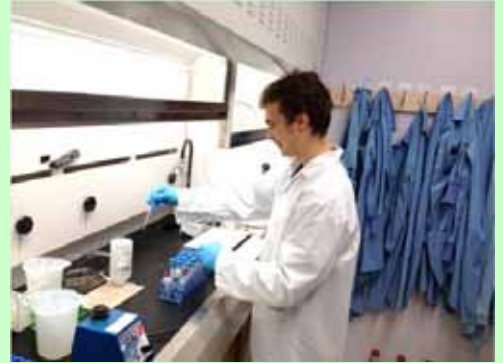
## Gene Cure 2013

Two Mount Doug students gained the opportunity to work with Gene Researchers over the March Break.



**Tom Lee** worked with **Dr. Choy** at the **University of Victoria**. Tom was able to carry out a PCR and make an Agarose gel with gel electrophoresis, which really boosted his interest in DNA science.

**Jerome Williams** was sent to work in the Cytogenetics lab at the **University de Sherbrooke** in Quebec. He performed various experiments that helped the professors conduct their research, much of which had to do with the development of a non-invasive alternative to amniocentesis to diagnosis chromosomal abnormalities. Through this, he was able to see what a career in research and/or genetics would be like.



## Football Team Fundraiser

# GET RID OF YOUR SCRAP METAL

## Saturday, June 15 & June 22

We'll take: CARS, washers, dryers, stoves, bike frames & parts, lawn mowers, wheelbarrows, bed frames, stainless steel sinks, barbecues, small appliances, old rakes, drained oil tanks (with holes cut in), etc... ALL THINGS METAL

We also want your bits of copper, brass and aluminium; trucks, motorcycles...

Sorry – we are not able to accept fridges or deep freezers.



**THE MOUNT DOUGLAS RAMS FOOTBALL TEAM IS RUNNING A FUNDRAISING SCRAP METAL DRIVE SATURDAY, JUNE 15 & 22**

### There are 3 options for your donations:

1. You can bring your items to **BIN DAYS, SATURDAY, JUNE 15 or 22** behind Mt Doug High School on Laval Avenue just off of Gordon Head Road.
2. You can take your donations **during the whole month of June** directly to Steel Pacific Recycling at 307 David Street and tell them the proceeds go to the Mt. Doug Rams Football Team.
3. If you are unable to transport your items and require pick up – please email [ramsfundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:ramsfundraiser@gmail.com) or call **778-433-7455** by June 21. **We will collect your items ON JUNE 15 OR JUNE 22.**

The Mount Doug Rams Football team thank you for your support!

## Congratulations!



Congratulations to Ray Wu, Jenni Lam and Tanha Kabir for receiving Certificates of Distinction from the University of Waterloo's Canadian Computing Contest.



Congratulations to Brian Dowds, who was presented with a Save on Foods Amazing Kids Award



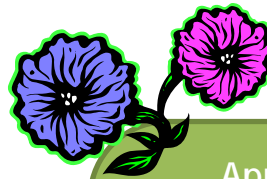
## Mount Doug Evening of Dance

Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>

Mount Doug Gymnasium

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**RAMPAC Meeting**  
 The next PAC meeting will be taking place on **Wednesday, May 15th** at **7:00 p.m.** in the Mount Doug library



April 23rd is the final day to order Marigold Nursery hanging flower baskets and bedding plants.

Contact Rick Griffin at [rgriffin@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:rgriffin@sd61.bc.ca) for an order form or link to our website news article:

[http://moundouglas.ca/newsengine/view\\_news.php](http://moundouglas.ca/newsengine/view_news.php)

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<http://www.mtdoug.sd61.bc.ca/>



### France Trip 2013

Mount Douglas marked 15 years of exchange visits with our sister school, Lycee Louis Pasteur, with a group visit to Avignon and Paris over the March Break. Seventeen students travelled with **Ms. Kucher** and **Bill Conconi** to spend 10 days in Avignon with fantastic host families. Highlights included dancing on the famous bridge, touring the old port of Marseilles, exploring Roman ruins in Arles, Nimes and Pont du Gard, dipping toes in the Mediterranean and spending time immersed in French life. The group also travelled to Paris for three days of explorations and shopping. The Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, Notre Dame, the Champs

Elysee and many other icons were visited. The French students will be coming here in February 2014 and Mount Doug will return to France with a group in 2015!



### Individual France Exchanges

Have you ever thought about becoming fluent in French? Mount Doug has a unique exchange with our sister school in Avignon. **Jacob Dorion** spent one month in France over the Spring Break and greatly improved his French skills. Students going to France cover their airfare and room and board. The only other requirement is having a genuine interest in becoming proficient in French! Mount Doug is currently hosting one student from Avignon for the entire second semester. If you are interested in an individual long term exchange to France to perfect your French and learn more about French culture or in hosting a long term exchange student for one month in October or second semester next year, please contact **Ms. Kucher** [agkucher@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:agkucher@sd61.bc.ca)



### Coming up...

Report Cards .....	Tues., Apr. 23	Party Program Planning Classes 8:30 – 2:00 p.m. ....	<b>Thurs, May 30</b>
<b>Musical Theatre Production 'Guys and Dolls'</b> .....	<b>Apr. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27</b>	ANED Graduation Ceremony .....	Thurs., June 6
<b>Spring Gala – Celebrate the Fine Arts 7:00 p.m. Mount Doug</b> .....	<b>Wed., May 8</b>	<b>Jazz and Java – Mount Doug Music -Lambrick Park Church</b> .....	<b>Tues., June 11</b>
Party Program (Planning Classes) 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. ....	Thurs., May 9	<b>Yearbook Distribution at end of the day</b> .....	<b>Fri., June 14</b>
<b>Spring Concert – Alix Goolden Hall (7:00 p.m.)</b> .....	<b>Tues., May 14</b>	<b>Altered Schedule Period 1 morning; Period 3 afternoon</b> .....	<b>Mon., June 17</b>
<b>Youth Philanthropy Initiative Presentations gym 10-11:15 am</b> .....	<b>Tues., May 15</b>	<b>Altered Schedule Period 2 morning; Period 4 afternoon</b> .....	<b>Tues., June 18</b>
RAMPAC Meeting - Mount Doug Library (7:00 p.m.) .....	Wed., May 15	RAMPAC Meeting - Mount Doug Library (7:00 p.m.) .....	Wed., June 19
District Orientation/Transition Day .....	Thurs., May 16	<b>Provincial/School Exams</b> .....	<b>June 19 – June 27</b>
Pro-D Day - School-based .....	Fri., May 17	<b>Exam Conflicts</b> .....	<b>Mon., June 24</b>
Victoria Day .....	Mon., May 20	<b>School Awards Ceremony</b> .....	<b>Tues., June 25</b>
Grad Recognition Ceremony UVIC.....	Wed., May 22	<b>Year-end Barbeque</b> .....	<b>Wed., June 26</b>
<b>Strings orchestra Finale at UVIC McKinnon Gym</b> .....	<b>Thurs., May 23</b>	Last Day of School/Report Cards .....	Thur., June 27
<b>Grad Banquet –Location- Laurel Point Inn (revised venue/date)</b> ....	<b>Sunday, May 26</b>	Year-end Administrative Day .....	Fri., June 28
<b>Evening of Dance</b> .....	<b>Wed., May 29</b>		

*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*