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January/February 2018 School Newsletter

Principal's Message ~ Mrs. Schmidt

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a great winter break and had an opportunity to reconnect with your children. Since school returned after the holidays, Seaton has been a busy place as students complete their coursework and assessments for their **semester 1** classes. January 25th is the last day of semester 1 courses. Students who need more time to finish up work for a class are invited to attend on the **Course Completion Day** on January 26th. Monday, January 29th is a **Pro-D Day** for all students. On this day, staff will be focussing on the new curriculum implementation with other educators from around the District. **Semester 2** begins January 30th!

January 31st all Grade 8, 9 and 10 students will be participating in an assembly for **Bell Let's Talk Day** focussed on opening up the conversation around mental health. In January, our grade 11 and 12 students attended an **ICBC Road Sense** assembly presented by Heidi Cave. Her message focussed on making good choices around safe driving practices.

Our Grads have been fundraising for their upcoming **SuperGrad** celebration. Over the holidays they raised almost \$3500 from the **grad raffle** and brought in \$1800 from the January **bottle drive** which was shared with the athletics booster club. Thanks to all the parents and guardians who supported these events. The next grad fundraiser is February 11th when grads will collect pledges for the **polar bear swim** to raise funds for the **Zimbabwe Project** and grad. They are also planning **Mission Impossible** February 27th, a **Grad Fashion Show** March 8th, and a **Grad Auction** on April 19th. The next parent **SuperGrad** meeting is February 13th at 6pm in the school library.

27th Street Theatre ~ Mrs. O'Brien

27th Street Theatre's *The Pirates of Penzance* was a tremendous success! With 15 sold out performances, this challenging opera was an immense task for all involved. The performers handled the complex music and choreography like pros, which resulted in one of the most exhilarating and dynamic shows our company has ever produced. It was a crowd pleaser to say the least! Thank you to everyone involved and to all friends, family and members of the community that continue to support theatre at Seaton!



Currently, our drama 8, 9, and stagecraft classes are wrapping up the semester with fabulous final presentations. We are so impressed with our youngest drama students and the work they have produced this semester. The future of our drama program looks bright!



If you missed "The Pirates of Penzance", you have another opportunity to see a production by the 27th Street Theatre. This spring we will be presenting Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and the show runs May 31 – June 9.

Innovation in the Classroom ~ Liam Harbec

Mr. Leverman's class was greeted with a pleasant surprise in December when Mr. Robertson arrived carrying plenty of drones and iPads. Under his careful supervision, the class had a lot of fun learning how to code the Parrot Mambo drones to follow their every command. Using the iPads, the class was tasked with a series of coding objectives such as making the drone fly upwards or sideways, doing a flip, or even a spin. The class enjoyed the challenges and many tried to complete them with a more personalized twist.



However, completing these challenges was not so easy. The drones were often knocked off course because of the fact that their small stature made them easily affected by air currents. A student standing near a drone was almost certain to interfere with its flight path. Because of this, many drones failed even the simplest of objectives and only a very select few completed the task. Regardless of these problems, the class continued to try and find solutions.

The next day, things became much more difficult. Mr. Robertson installed an obstacle course for the drones to complete and brought along a new attachment for the drones, which was a little clamp for grabbing objects. The student's new objective was to grab a marshmallow and then get their drone to fly the obstacle course, going through hoops and landing on specific points both high and



low. Unfortunately, only one student was able to get even halfway through the course while the rest experienced a mixture of success and failure with the course. Despite this, the students each had a lot of fun and were happy to leave class with an entertaining new experience under their belts.

As technology continues to develop and evolve, these opportunities for student encounters with new devices give us glimpses of what the future may hold and of possibilities therein. Most of Mr. Leverman's students were happy to report that they would love another experience like this in the future.

Drop off and Pick up

If you are dropping off and picking up your children please ensure you are not parking in bus lanes or no-parking zones. Please also respect our neighbours and community by not blocking laneways and driveways. With snowy days and icy roads please slowdown in school zones. Thanks for helping to ensure all students get to and from school safely.

School Fees

If you have not yet paid your child's school fees please visit Ms. Jackson in the main office. School fees can be paid by cash or cheque (payable to WL Seaton Secondary).

Student Trips

Seaton students continue to have amazing opportunities outside the school. PE classes had the opportunity to ski up at Silverstar over two days in early January. Bonne chance and bon voyage to our seven French Immersion students who are off to France and Quebec on February 3rd. Megan Glasser and Bryn Taylor-Hawes are heading to Quebec for three months. Megan will be living and attending school in Granby, while Bryn will do the same in Les Escoumins. Pascal Glanz, Emme Johnson, Sierra Shaw, Emilia Vlahos and Wyatt Gatzke are all heading to Europe to spend their time in various parts of France and Belgium. Pascal will be in Grenoble, Emme will be in Bordeaux, Sierra will be in Belgium, Emilia will be in Rouen and Wyatt will be in Bordeaux. We wish them all the best!



In May many of our grade 8 French Immersion students will travel to Quebec for a full week long immersive French language trip. Also, our music students will be heading off to Idaho Feb. 22nd - 25th to participate in the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival! A huge thanks goes out to all the staff who give their time to organize and chaperone these experiences for our students.

SuperGrad

Are you able to contribute to SuperGrad? We are asking for **contributions in the form of cash, gift certificates, merchandise, and services** to use for Super Grad activities or prizes for students. If you are able to send a monetary donation please make your cheque out to WL SEATON PAC SUPER GRAD before May 2018.

Breakfast & Lunch Program Support

Thank you to COBS bakery and the Faith Baptist church volunteers for the ongoing support of our breakfast and lunch programs. Everyday all students get a free breakfast at Seaton thanks to the generous donations of our partners. Lunch is offered a few days each week for a minimal cost both at Seaton and at the church. If you would like to contribute to the breakfast or lunch programs please consider making a cheque payable to WL Seaton. Support the Seaton breakfast & lunch program by mentioning WL Seaton when you shop at COBS. A portion of your purchase will be donated back to the school for our meal programs.

Athletics

Our fall season ended with a bang and our winter season is in full swing with six basketball teams competing.

Congratulations to our senior boys (13th place) and our senior girls (7th place) volleyball teams who both represented Seaton at the 2017 AA and AAA Volleyball Provincial Championships in early December. It was the fourth consecutive (boys) and second consecutive (girls) time that our teams have qualified for the provincial championships, building on a history of success for Seaton volleyball. Well done players and coaches!

In basketball, our grade 8 boys and girls teams are doing very well in both tournament and league play and both teams are preparing for their first overnight tournaments of the year in Kamloops in the coming weeks. Both teams are even in wins and losses for the season in league play and are



improving week to week. Our junior teams have both loaded up with competitive schedules and are gearing up for the playoffs in a couple of weeks. Our junior girls just finished up their last two weekends at a provincial seeding tournament in Burnaby and at NorKam where they finished with two wins and one loss against three strong Okanagan teams. The girls are tied for first place in league play going into the final week, while our junior boys recently went to St. Ann's and had three close games. The senior boys and senior girls are also loaded up with competitive exhibition schedules. The senior girls recently finished with two wins and one loss at a tournament at Immaculata and are in 3rd place in the North Okanagan League. The senior boys

are off to Sa-Hali in two weeks where they will look to build on last year's 3rd place finish at that tournament. Both senior teams' playoffs begin in three weeks!

Listen up for our spring season sports which will begin in full swing after Spring Break. We will begin to meet and organize in February for junior girls soccer, senior girls soccer, track and field, and mountain biking. Stay tuned!!

For regular updates on our teams as well as upcoming Seaton Athletics and Booster Club events, follow us on social media! **@W.L. Seaton Athletics** **@wlseatonathletics** **@seatonsonics**

ANOTHER REASON TO ATTEND A PAC MEETING!

Every year PAC distributes gaming grants to extracurricular programs at Seaton. Your voice matters. This year this is how PAC chose to allot the funds:

- Jesse Miller Student Social Media Presentation- \$1050
- Scholarships - \$2,500
- Hardship Fund - \$2,000
- Year End Awards, Trophies, Certificates - \$1,000
- Breakfast/Lunch Program - \$1500
- Library - \$1,600
- Drama - \$1,500
- Art - \$455
- P.E. (weight room) - \$1,500
- Jr Academy Fieldtrips - \$1,000
- Jr Book Club - \$200
- Transportation - \$2,500
- Core Program - \$500

Thank you to **Parnell's Appliance & Electronics** for donating a stove to the Core Program.

**Next PAC meeting February 19th at 6pm
the Seaton Library**

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Okanagan College Information Sessions Vernon Campus Thursday, March 1, 2018

- 6 p.m. Arts and Science program session, Lecture Theatre
- 7 p.m. Business program session, Room D212

Learn about:

- The value of an Arts and Science degree and what professional programs they feed into
- The types of jobs people can get with an Arts or Science degree
- How to start your Bachelor of Arts or Science degree at Okanagan College and then transfer to university
- Business degree program options and study abroad and Co-Op opportunities
- Who hires our business graduates
- Hear from current students and alumni about their experiences and why they chose OC

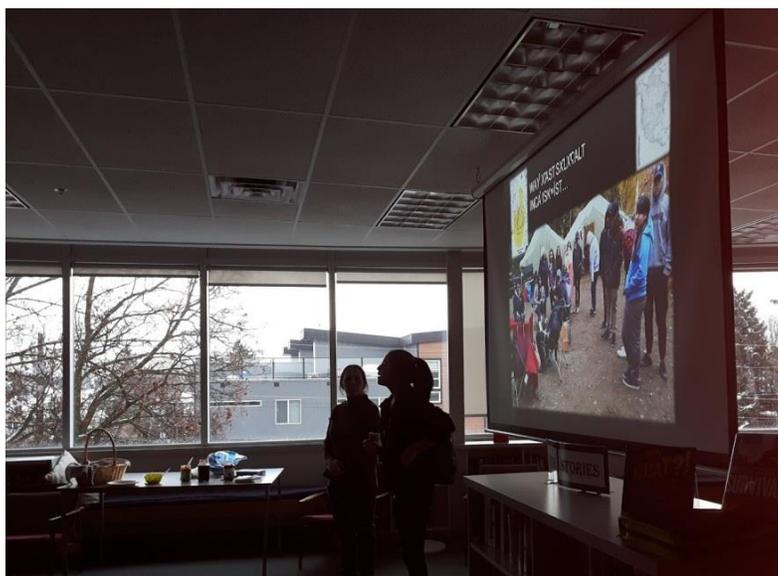
Enter to win a \$500 tuition voucher and meet our professors and education advisors.

Refreshments will be provided and parking is free. No pre-registration necessary.

For more information about these sessions visit: www.okanagan.bc.ca/VernonInfoSessions or contact Tawnya Cameron at: 250-545-7291 ext. 2309 or tcameron@okanagan.bc.ca

Aboriginal Experiences

In January our First Nations Academy students shared a cultural experience with our staff. Students prepared traditional food and explained the significance of the food. They also introduced themselves in the traditional Okanagan language and shared with staff the importance of "Swit Askwist"? In the language of the Okanagan-Syilx, the question asks "who is your name?" instead of "what is your name?" In traditional language, your name is not a "what" it is "who" that connects you to the networks of relatives, friends, people and places. Students explained that your name represents your genealogy.



Mark Your Calendars

- Curriculum Implementation Day (No school)** – Jan 29
- Semester 2 begins)** – Jan 30
- Choir Concert** – Feb 5 & 6, 7pm
- Report cards e-filed on Parent Connect** – Feb. 9
- Grad Polar Bear Swim Fundraiser** – Feb 11
- Family Day (No school)** – Feb. 12
- PAC Meeting** – Feb. 19, 6pm
- Athletic Booster Club** – Feb. 19, 7pm
- Grad Photo Re-takes** – Feb. 22
- Okanagan Zones Pro-D Day** – Feb. 23
- Grad Mission Impossible** – Feb. 27, 7pm
- Pink Shirt Day** – Feb. 28