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## Palmer News ~ May/June 2017

As we head into the final stretch of the 2016–2017 school year we are very busy here at Palmer preparing for the myriad of year-end events such as Grad 2017, award ceremonies, exams, and program planning for next year. This is also a time of transition when our Grade 12 students are preparing for life beyond Palmer and our incoming Grade 7 students are getting ready to make the big jump from elementary to high school.

With all that is happening over the next several weeks it is very important for students to continue their focus on school work as there are exams, projects, and large assignments to prepare for and complete. Being well organized in this busy time will help to reduce stress and ensure success!

Please take the time to read the remainder of this newsletter to get a glimpse of all the wonderful things happening here at Palmer.

### Grad 2017 News

Members of R.C. Palmer's Graduating Class of 2017 are approaching what promises to be a very busy month of June. In addition to the demands of completing courses and exams, there are social events that take place to celebrate their Grade 12 year:



Palmer's **Valedictory Ceremony** will be on **Thursday June 15, 2017 at 7pm**. This formal school graduation ceremony will be held at the *Bethany Church* in Richmond (Hamilton). Grads receive their graduation ceremony certificate (not their actual Ministry of Education Dogwood certificate) as they walk across the stage. Scholarships and awards are also presented at this event. The students wear a graduation gown, stole and mortarboard cap, which are distributed at the grad rehearsal at the school on June 13th. Each graduate will receive 2 complimentary guest tickets (they do not need one for themselves). Additional guest tickets will be on sale for \$8.00 each from Palmer's Business Assistant. During the week of May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup> each grad may purchase up to two additional tickets. Beginning June 5<sup>th</sup> we will sell all remaining tickets (first come first served).

Palmer's class of 2017 will be celebrating their **Grad Dinner Dance** on **Thursday, June 29th 2017** at the Vancouver Marriott Pinnacle Downtown Hotel (1128 West Hastings Street, Vancouver V6E 4R5) in the Point Grey Room. Grads may arrive between 6:00 and 6:30. This event ends at 11:30 when all students will be bussed back to Palmer. Students will then either participate in our Dry Grad event or be picked up at the school to return home.

### Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Minutes of the final PAC meeting held on May 10<sup>th</sup> as well as minutes from all 2016/2017 meetings are posted on the [Palmer website](#).

### Satisfaction Surveys 2017

The Provincial Satisfaction Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective. The Satisfaction Survey will be administered to students in grades 10 and 12, and offered to their parents, and school staff. We encourage parents to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. Logon numbers are not necessary for accessing the survey this year. Parents can complete the survey by going to the website: [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm). In the electronic survey system, forms for parents are available in English, French and 16 other languages. The survey access has been extended to **June 16, 2017**.

### PALMER'S PRIDE RALLY

Please visit the [Palmer Pride](#) link to see some great photos from the recent PRIDE Rally held in May 2017!

### Math Competition & Contest Results 2017

Some Math contest results have recently been announced, and Palmer has had a very good year of competition in 2017. Our Grade 8 team earned a 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy at the Regional MathChallengers tournament in February at UBC, and a 4<sup>th</sup> place trophy at the MathChallengers Provincial Finals tournament held at SFU on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. The Grade 9 team came in 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Regionals and 7<sup>th</sup> at the Provincial Finals (where both the Grade 8 and 9 teams competed against the top 25 schools in the province). Individual standouts for the Palmer teams were Nicholas To on the Grade 8 team and Jonathan Cao and Jonah Chen on the Grade 9 team, all of whom won individual Top Ten medals.

For the national University of Waterloo series of Math contests, the results were even more impressive. On the Grade 9 Pascal Contest (written by our Grade 8 and 9 students, including a few Math prodigies from our feeder Currie Elementary School), **Palmer came in 1<sup>st</sup> in the Richmond School District, as well as 1<sup>st</sup> in the entire province** (and 7<sup>th</sup> in all of Canada)! Our **Grade 10's wrote the Cayley Contest, and again were 1<sup>st</sup> in Richmond**, and 15<sup>th</sup> in BC. Several of our Grade 11's chose to write the Fermat Contest, and as a team, they came in 4<sup>th</sup> in the district, and 28<sup>th</sup> in the province. Likewise, several of our Grade 12's wrote the Euclid Contest, on which our team came in 3<sup>rd</sup> in Richmond, and 47<sup>th</sup> in the province. [Please see our website for further details!](#)

### Students Taking Part in Province-wide Student Vote!

On May 08, 218 students at Palmer participated in the province wide student vote. For the election Ms. Sanders' ELL 3 class transformed their room into a polling station with real privacy screens and ballots provided by election BC. The results, as well as those from the nearly 170,000 other participating schools were announced by the media shortly after provincial polling stations closed for the count. The student were later featured in the Richmond News. Great Work TEAM! Please see our [website for links](#) and photos!!

### FEARLESS - Fashion Show

On **Thursday May 18**, Palmer hosted its **annual fashion show!** This year, the theme was "**FEARLESS - Be Your Own Kind of Beautiful**" and it was all based on the idea of teenagers striving together to create a community where they could freely express their unique identities. The brands and clothes featured at the show were all specifically chosen because of the way they embodied this sense of "fearlessness".

That being said, "**FEARLESS**" was more than just a fashion show - it was the result of 5 months of pure hard work, determination, and grit from Palmer's Leadership students. It was also a year long commitment by Palmer's very own Fashion Designers, Annika Nuval, Nicole Kwok, Robyn Huang and Monsie Godinez, who created lines to feature in the show. Each student, in their *own beautiful way*, dedicated so much of their personal time and energy into making it the best show possible... and it looks like all of their hard work paid off! With more than 250 people in attendance, special guests from the Richmond Board of Education, lines from local designers and global fashion houses featured, such as TopShop, Calvin Klein, Jack and Jones, Loyal Coalition, Live to Love Life and Dipt, to two crowd pumping performances during intermission from Grade 8 instrumentalists, Zechariah Noronha, David Kuo and Brandon Young, and on vocals, Grade 12, Sam Fernandez, and a fearless freestyle dance performance by Albert Saguil, to a vendor pop up shop featuring LipSense, TopShop, KEEP Collective, Creatively Crafted by Jada, Henna by Sejal and Palmer's Button table run by Ms. MacDonald and an array of hair and make up artists from Blanche Macdonald, Eyesha Studio and Enchanted Rose Studio.... "**FEARLESS**" has now become one of Palmer's most successful fashion shows to date! Please see our [website](#) for links and photos!

### Griffins that Give

Our Palmer community gladly applauds the hard work our students have put in fundraising for Children's Hospital by participating in Jeans Day this past month. This annual fundraiser was another success with the contribution of approximately \$400 from our Palmer Griffins selling Jeans Day Buttons! Also, the never-ending spirit is felt as club members continuously volunteer during the summer in the community. We are looking forward to the Canada 150 event being held in July. Volunteers will be assisting the hosts of the exciting events by helping with hockey games, bouncy castles, and other crafts. There is also a Ships to Shore Canada Day opportunity taking place soon. With the school year coming to an end, we would like to thank our senior executives, Ashley Chang, Ada Chang, and Allison Chun for working hard to find all the volunteer opportunities for our club members. Our junior executives, Zakiya Abdulaziz and Andrew Xie, have also been busy helping to run Griffins that Give. They have been responsible for the students' volunteer hours and organization. THANKS to our great team of executives who have been encouraging all students to show off their Palmer Pride by volunteering in our local community! A special good bye to Ashley Chang who will be graduating this year. She has been a part of the club since grade 8 and has been a wonderful role model for students. Have a wonderful summer. See you all next year at our club meetings!

### June 26<sup>th</sup> to June 29<sup>th</sup>

Palmer's last day of regular classes for grades 8 to 11 students will be Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our grade 12 students will write the English 12 provincial exam Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We ask students to arrive 30 minutes before the start time.

On Monday June 26 and Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup>, all students in **grades 8 and 9** will attend school from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. to complete their self-reflection on the new curriculum's core competencies.

On Monday June 26<sup>th</sup>, for our **grades 10 and 11** students, we will have a post-secondary information session from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. This informative presentation is intended to give students some tools to start researching post-secondary options and will be led by our Career Counsellor, Ms. Mayer. On Tuesday June 27<sup>th</sup> the grade 10 and 11 students are invited back at 10:00 a.m. for further discussion on the topic of post-secondary.

On Wednesday June 28<sup>th</sup> **all students** are invited to attend Palmer's Carnival from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is a great school wide celebration and we hope to see everyone there.

Report Cards will be distributed on June 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 in students' homerooms.

## **ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

### **ATHLETES OF THE MONTH**

#### **March**

ADA CHANG (ULTIMATE)  
NELSON LEE (ULTIMATE)

#### **April**

EASSON WANG (Sr. Badminton)  
CARINA KOO (Jr. Badminton)  
WILLIAM LU (Juvenile Boys Volleyball)

### **Ultimate Team comes in second place In the Richmond City Championships**

The Ultimate team led by the coaching of Fred Gumangan and Mr. Kwan had a great season making it all the way to the Richmond Championship game. They played great in the finals but came up just short losing 8 to 5 to SLSS. The team will now advance to the Ultimate BC Championships in June. Best of luck and way to represent the mighty Griffins.

We had over 20 students taking part in Track & Field this year participating in both the qualifying and Richmond Championship meets. Megan Tolentino placed in the top 8 in all three throwing events (Discus, Javelin, & Shot Put) while Sam Fernandez came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Javelin and Matt Van Eewen came 3<sup>rd</sup>. Matt has also qualified for the BC's in both the 100M and 300M hurdles.

Thanks to Ms. Nallainathan who sponsored our tennis team and to student coach Yang Lin for all his hard work in organizing the squad. In addition, a big thanks to Ms. Epp for sponsoring our Juvenile Boys volleyball team and to our student coaches Megan Tolentino and Alec Alano.

A huge thanks to Ms. Scodellaro for all her work behind the scenes with our school badminton teams as well as to all of the alumni who came back to help coach. The team had some good results this year and especially enjoyed competing in the Cambie Tournament and the year-end Wrap-up Tournament.

**ATHLETIC AWARDS BARBEQUE THURSDAY JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> AT 6:30 IN THE STUDENT LOUNGE** - Contact Mr. Eberhardt for information [peberhardt@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:peberhardt@sd38.bc.ca)

### **Exciting Palmer Happenings**

Please see our website for updates on some amazing performances by our students in various events – a couple of links below show you what a great group of students we have!

### **Dates to Remember**

Please check out our WAAG (Week at a Glance): [Week At A Glance | Palmer Secondary School](#)

### **Palmer Career Centre News June 2017**

**District Career Centre Website - New This Week** - provides weekly updates on post-secondary, career and scholarship information: <http://sd38careercentre.weebly.com>

**Ms. Mayer Career Centre Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ms-Mayer-Career-Centre/333673583360594>

### **Grade 12's:**

**Grade 12's and post-secondary applications.** Most university application deadlines have passed but there is still time to apply to a number of institutions. Please book an appointment with the Career Advisor if you require assistance.

Make sure you have filled-in your PSI Selections On-line form. If you haven't already done so, please see your Counsellor or Career Advisor ASAP. Students must fill in this form for transcript information to be sent to BC post-secondary institutions applied to. See website: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/welcome> If the form is not yet done online, you may need to submit a certified copy of your transcripts to your post-secondary school.

### **Accepted your offer of admission - now what?**

Make sure you follow your post-secondary school's instructions exactly and pay your deposit to confirm acceptance.

Many colleges and universities offer workshops for new students, these workshops will teach you about:

- ~First year course planning
- ~Registration "how-to's"
- ~Tips for success
- ~Campus Services

Students in selective entry or trades programs are encouraged to book an appointment with an educational advisor or attend a program-specific information session. To find out where and when these sessions take place, log into your student account or visit the Career Centre.

**Post-Secondary Course Registration Dates** - Students are reminded to check their college or university student account to find out the date and time they can begin registering for courses.

## **APPLYING FOR A STUDENT LOAN? UPDATE!!!**

**Early June 2017 Student Aid BC Applications Open.** Determine whether you are eligible for student financial assistance, then find out how to apply for and receive your student loan. Visit: <https://studentaidbc.ca/>

## **KPU:**

### **KWANTLEN POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY ~ COURSE PLANNING & REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE**

KPU's academic advisors and the Future Students' Office will be hosting drop-in hours for new students to get one-on-one academic advising and registration assistance. Go see the advisors on campus if you need help! Registration assistance is available at the following locations:

KPU Surrey – Main Bldg. Room 160, Tues. & Thurs. 1:00pm - 4:00pm

KPU Langley – Student enrollment Services Office, Wed. 1:00pm - 3:00pm

**KPU Richmond - Room 1560, Mon. & Fri. 1:00pm-3:30pm**

Check out the New Students website for the next steps: <http://www.kpu.ca/advising/new-students>

**NOTE:** Last appointment will be taken at 3:45 pm at KPU Surrey, 3:15pm at the Richmond and 2:45pm at KPU Langley.

## **Still Accepting Applications @ KPU ~ Fall 2017**

All KPU open intake programs are still taking applications until August 1st, and some of their limited intake program have extended their deadlines past the early application deadline. Find more information at: <http://www.kpu.ca/admission/deadlines-extended>

## **KPU Summer Orientation**

### **Family Orientation Schedule for New Students and Parents:**

**KPU Langley:** June 20, evening

**KPU Richmond:** June 21, evening

**KPU Surrey:** June 27, evening

### **General New Student Orientation (Domestic and International):**

**KPU Langley:** August 29

**KPU Richmond:** August 30,

**KPU Surrey:** August 31,

### **International Student Orientation (International & Exchange Only):**

**KPU Richmond:** September 1

**KPU Surrey:** September 1

For more information and to register, see: <http://www.kpu.ca/orientation>

## **LANGARA:**

### **Langara Course Planning for New & Prospective Arts and Science Students**

This 90-minute session (Langara campus) is designed to help students understand university transfer and entrance requirements. Due to high demand for one-on-one appointments, Counsellors at Langara require that students attend a course planning session before receiving individual assistance. See website for up-coming sessions: [www.langara.bc.ca/student-services/counselling/workshops-info-sessions/course-planning-sessions.html](http://www.langara.bc.ca/student-services/counselling/workshops-info-sessions/course-planning-sessions.html)

**Mid-JUN to End-AUG – Langara Course Registration.** In early June, check your 'MyLangara' Account for a message giving you your course registration date.

**Langara Registration Helpline** 604-323-5595 - The Langara Registration Helpline assists students if they have problems adding or dropping classes, signing in to register for courses, and any other registration-specific queries. Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm

**Early - Mid June - UBC, SFU & UVic** registration/enrolment date information sent to students

**SFU Welcome Day and University Prep –AUG 30 & 31/17.** Students that have accepted their offer to SFU for Fall 2017 can expect to receive information about transition programming occurring this summer and in to the fall. This programming includes University Prep (formerly known as SFU 101), an online course which provides essential information regarding course selection and degree requirements, as well as Welcome Day, which takes place on August 30 at the Surrey campus and August 31 at the Burnaby campus. See: <https://www.sfu.ca/students/orientation.html>

## **FOR ALL STUDENTS:**

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Richmond Virtual School Summer Registration is open** - Registration details at: <http://rvs.sd38.bc.ca/>. Richmond Virtual School (RVS) offers courses that will be delivered both online and face-to-face. They offer academic and elective courses in grades 10 to 12. Regular classroom meetings are expected in most courses and typically occur once a week or once every two weeks in the fall and spring sessions (twice weekly in summer). Click on "Course Registration" under RVS Courses to begin.

**Richmond School District Continuing Education - SUMMER LEARNING 2017** Academic Full Credit Courses on-line - details for Summer Learning are available at: <http://ce.sd38.bc.ca/>

**Academic Remedial-Review Summer School 2017 registration**— Academic Remedial-Review Summer School is an optional 4-week program designed for school-age secondary students who obtained school/class marks between 35%-55% or incomplete in a standard course between Sept and June. Upon satisfactory completion of this program, students will be granted a passing school mark (C-) only.

### **Looking for a Summer Job?**

1). View the Service Canada website for Students/Youth at:

[http://www.youth.gc.ca/eng/home.shtml?sc\\_youth\\_youth](http://www.youth.gc.ca/eng/home.shtml?sc_youth_youth), or visit the Richmond Service Canada Centre at: 5611 Cooney Road, Suite 350, Richmond, BC. Hours of service: Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:00pm.

2). WorkBC Richmond Avia: <http://www.aviaemployment.ca/>

### **GRADE 10-11 STUDENTS:**

Now is the time to begin considering your career path possibilities. By getting involved in leadership, volunteering and work opportunities this summer, you will pick up valuable experience, be inspired by others and make connections that may help you learn about your own strengths, inclinations and possibilities. These enriching experiences will help you to learn about yourself! You can also use this valuable time to visit post-secondary schools and do tours to get a feel for the options available to you. Remember, that it also helps towards scholarships if you have school and community involvement!

### **Helpful Websites**

Palmer Web Site

<http://palmer.sd38.bc.ca/>

Career Centre

<http://public.sd38.bc.ca/~ccnews/>

Richmond School District

[www.sd38.bc.ca/](http://www.sd38.bc.ca/)

Ministry of Education

[www.gov.bc.ca/bced/](http://www.gov.bc.ca/bced/)

BC Coalition of PACS

[www.bccpac.bc.ca/](http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/)

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