

OCTOBER 28, 2016



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Wednesday, November 9
Remembrance Day Assembly
11:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 10
Pro D—school chosen
School not in session

Friday, November 11
Remembrance Day
School not in session

Monday, November 14
Photo Retake Day

Friday, November 18
Pro D
School not in session

Friday, November 25
Curriculum Completion Day
12:11 dismissal

Tuesday, November 29
ArtStarts—Vancouver Theatre
Sports
1:30 gym

SHORELINE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Hello Shoreline families,

I hope this month's newsletter finds you healthy and warding off the barrage of germs currently making their way around our community.

As usual, Shoreline staff and students have been collaborating on many projects. In particular, our staff has been working to learn more about the impact of a **Growth Mindset** on learning. We spent our October professional learning day with a district math expert – Nikki Lineham (EducatingNow). Nikki is helping us design our math instruction around the concept of **collaborative math teams** to improve engagement and student learning. Let's just say- this isn't anything like how we were taught rote, procedural math at school!

Collaborative math teams encourage learners to be active, contributing members in the problem solving process. We know that looking for "the one right way to solve a problem" is no longer a required skill in today's world. Our renewed curriculum focuses on **Core Competencies** such as **Collaboration, Creativity, Communication and Critical Thinking**. Learning math in collaborative math teams emphasizes these core competencies as well as a key principle of learning- that learning is a social process.

Underlying the teaching of collaborative math teams is the principle that everyone can grow their brain; your intelligence is not fixed. A growing body of research suggests that having a **growth mindset** ("This is hard but I can figure it out") versus a **fixed mindset** ("I am not good at this so why bother?") is a key factor for learning success.

Here are two excellent links for you to check out if you are interested in learning more about growth mindset and its impact on learning.

[https://www.ted.com/talks/
carol_dweck_the_power_of_believing_that_you_can_improve?language=en](https://www.ted.com/talks/carol_dweck_the_power_of_believing_that_you_can_improve?language=en)

[https://www.ted.com/talks/
angela_lee_duckworth_grit_the_power_of_passion_and_perseverance?language=en](https://www.ted.com/talks/angela_lee_duckworth_grit_the_power_of_passion_and_perseverance?language=en)

We will be hosting a **parent evening** with Nikki Lineham in the new year so you can better understand collaborative math teams and the power of harnessing a growth mindset. Stay tuned for details!

Thank you for the many ways you support your child, and us, in our work together.

Stay well! Warm regards, Nadine

Athletics at Shoreline

Welcome to Cole Laviolette and Teresa Vivian—two interns from Camosun College in their 2nd year Bachelor of Sports and Fitness Leadership.

They will be leading sports in the gym at lunch and after school. Stay tuned for their schedule of events!



We welcomed Tony LaCarte who works for the BC Rugby Union as the Rugby Development Officer for Vancouver Island, and Phil Mack, who was captain of the Canadian Men's 7's rugby team. They spoke about The Aboriginal Thunder Rugby program being offered in October into early December at the Songhees Wellness Centre.

Rugby season will officially start at Shoreline in the spring.



Boys soccer

The grade 8 boys' team played a jambouree at Glanford School and won 2 out of 3 games.

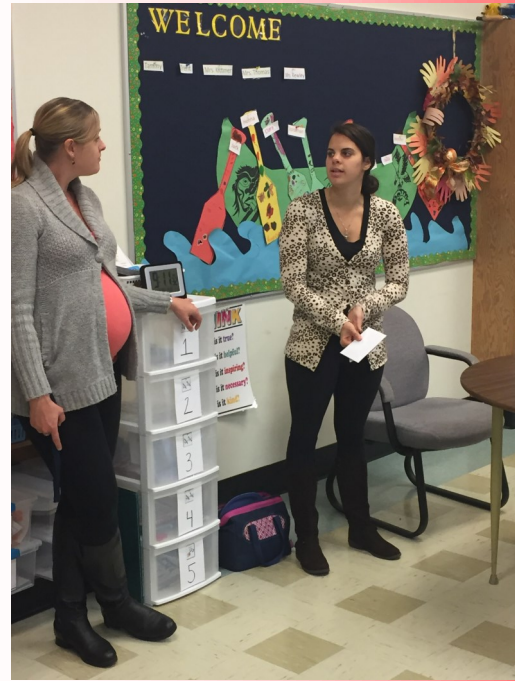
Parents that can support coaching Grade 6/7/8 boys and girls volleyball, please contact Michelle Troughton or Nadine Naughton at 250-386-8367.

Don't forget that information on Athletics at Shoreline is now on our website.

<https://shoreline.sd61.bc.ca/>

There is a Quick Link on the left that will take you directly to information on athletics as well as a general permission form.

Happenings at Shoreline

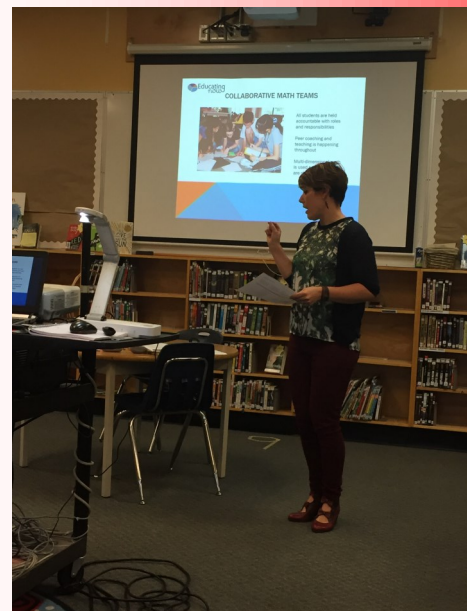


Special Guests!

Last week MSIP had some special guests: Emili Walzak, a Special Olympics Athlete who represents Canada in ice skating and golf, and her Coach, Marty Newham.

PRO D at Shoreline

Last Friday, Shoreline offered a professional development Math Differentiation workshop by Nikki Lineham.



Opportunities!



Power of Being a Girl Symposium

As part of YWCA Canada's commitment to violence prevention initiatives for girls and young women, they have developed in collaboration with their Member Associations the [Power of Being a Girl™](#) (PBG) program, a signature violence-prevention conference for girls ages 12-17 hosted during the Week Without Violence™. with workshops focusing on a variety of issues including self-esteem, healthy relationships, dating, discrimination, body image, sexual health, bullying and Internet safety, among others.

Here are some of our Shoreline girls attending this conference.



LOCAL LEADERS INSPIRE GRADE EIGHT GIRLS TO THINK ABOUT FUTURE CAREERS

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

VICTORIA, BC – 160 grade eight girls from the District's 10 middle schools came together to meet with local business- and women leaders to explore their passions for potential careers.

“CHOICES” is a one-day conference that showcases 16 different workshops with opportunities in the fields of health, science, aviation, trades, policing, technology and music, recreation and animal-related professions.

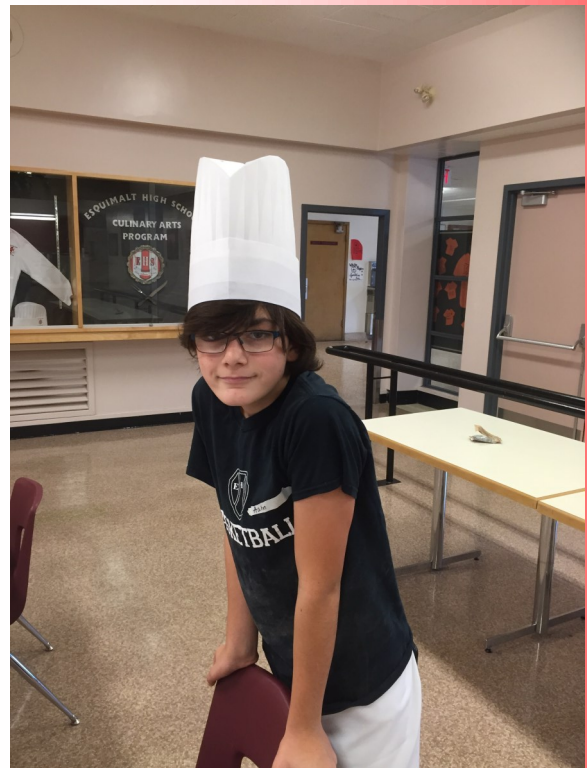
Each student had the opportunity to choose two workshops to learn more about the story and choices the facilitator had taken to arrive where they are, learn about training related to the profession, and participate in a hands-on activity to introduce the girls to the nature and context of the career.

More Opportunities!



Seven of our students took part in the Culinary Spotlight at Esquimalt High School.

These career exploration opportunities are being offered throughout the district between middle schools and secondary school to increase awareness about career related learning pathways and to enhance a child's transition to secondary school.



Community

On Monday, October 31, from 3:15-4:15 p.m., G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centre will be hosting an Everyone Welcome Halloween Skate. Wear your costume and get in for free! Helmets mandatory.



GIRL RISING

“Educating girls can break cycles of poverty in just one generation.”

An exclusive screening of this documentary of education for girls, followed by a panel response from Edith Loring-Kuhanga, Chair of SD61, and an international student.

November 9, 2016

Esquimalt High Theatre, 847 Colville Road

Doors at 6

Event 6:30—9

Free Admission

TeenFest is a one day exhibition for youth ages 12 to 18 years and their families. This FREE event gives teens and tweens across Victoria the opportunity to connect with each other, their peers, their communities and community leaders. Visit TeenFest.ca

Please see Mrs. House in the office if you would like tickets.

Rugby, Rugby, Rugby

WE INVITE YOU TO TRY RUGBY

WHO: FOR GIRLS AND BOYS AGED 7-11
WHAT: INTRODUCTION TO NON-CONTACT RUGBY
WHEN: NOVEMBER 6TH 11AM - 12:30PM
REGISTRATION AT 10:30AM
WHERE: MACDONALD PARK JAMES BAY 205 SIMCOE ST
COST: FREE

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL TONY@BCRUGBY.COM



WE INVITE YOU TO TRY RUGBY

WHO: FOR GIRLS AGED 12-13
WHEN: NOVEMBER 6TH 11AM - 12:30PM
REGISTRATION AT 10:30AM
WHERE: MACDONALD PARK JAMES BAY 205 SIMCOE ST
COST: FREE

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL TONY@BCRUGBY.COM



There is an upcoming opportunity for students to try **non-contact** rugby on November 6th at Macdonald Park in James Bay. This opportunity is for girls and boys and there is no cost to participate.

If anyone has questions please contact tony@bcrugby.com

SHE SCORES
CIS WOMEN'S RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP
NOV 3-6 | VICTORIA BC

SHOOTSCORE.CA | GOVIKESGO.COM/TICKETS

The Vikes are hosting She Scores, the Canadian University Rugby Nationals and in our ongoing efforts to inspire and instill healthy, active living in young people, **we would like to offer your school and your students free admission to day 4 of the rugby nationals on November 6.**

To redeem your free tickets, please enter code **SHESCORES4** at GOVIKESGO.COM/TICKETS or in person at CAR-SA Membership Services. This code is only valid for those 16 and under. Additional ID may be required. Subject to availability as only the first 100 to redeem will receive this offer. Children aged 12 and under must be accompanied by a guardian 16 years of age or older. Please do not send this code to others, it will interfere with the ticket limits as this code as only been sent out to select schools. For game day information, please check out www.SHOOTSCORE.ca! She Scores officially kicks off on November 3 with huge talent coming from female rugby players across the country.

Additionally, you can reach Zac Andrus, Campus Engagement Officer at zandrus@uvic.ca

Fostering Social and Emotional Fitness for Children and Youth!

Dr. Schonert-Reichl is a world-class presenter and for more than 20 years her research has focused on the social and emotional development of children and adolescents.

The presentation will include:

- Building resiliency to help protect youth from experiencing depression and anxiety
- The stress contagion and how we can support children to be secure and calm
- What supports and resources are available to promote social emotional wellness
- Relating the core competencies in the revised curriculum to social and emotional learning

October 27, 2016
SJ Willis Auditorium 923 Topaz Ave
4:00 – 6:00 pm

Light refreshments will be provided

For free registration please go to <https://social-emotional-fitness.eventbrite.com>

For more information email mjones@sd61.bc.ca



Lego donations wanted!

If you have any Lego at home that you are no longer using, please consider donating it to Shoreline. We can use it with our students.



Two of our students, Joy and Jolyn, kayaked past our school over the weekend!