



South Peace Campus News November 2017

Homework Helpers United

Are you helping a high school student with math homework?

- Forgot how to factor?
- Can't come to terms with terms?
- Is your Expression a Function of frustration?

Come to South Peace Campus, Room 1:
Thursday, 16 November 2017 at 6:30 PM.

Ms. Corcoran and Ms. Bowie will do their best to help YOU with THEIR math homework. Bring your math questions. Bringing your student is optional. Please note, this is **NOT** parent-teacher interviews; it's a Let's Play MATH adventure for interested parents and community members.

Where: South Peace Campus, Room 1.

When: Thursday, 16 November 2017

Time: 6:30PM to 7:30PM

Don't be square, be there!

Term 1 Report Cards

Term 1 Report Cards will be sent home Monday, November 20. Report cards will be sent home by mail. After every mail-out we receive returns from the postal service indicating the individual posted on the envelope no longer lives at the address stated. If you have not received your child's report card by November 27th, please contact the school to ensure we have your most up-to-date mailing address. We would welcome the opportunity

to send report cards and attachments to parents through email. Please contact the office if you would like reports sent to you via email. We will devise a process to create electronic reports for parents. Please note, depending upon the student, a parent may receive multiple documents in addition to the report card (individual education reports –IEPs, progress reports from teachers, and notes from the school).

South Peace Campus Assemblies

The attendance at the South Peace Campus assemblies seems to vary throughout the year. It is important for parents and guardians to note that we believe there is valuable information shared in our assemblies for all students. We have not and will not state that our assemblies are optional for students. There are two assemblies slated for the month of November and both have significance. The annual Remembrance Ceremony will take place this Friday, November 10 beginning at 10:50. We will take time to remember, honour and pay tribute to those men and women who have died and been injured in the name of fighting for the rights and freedoms of others. We ask parents to speak with their students about the importance and significant of remembrance.

The next regular assembly will take place on Wednesday, November 15. School District 59 is committed to ensuring all students are aware of and have practiced expected behaviours for bus safety. We will view a safety video during



the assembly in preparation for bus evacuation training all students will engage in on Thursday, November 16. We will also have the students complete a survey during the assembly regarding our school concession and food offerings. Many of our students indicated, on late slips, they are late to class as a result of food. Students, who were late due to food, stated they were late because they had left the school to purchase food at a local business or because they were waiting to get food from our concession. We hope to determine from the students what their needs are in connection to food and our concession. We wish to gather information from the students about their choices connected to how they use their break times and, more specifically, if changes to our concession would lead to fewer students leaving the building during breaks.

Core Competencies Survey

The staff at the South Peace Campus have been working to develop a pre and post self-assessment survey for students to complete surrounding core competencies. The Core Competencies we are particularly interested in having our students assess themselves on are: Communication, Creative Thinking, Critical Thinking, Positive Personal & Cultural Identity, Personal Awareness & Responsibility and Social Responsibility. All students in grades 10-12 will complete the South Peace Campus Core Competencies Self-Assessment before winter break. The information from the assessments will be collated so we, as a staff, have an understanding of our students' overall strengths and areas for improvements connected to the competencies. We will devise a plan to address areas for growth from the data collected. Throughout the month of May, students will complete a post self-assessment to determine if they believe they have

improved (or not) within the various competency areas. Students will be given their self-reported results to compare and contrast their assessment once the data has been collated.

South Peace Campus Volleyball and Athletics!

We are very thankful for the hundreds of hours already invested in our South Peace fall teams by South Peace teachers, community coaches and volunteers. Our cross-country team, senior boys' soccer team, swim team and various volleyball teams have had successes unseen by South Peace teams in many (many) years! Opponents on the field, in the gym, in the pool or on the course know that competing against a Penguin means they are in for a challenge! The success this fall is a direct result of the hard work put in by our athletes and the teams of adults that work with them. A great big THANK YOU also goes out to Mr. Payne's concession team who has built a reputation of putting together food options unmatched by any other location!

Six members of our cross-country team competed at provincials this past weekend. Ten athletes spanning grades 9-12 will represent DCSS at the BCSS Provincials for aquatics in Richmond on the weekend of November 17th. Both our junior and senior girls' volleyball teams are highly competitive and will vie for berths at provincials in the next two weekends at the North Central Junior and Senior Girls' zone tournaments. We wish our athletes the best and know they will positively represent Dawson Creek Secondary School and the community of Dawson Creek in their endeavors.

"Be humble, be hungry. And always be the hardest worker in the room." – Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson.



Grad 2018!

Parents of grade 11 and grade 12 students are invited to attend a Parent Grad Meeting that will be held on November 14 at 7:00 in the North Court of the South Peace Campus. We would absolutely love to build and would truly appreciate a culture where parents of grade 11 students take on the bulk of the work connected to grad each year. If we could get to a place where parents of grade 11 students take on the volunteer work for grad; those same parents could focus on their grads the following year knowing all the events will be taken care of. We often hear from parents of grade 12 students that it becomes challenging to manage volunteer work and the various activities their grads engage in. Parents want to help out but also want to ensure they take care of their family's needs connected to their grad.

Will you help us grow a culture where parents help parents for the good of our students?

Grad Dates 2018:

June 19	Scholarship and Bursary Event
June 20 or 21	Scavenger Hunt 2018
June 22	Graduation Ceremony
June 22	Dry Grad 2018
June 23	Red Carpet and Prom

The first student grad planning meeting will take place after school on Wednesday, November 8. Parents of grade 12 students are asked to encourage their students to attend the Grad Planning Meeting. The group that attends the planning meeting will make a variety of grad event related decisions throughout the school year in preparation for Grad 2018!

Auto-dialer and Attendance Communication System

The system that has been used at DCSS to communicate attendance on a daily basis with parents is currently not working. We are in the process of installing a new system that has the capacity to call and/or text parents when their student has missed one or more classes throughout the day. We apologize for the lack of communication as a result of not having a system in place.

Please connect with classroom teachers should you have questions about your student's attendance or achievement. Please consider booking a time to come in to see your student's classroom teachers if you require information as well. The semester based early dismissal days for parent-teacher interviews is coming up at the end of the month. We often struggle to define a great time for parents to connect with teachers. Our teachers will make themselves available to meet with teachers with notice; please do not feel the only time we make ourselves available is during the early dismissal days.

Upcoming Dates to Consider

November 8	Student Grad Planning Meeting
November 10	Remembrance Ceremony
November 13	Statutory Holiday
November 14	Parent Grad Planning Meeting
November 15	School Assembly
November 20	Report Cards Mailed Out
November 27	Non-Instructional Day
November 29-30	Early Dismissal Days
December 18	First Day of Winter Break