

SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:

- Second Term report cards go home on Friday, March 15th.
- Spring Break, March 16th to April 1st. School re-opens Tuesday, April 2nd.
- Early Dismissal on Tuesday, April 9th for Parent-Teacher interviews.

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# Heritage Mountain Elementary School

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## Why It Matters? The Murals

The recent graffiti on one of our murals generated a lot of interest and evoked a reaction at our school community but also local news organizations.

It's not often that I get calls from reports from The Now News and News1130 Radio.

Sadly, our school is regularly tagged with graffiti, but it is usually the walls and doors.

On February 7th, one of our murals was tagged.

On the morning of February 8th, several children came into the office to tell us that there was graffiti on one of the murals. Parents and students took notice of the defaced mural over the course of the day and let us know they were upset.

Why did the graffiti on one of our murals generate a reaction, when the other graffiti around the school do not?

To me, it felt like an attack on the collaborative work and values of our school.

The Outdoor Art Mural project was a collaborative

effort led by Ms. Ewart, Mrs. Liski and the Grade Four students to beautify the retaining wall. Working with artist Tammy Pilon, they created twelve amazing murals showcasing Port Moody. We generated a lot of interest when we tackled the project that led to donations and an appearance on CityTV last Spring and a formal unveiling ceremony in June. The community valued the murals because of the collaboration and good will involved.

For nine months, the murals remained untouched, despite graffiti appearing in other parts of our school. It is disheartening to see our murals defaced.

In some ways, I'm thankful that our murals have generated this



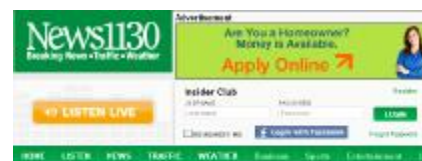
Photograph by Lisa King, The Now News

much attention as it shows that we really do care about our school and value the work of students, staff and parents.

I hope this does not happen again.

Regards,

Mr. C. Mah



You can read the stories at:

<http://www.thenownews.com/news/Vandalized+mural+restored/7969545/story.html>

<http://www.news1130.com/2013/02/16/port-moody-school-mural-ready-to-be-enjoyed/>



Congratulations to the HME community for raising \$61000 for our new playground.

The current playground has almost reached the end of it's life. There will be no more major repairs done to the playground.

Mr. Mah will have his head shaved (he always keeps his word!) on April 22nd.

*Public Speaking Finals will be held on Friday, April 5th at 1:00pm. All of the finalists from the four intermediate classes will be presenting.*

# School Goal Update

The staff collaborated again on February 5th. Led by our district staff development department, the teachers examined other activities and selected our next problem solving activity.

The staff will be working on another set of problem solving activities with the students and providing a second school-wide assessment.

growth in our writing over the past two years and the need to focus on numeracy.

At the last PAC meeting, I showed how we experienced

# What's Going on at HME?



## Ready Set Learn

Heritage Mountain hosted Ready Set Learn on January 20th. Over 55 pre-schoolers and their families joined us.



## Pizza Winners

Mrs. Derksen's Grade 3 class enjoyed a pizza lunch courtesy of Flying Wedge Pizza. The class won the Playground Scratch Card Fundraiser contest.

## Public Speaking Finalists

Congratulations to Grade 5 Kailey K. and Grade 4 Catherine E. for being chosen to represent HME at the Public Speaking Festival on Wednesday, February 27th.

# Basketball

Our Grade Fives have begun our basketball season. Our team is so large that we had to split them into two squads. HME1 played their first game on February 6th with Moody Elementary. Our students enjoyed the game.

Our gym is unavailable due to Gym Sense, so we will be playing Away Games.

HME2 vs. Pleasantside, February 27th

HME1 vs. Mountain Meadows, February 28th

HME2 vs. Anmore, March 6th

# Parking and Traffic

Parking around Heritage Mountain seems to be an issue again.

It is an issue at every school that I have been at as principal.

Parents are asked not to leave their cars parked in the Pick Up/Drop Off zone. This obstructs the flow of traffic coming in to pick up their child.

Many parents have shared their

concerns and frustrations about the parking at HME.

One thing we all note are parents arriving at 2:30 and parking in the pick up zone, waiting for their child, who may or may not come up in time. This creates the double parking situation.

There is plenty of street parking available for those that arrive early and wait.

Also, parents should yield to families standing at the cross walk.

Mr. Mah will pick a day to live Tweet from the parking lot. Should be a blockbuster!

*The Grade Fours will receive their FSA results next week.*

## Gym Sense

Lucinda from Gym Sense returns! Our students look forward to our gymnastics program. The program runs until March 15th.

Thanks to the PAC Activity Fee for covering the costs of the program.



## TCYBA

The TCYBA exists to provide inclusive basketball programs that are fun, safe, and challenging for boys and girls in the Tri Cities area. Our programs focus on developing basketball fundamentals, sportsmanship, and (physical) fitness.

Registration is opening up for new players in March for the spring basketball league. To find out more information and to register go to [www.tcyba.org](http://www.tcyba.org)





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Learners and Leaders

### Special Notes

There will not be a drop-in registration session.

Registration will be done on line with credit card, pay pal or cheques. Those families paying by cheque can make it payable to "Port Moody Minor Lacrosse Association". Families utilizing KidSport please e-mail the registrar. Registration of these players will be by the hard copy registration form method.

A player is not registered until a completed registration form is received and payment is received in full.

Registrants must fill-in all names, addresses, phone numbers (including cellular phone numbers) and e-mail addresses of all parents/guardians so that we can compile a comprehensive list of PMLA members and so that we can send out important notices as they arise.

New players will need to scan a copy of their birth certificate or passport, BC Care Card and proof of Port Moody residency in the prescribed format as defined by the BCLA (property tax bill, hydro/electricity bill, gas bill or cable/satellite bill) to [registrar@portmoodylacrosse.org](mailto:registrar@portmoodylacrosse.org) or drop off to 112 Clearview Drive, Port Moody, BC V3H2S8.

Players in each division will be entered on a wait list in the sequence of registration. When enough players in a division register to create a team, a new waiting list will be formed in hopes that enough players register to complete another team. If multiple teams are formed in a division the final team composition may be determined through tryouts.

In addition to registration fees collected by the association, the team manager will be responsible for collecting 75\$ jersey deposit cheques postdated to August 1, 2013 along with team fees to pay for tournaments and other team events to be collected by the team manager.

If you have any questions regarding the registration process, please contact the [registrar@portmoodylacrosse.org](mailto:registrar@portmoodylacrosse.org)

## Port Moody Lacrosse

Guess who played Lacrosse?

An athlete will become a better athlete when tested physically and mentally with varying reactive situations. For example: A hockey player becomes a faster skater when his off-season is filled with sprinting and plyometrics (jumping). His puck control and hand-eye coordination will certainly be strengthened by the skills of ball control and catching/receiving used in the game of lacrosse.

As the new rules in the NHL have trickled down to minor hockey the players and coaches with lacrosse experience will have a distinct advantage; the Lacrosse style of loading the weak side, picks/screens and non positional play will become the coaches and players secret weapon.

Gretzky on Lacrosse

"If sport has a high point of the year, it must be the first week of spring. When I was growing up, I used to love this time of year. It was when I put my hockey equipment away and I was absolutely ecstatic to see the end of the hockey season. One of the worst things to happen to the game, in my opinion, has been year-round hockey and, in particular, summer hockey. All it does for kids, as far as I can tell, is keep them out of sports they should be doing in the warmer weather. I could hardly wait to get my lacrosse stick out and start throwing the ball against the walls and working on our moves as we played the lacrosse equivalent to road hockey. All the good hockey players seemed to play lacrosse in those days and

every one of them learned something from the game to carry over to the other – things athletes can only learn by mixing up the games they play when they are young."

Check out Port Moody Lacrosse Association for registration information <https://www.sportregistration.com/register.cfm?id=11&key=f74adf05-e3e9-430d-bd9c-904b2cdcc9b9>

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