



**June 2017**

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# Principal's Message

As this is the final newsletter of the year I would like to personally thank the staff, students and parents of our GW Graham community who have been supportive throughout this school year. I would like to acknowledge the PAC who works tirelessly on the school's behalf and also our community partners who make sure that events and activities take place for our students. We could not offer the wide range of extra-curricular activities without their support!

To our grade 12 graduates congratulations and all the best as you head out and begin the next part of your life adventure.

To our GW Graham staff members who are leaving us for other opportunities, I wish you continued success and to those retiring...hope your journey is filled with good health and loads of fun.

To our returning staff and students have a restful summer and enjoy the freedom from routine and bells. I have thoroughly enjoyed my year at GW Graham and being part of this remarkable learning community. Thank you to each of you for making my time at GW Graham positive and rewarding. I wish you all have a summer filled with adventures and time with family and friends creating memories. All the best Grizzley's!



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## News from the Library June 2017

The library has been busy with ordering new books in all genres and creating a Science Fiction display. In June we will be creating a music display. As the year is coming to a close we will once again be completing an inventory so all the books will be due in the library on June 9.

We are reminding all students to check for overdue books and return them to the library as soon as possible.

Our library challenge for May was to write a Science Fiction short story. The winners are Ana M. and Rose K. - congratulations.

Our library Makerspace continues to grow. Students can join Tuesdays and Thursdays to do crafts or work with technology such as our Makey Makey, Spheros and Littlebits.

Yearbooks will be handed out on June 19. We are ordering all the books soon so please place your order online or at the school office before it is too late. A reminder that all school fees must be paid in order to get a yearbook. This year the yearbook class is hosting a yearbook signing party and a lip-sync battle on June 19, during advisory and lunch. Students who have pre-purchased books will receive them during advisory and will then be allowed to go to the party.

Summer is almost here. Check out these YA summer reading lists.

[https://marinet.bibliocommons.com/list/share/116536968\\_fvrl\\_tsawwassen/281752509\\_summer\\_reads\\_-\\_tsawwassen\\_library\\_-\\_fvrl](https://marinet.bibliocommons.com/list/share/116536968_fvrl_tsawwassen/281752509_summer_reads_-_tsawwassen_library_-_fvrl)  
[http://www.fvrl.bc.ca/summer\\_reading](http://www.fvrl.bc.ca/summer_reading)



[\\_young\\_adult\\_-\\_](#)

<http://www.readbrightly.com/ya-books-2017/clubs.php>  
<http://www.epicreads.com/blog/summer-2017-cover-reveals/>

## Make-A-Wish

The "Making Wishes Come True" group would like to thank the 42 students involved in this year's *Take Action Day* on May 10, 2017. In one day, we were able to raise \$1279.94 through a community bottle drive to support the BC & Yukon Chapter of the Make-A-Wish® Foundation for children diagnosed with a life-threatening illness. An extra thank you goes to Halcyon, our neighbors on the south side of Thomas Road, who considerably helped our bottle drive.



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## News from the Career Advisor

Parents of students in Grade 10 and 11, it's definitely not too soon to encourage your child to think ahead about being that excellent candidate for scholarships and bursaries in Grade 12. Wondering how to help? Here are a few useful tips!

Tips that will help insure your child's success:

1. Attendance is important. Attend school regularly.
2. Marks matter. Work hard in school and keep those grades up.
3. Be involved in school extracurricular activities. Some examples: Leadership programs, WEX 12, Take Action Days, school sports, music, drama or art programs, clubs and organizations such as *Be the Change Club* and *Key Club*. If the school doesn't have a club in your area of interest, start one!
4. Be involved in the community. Some examples: Cadets, Scouts or Guides, YMCA Youth Leadership program, church activities, community sports, cheer or dance programs, S.P.C.A., senior care facilities, etc.
5. Community involvement and volunteerism can't be left until grade 12. Students need to begin involvement in grades 10 or 11...and stay with it. Choose something you love and it'll be easy to continue! Remember, volunteerism is the heart of many communities!
6. Be well-rounded academically and in your extra-curricular activities.
7. Research scholarship opportunities...it's always good to know what opportunities lay ahead.

Have your child make an appointment with the Career Advisor for information on scholarships, to do career planning and explore post-secondary options. Contact Pam Jones in person or by e-mail at [pam\\_jones@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:pam_jones@sd33.bc.ca)

## Shad Summer Program..."Give Us a Month, We'll Show You the Future"

Students and their families are encouraged to begin thinking about the fall application to the Shad Enrichment Program. SHAD is a month long intensive pre-university summer program that focuses on science, math, engineering and entrepreneurship. It brings together 650 top students from across Canada and fully immerses them for one month at one of 13 host universities across Canada where they are challenged to "think outside the box" and reach their full potential. Developing engineering prototypes, applying scientific principles, coupled with understanding business when it comes to developing an idea from its inception, to its creation, to realization is a key part of the program. A typical day at Shad will include activities that not only take place in a classroom but also educational field trips as well as outdoor and recreational activities. While the program is academic in nature, recreational activities are also an integral part of the program, both for team building purposes and for fun! The Shad program also includes discussion on ethics, environment and social responsibility, to ensure that participants leave the program with a truly transformational experience. Shad's vision is to be Canada's network for transforming exceptional youth to create global impact. Acceptance to Shad is highly competitive, and is based on strong marks and a strong community focus. Scholarship dollars are available for all students and families concerned about costs should apply! Check out [www.shad.ca](http://www.shad.ca) for more information.



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## Scholarship Winners!

These are exciting times for Grade 12 students thinking ahead to Convocation and the announcement of scholarships and bursaries. If your son or daughter learns they are the recipient of a scholarship or bursary, they will need to acknowledge the incredible generosity to our donor community. Please share the following instructions for thanking the donor and for claiming their award.

**Student winners must attend a meeting on June 21, 2017 at 10:30 in the library.**

Important instructions on thank you cards/letters and how to collect/redeem the award will be given.

**At the June 21st meeting winners will:**

- **Write and return a completed thank you cards/letters to Mrs. Jones.**
- **Hand in one completed Scholarship/Bursary Recipient form.** This form will be included in the awards package received at Convocation
- **Meet with Mrs. Jones** to discuss individual instructions on how to collect the award(s) won.

## Congratulations to the Grad Class of 2017!!

### Summer Learning 2017

Help your child prepare for the next grade.

Summer Learning takes place in July. Registration began on May 23.

Please note that in Chilliwack, Summer Learning opportunities are limited and courses run only if there is enough demand. For more information, go to <http://www.sd33.bc.ca/programs/summer-learning>

Additionally, Abbotsford School District offers a wider variety of secondary courses. For details, see

<http://summerschool.sd34.bc.ca/secondary>

Please call your child's counsellor if you would like more information.

School Counselors: Joe Sallos (Students with last name A-G)

Maryanne Mussell (Students with last name H-N)

Kim Hancock (Students with last name O-Z)

### Lost and Found

Please come and check the lost and found for items. Unclaimed items will be donated on June 28th.





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## Middle School SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM

**Middle School Summit Courses:**  
July 4 – 28, 2017 8:00 am – 12:15 pm

The Summer Learning Middle School Summit Courses are delivered in a cross-curricular project based learning format that provides students with an opportunity to develop skills and meet learning outcomes within 80 hours of instruction during a 4-week period. Course Completion students will work with teachers and student mentors on cross-curricular projects or inquiries designed to cover the essential learning objectives in the core academic subjects (Math, Science, English and Social Studies). Project based inquiry will occur for part of the day, and for the other part of the day, students will be engaged in Daily Physical Activities such as: minor games, field trips, hiking, rock climbing, etc. Along the way, while meeting the learning outcomes, we are aiming to improve student engagement, as well as creating an appreciation of a healthy balanced lifestyle.



**Course Completion**  
Students are required to attend Summer Learning in order to obtain credit for courses they were unsuccessful in completing throughout the school year.



All Middle School Summit courses consist of 80 hours of instruction. All Course Completion Students will register for a Middle School Summit Course and upon completion of the course, the home school will determine if sufficient outcomes have been met to grant credit.

**Middle School Summit Preview:** Students can enroll in the Summer program to preview courses for the upcoming school year.

### Preview and Specialty Middle School Courses:

**Preview/ Specialty Courses** offered this year include: Each course consists of 40 hours of instruction. Credits will not be granted for a preview course.

#### Preview Pre-Calculus Math 10

July 4 – 14, 2017 8:00 am – 12:30 pm  
This preview class is ONLY for Grade 9 students. This course is designed to introduce students to the Math 10 Foundations and Pre-Calculus learning outcomes.

#### Music 7

July 4 – 28, 2017 8:00 am – 10:15 am  
Location: Chilliwack Secondary / FVDES Site

#### Music 8 & 9

July 4 – 28, 2017 10:15 am – 12:30 pm  
Location: Chilliwack Secondary / FVDES Site

**Secondary School Courses (For students in Grade 9/10/11)**  
**Sustainable Vegetable Production**  
July 5 – August 31, 2017  
Tuesdays and Fridays 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

This unique outdoor course will take place at both the Sardis Secondary School Greenhouse and the new Sardis Secondary School Farm (on Richardson Avenue). Students will be taught about food production through practical hands-on experiences. Students will learn skills in land preparation, planting, weed control, pest management, fertilizing, pruning, harvesting, marketing and sales. They will also work alongside community partners who are specialists in the various commodities grown. As a side benefit, students will be encouraged to prepare the food and eat it with their families. **Course offerings:**

1. **State Explorations 10 (Offered to current Grade 9 students) - 4 credits (80 hrs)**
2. **Independent Directed Studies (IDS) 12 (Offered to current Grade 10/11 students) - 40 hrs (2 credits)**
3. **Independent Directed Studies (IDS) 12 (Offered to current Grade 10/11 students) - 80 hrs (4 credits)**

**Attendance:** Attendance during the Summer Learning session is a prerequisite to success. Full attendance is required. **Absences in excess of 2 days may result in withdrawal from the course.**





# G. W. Graham Middle-Secondary School Newsletter



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### Registration Information:

Register online at:  
<http://www.sd33.bc.ca/programs/summer-learning/>  
Registration will open on May 23, 2017 and close June 30, 2017.

**Note:** If currently enrolled in a Chilliwack District School, proof of BC residency or Identification is not required.

- All out of district students will need to complete an online registration form and email their proof of BC residency and student identification to: [jeff\\_dartnell@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:jeff_dartnell@sd33.bc.ca).
- Students will not need a report card if registering for preview courses.
- Please note that registration for courses is first come first serve. Classes fill up quickly so please register as soon as possible.



**Cost:**

All courses offered for Summer Learning are FREE for school-aged residents of British Columbia. Non-residents of BC and international elementary students pay \$400.00 per course or \$800.00 for the Summer Program.



### Summer Learning Program

Location:

Fraser Valley Distance  
Education School  
(shared location with CSS)  
46361 Yale Road  
Chilliwack, B.C.  
V2P 2P8  
**604-701-4972**

For more information check out the  
Summer Learning website:  
<http://www.sd33.bc.ca/programs/summer-learning/>  
or contact the Vice-Principal,  
**Jeff Dartnell**  
at 604-701-4916 or  
[jeff\\_dartnell@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:jeff_dartnell@sd33.bc.ca)




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## LOOKING FOR SUMMER EMPLOYMENT?

Sparkes Corn Barn is hiring students for the 2017 season!  
Sparkes Corn Barn team members must be:

- ✓ friendly
- ✓ motivated
- ✓ self-starting
- ✓ hard-working

Apply NOW online at [ChilliwackCorn.com](http://ChilliwackCorn.com)!  
(Click on the Employment tab)



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