

# The Titan Tribune

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## Principal's Message

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Principal: Mr. Glen Hildebrand

Vice-Principal: Mr. Michael Hendricks

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Select " Student/Parent"

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**PASSWORD:**  
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[Andrew\\_macphail@sd.34.bc.ca](mailto:Andrew_macphail@sd.34.bc.ca) or the classroom teacher

### Office Staff:

Mrs. Hartley local: 1000  
Mrs. Schellenberg local: 1001  
TBA local: 1002

### Counselor:

Mr. Colin Abernethy local: 1107  
Mrs. Lindsay Faber local: 1108

### One-to-One program:

Andrew MacPhail local: 1120

The second semester is now well underway. We trust you have all had a chance to review your son or daughter's report card with them. If you have not yet received it, check with your son or daughter and contact the office.

There are a couple of important things to pass on to you as parents. With the new changes in the district technology plan our network and internet has undergone a number of changes. This has led to some degree of frustration with internet connectivity and speeds. Another important fact is that our ability to block or screen internet web sites has been affected. Please see the item below for more detail. The district network people were working on reinstalling the district web site blocks and filters for us here at ATSS this past weekend. We are hoping to have the safeguards up and running for this week. However it is a good reminder that there is never a good substitute for basic parental supervision of your child's use of the internet.

Also we will be introducing several new courses for next year. We ask that you as parents be partners with us and ensure that you review the courses your son or daughter select to ensure that they are selecting the courses which best reflect the future choices you along with them would make. See following for more information.

We have had great success again with several of our athletic teams. Our Wrestling Team traveled to Port Albernie for the annual tournament two weekends ago. We came third overall in the tournament. The following wrestlers placed. Jaskaran Khela and Albel Deol placed silver, Shahbaj Deol and Harman Rakhra placed 6th in very tough divisions. Just this past weekend they had the Upper Fraser Valley Championship and our team from both ATMS and ATSS also placed third overall. We have seven wrestlers progressing on to the provincials. Congratulations to the wrestling team and their coaches, Mr. Domke and Mr. Laity.

Our Jr. girls have begun their playoff run and placed high enough in the league to host a playoff game for the first time. Our Jr. girls are ranked 5th overall in the Fraser Valley. Their playoff games continue this week. Congratulations and best of luck to Mr. Barden and our Jr. girls.

Sincerely,  
Glen Hildebrand. Principal



# ATSS Calendar

**Faculty:**

Dept Heads:	Local
Lindsay Faber	1108
Colin Abernethy	1107
Ken Laity	5107
Andrew Macphail	5173/1120/1114
Andrew Lawrence	3137
Rebecca Toews	3134
Tracy Wedel	3140
Pam VanKleeck	3237

**Teaching Staff**

Don Barden ringer :2244	1103
Elizabeth Cousar	3141
Brock Currie	3252
Bruce Cuthbertson	3236
Jim Domke	5164/5107
Shawn Fedyna	3251
Lyndon Friesen	3138
Grant Gasser	1114/1116
Katie Grieve	3234
Carlton Haak	3250
James Hill	3137
Kim Hunt	5107
Steve Kauffman	3238
Harshpinder Punia	5171
Sandy Lane	3248
Michelle Myers	3235
Sarah Peters	3136
Janet Wade	1121
Olga Ulyasheva	3240
Elizabeth Smoes	3136

**Learning Assistance**

Phyllis Collins	3135
Heidi Ens	3135
Karen Hiebert	3135
Denise Silzer	3135

**Library**

Laurie Salter	3152
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**Cafeteria**

Julie McCaughey	5169
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**International Rep**

Christine	1110
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**Youth Worker**

Darlene Rayburn	3255
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**Community Support**

Jeven Randhawa	1110
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Emails can be sent to all staff under:  
[first\\_last@sd34.bc.ca](mailto:first_last@sd34.bc.ca)  
 (Simply use that teacher's name)

*Remember: We are on the web!*

Follow us on Twitter

@abbytitans

Check out our website: <http://www.atss.ca>

Feb 19	ATSS PAC Meeting
Feb 21	Gr. 9 Parent/Student Orientation
Mar 10	Grad Fashion Show 3:00pm
Mar 12	ATSS PAC Meeting
Mar 13	One Hour Early Dismissal
Mar 14	One Hour Early Dismissal
Mar 15	Last day before Spring Break
Mar 17	Run for the Kids
April 14 – 17	Band Trip (Edmonton)
Mar 18-28	Spring Break
Mar 29	Good Friday
Apr 1	Easter Monday
Apr 2	School reopens *
Apr 12	Term III ends
Apr 16	ATSS PAC Meeting
Apr 24	Report cards issued
Apr 25	Parent/Teacher interviews
Apr 26	Non Instructional Day #5
May 10	Prom at Newlands
May 20	Victoria Day
May 31	Convocation/Dry Grad
June 4	ATSS PAC Meeting
June 5	Year-End Band Concert (ATSS Gym)
June 14	Term IV ends
June 17-25	In school/provincial exams
June 27	Non Instructional Day #6
June 28	Report cards issued
June 28	Year-End Closing (non-instructional)





## Course Selection Changes for 2013/14:

### Intro. to Punjabi 11

Despite interest in this course again this year, we posted for the position and were unable to obtain a qualified teacher for this year. We will continue to try in this area.

### Course Prerequisites for 2013/14:

For the upcoming academic year we have more strictly applied the recommendations for our Academic courses which include Foundations and Pre-Calculus Math 11 & 12, Biology, Chemistry and Physics 11 & 12 and English 11 & 12. In order to qualify for the next level in these courses the student will have to have achieved at least a C+ or a 67% in their respective Math or Science 10 course and 55% in English 10.

The reason for this to better connect the academic course with student achievement, effort and ability to ensure students are prepared for the next level of study. We have experienced a small number of students who move into the next academic level of course and are not prepared for the rigor required of them resulting in failing grades at that level. This will set clearly the academic achievement required to attain that next level and give students a target to aim for.

Should students fail to meet these requirements they may look at the option of repeating in summer school to achieve the required grade, thus better preparing them for the next challenging level of study.

### New ATSS Course Offerings for 2013/14:

We will be offering the following courses for next year. Geography 12, Jazz Band 9-12, Drama 9-12, Advanced Placement French 12, and Social Justice 12. Please take the time to review the course content of these courses. They will be offered based on student interest, potential cost and the ability of a teacher to teach them. They and their course descriptions will soon be up on our web site. We will provide the link in our next newsletter to that web site.

## Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 11 Students (Grad 2014)

Although your son or daughter is not graduating for over a year, Grad Council would like to invite you to participate in the organization of two key events for our Grads of 2013. By helping with these events you are ensuring the successful continuation of these events for future grad classes.

1. The pre-Prom Grand March will be held at the school on Friday, May 10. Volunteers will be needed to organize the afternoon reception before Grads board the bus to go to Newlands Golf and Country Club.
2. Convocation ceremonies will be held on Friday, May 31. Volunteers will be needed to transport and set up equipment, as ushers, and other duties such as gown collection.

If you are interested in helping with either (or both) of these events, please contact Mrs. Toews ([rebecca\\_toews@sd34.bc.ca](mailto:rebecca_toews@sd34.bc.ca)) or Mrs. Myers ([michelle\\_myers@sd34.bc.ca](mailto:michelle_myers@sd34.bc.ca)), or leave a message at the school (604-850-7029).

Thank you for supporting this Grad tradition!





From the Sportsdesk....

The junior varsity girls are in the Fraser Valley Playoffs for the second year in a row. This time they are significantly in a better position .... In 2012 they were the 16<sup>th</sup> ranked seed.... **This year they are the 5<sup>th</sup> ranked seed and will be the first Titan bball team to host a valley playoff round.**

On Wednesday the girls soundly defeated the Abby Christian Knights to advance to the semis... On Thursday night was an intense barnburner as they outlasted the Rick Hansen Hurricanes 44 – 43. Great defensive pressure was the key to the victory.

In the final on Saturday afternoon the Titans faced the unbeaten and #1 provincially ranked Hawks from WJ Mouat. Nerves were at a premium as the girls continued their outstanding defensive play but the jitters caused some offensive turnovers. **Although quality shots were being launched they just didn't hit the target.** The Hawks on their few chances just couldn't miss. Down by 22 at one point didn't deter the resolve of the Titans as they went on to win the next three quarters. But the intense effort to battle back was incredibly exhausting and they fell just short ... as Mouat held onto win the game by a score of 42 – 32.

A seeding meeting held on Sunday placed the Titans in 5<sup>th</sup> place.

Tonight in our gym at 7:30 the Titans play the North Delta Huskies.  
Come out and support your school. GO TITANS GO

### ATSS Internet Service Update:

During the recent roll out of the district's new technology roadmap there have been significant changes in our internet network and service providers. This has resulted in slow speeds and occasional disconnection for our internet users. The district and the contractors have been working on this and for the most part have it solved. However as parents you need to know that our ability to block or filter undesired internet web sites has been disabled. This has left our laptops vulnerable to potential abuse. We are working diligently to restore these blocks and filters to provide some degree of security for your son or daughter's use of their laptops. This should be in place for the week. However any secure filtering can be compromised by knowledgeable users. Many of our students are now such knowledgeable users. There is no substitute for good parental supervision when it comes to computer or laptop use by your child. Please remember the steps to internet safety widely published by security and police agencies. No child/student should be left unsupervised when it comes to internet use. Laptops should be used in a public place in the home and not in a student's bedroom. If you have any further questions please contact the school at 604-850-7029.

### MARCH 17: Run for the Kids

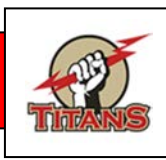
Funds from the Run for the Kids will be sent to Kenya for alternative income and livelihood. Free The Children is a non-profit organization that supports the less fortunate globally.

This year's Run for the Kids will take place at Mill Lake Centennial Park on March 17, starting at 9 am. Runners, joggers and walkers are all welcome.

Volunteers are also needed! Sign up on the running room website:  
<http://www.events.runningroom.com/site/?raceId=8863>

**(This event was created by an Abbotsford Traditional Secondary Student for their District Scholarship Project.)**





## PAC NEWS

If you are a parent of a student at ATSS, you automatically belong to the PAC (Parent Advisory Committee)! We are an officially recognized body that disburses grants, bursaries and supports the school in a variety of ways. We would love to have your input.

Our next PAC meeting of the 2012-2013 year will be Tuesday evening, February 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the ATSS/ATMS library. Our principal, Glen Hildebrand is always available at the meeting for a report and questions.

We would love to have an e-mail contact from you and to keep you informed of various needs and events throughout the year. Please send your first and last name, the names and grades of your student, and your e-mail address to: [heather\\_schmidt@sd34.bc.ca](mailto:heather_schmidt@sd34.bc.ca)

We are hosting "Parent Connection" times on Wednesday mornings. Please come out as many times as you can to meet, "connect" and get to know other ATSS parents. Time: 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Bring a coffee or tea and enjoy!

### PAC Contacts:

Heather Schmidt (Chairperson)  
[heather\\_schmidt@sd34.bc.ca](mailto:heather_schmidt@sd34.bc.ca)

Lori Toews (Treasurer):  
[lori\\_toews@sd34.bc.ca](mailto:lori_toews@sd34.bc.ca), ph: 604-857-2233

**\*\* PAC MEETINGS for 2012-2013 year  
7:00 pm – ATMS/ATSS Library  
Feb 19 – Mar 12 – Apr 16 – June 4**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU!

### **Possible School Closures Due to Weather or Power Outages**

In the event of a school closure announcement, information for parents will be available through the media – local radio stations – Country 107.1 FM or STAR-FM at 98.3 FM, the district website at [www.sd34.bc.ca](http://www.sd34.bc.ca) and the district's Synervoice communication system, which consists of an automated phone call to each students' home number or primary contact number. This will be a district emergency message authorized by the Superintendent and generated through the district office. The message should be delivered to each home through the automated system by 7:00 a.m. on the day a school closure is in effect. Please ensure your child's contact information in the school office, including a parent email address if available, is accurate as the district prepares for this new communication system.



## NOW to MARCH 1 Relay for Life Registration

JUNE 14: Relay for Life event

Relay For Life is an inspirational, non-competitive overnight fundraising event; it has a festival-like atmosphere that your family, friends and co-workers can enjoy - regardless of age or fitness level. Please join in - 2013 is the Canadian Cancer Society's 75th anniversary. Help the Abbotsford Relay For Life committee make this special year of Relay For Life our most successful year. This event is their signature fundraising event; it brings together people in our community who have the common goal of fighting cancer. Funds raised help with research, caring support programs for people living with cancer and their loved ones; and strategies to prevent cancer before it starts. The event takes place on Friday June 14, 2013 7:00pm to Saturday June 15, 2013 7:00am.

To register a team or get involved go to: [www.relaybc.ca/abbotsford2013](http://www.relaybc.ca/abbotsford2013)

Draw to win 1 of 3 ipad prizes if you register by March 1, with each individual receiving:

- 2 entries to win if they register by January 31 and
- 1 entry if they register between February 1 and March 1

**Sign up for one day Fiddle Camp** ( young and old fiddlers alike ) and take in some of Canada's best fiddlers at Fiddlerama ( the concert in the evening ).

Erik Eeg  
 Central Fraser Valley Fiddlers,  
[www.centralfraservalleyfiddlers.com/fiddlecamp](http://www.centralfraservalleyfiddlers.com/fiddlecamp)

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