



April 11, 2014

Abbotsford Traditional Secondary School

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Principal: Mr. Glen Hildebrand
Vice-Principal: Mr. Michael Hendricks

OnlineMarks
Checkmymark.com

Student marks are available online at www.checkmymark.com. In order to access your child's marks, you will need to login with a

USER TYPE:
Select "Student/Parent"

SCHOOL:
"Abbotsford Traditional Secondary"

LAST NAME:
Student's Last Name

PASSWORD:
The Password is randomly generated and teachers will provide each student with their unique password. For Login help or password resets, please contact Mr. Macphail Andrew_macphail@sd.34.bc.ca or the classroom teacher

Office Staff:
Mrs. Hartley local: 1002

Counselor:
Mr. Colin Abernethy local: 1107

One-to-One program:
Andrew Macphail local: 1120

All teacher e-mail addresses can be found on our website www.atss.ca

Principal's Message

We are just coming to the end of our third term. Report Cards will be going home on Fri, Apr. 25 followed by parent/Teacher interviews on Thurs. May 8 from 6:30 to 8 pm. Please look for your son or daughter's report card and set this date aside to meet with their teachers.

I would like to congratulate Miranda Koetsch our Gr. 10 student who won the UFV's Science Fair award with her project "The Green Sticker", for the Society of Canadian Women in Science and Technology. She was one of four contestants selected to go to the Canadian National Science Fair in Ontario. Congratulations Miranda.

I would also like to draw your attention to the amazing success of our wrestlers who won 2 gold medals, 2 first placements on the Canadian National team to travel to Brazil later this year, one silver, one bronze medal and a fifth place finish at the Canadian Nationals this past weekend in Nova Scotia. See the following story for details. Well done guys.

We have received a number of calls from parents who are asking about an apparent "grad campout" planned for Cultus Lake next Fri. Apr. 18. You need to know there is no school planned campout for grads. Obviously it is up to you as parents as to what permissions you give your grade 12s but we do not plan such overnight events. This will be unsupervised and is likely to be high risk. Please have a discussion with your son or daughter about the outcomes of such an event.

Spring Swing Dance Expectations:

We are looking forward to our Spring Swing dance Thurs. Just a reminder that all school rules apply. Students need to dress appropriately which means no short shorts, or just leggings and no spaghetti strap tops for the girls and no sleeveless shirts for the guys. We anticipate a fun evening.

Spring is here and the lure to miss the odd class will be strong. We remind our students that it is very important that they be with us in all their classes as we near the end of the year. If students are absent with parent permission, we must have either a note or a phone call from the parent to know if the student is skipping or not. Please don't forget this important step in holding all of our students accountable for their learning.

If you have any questions about possible school events don't hesitate to contact our office at 604-850-7029.

Sincerely,

Glen Hildebrand



Faculty:

Dept Heads:	Local
Colin Abernethy	1107
Ken Laity	5107
Andrew Macphail	1120
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
Grant Gasser	1114/1116
Carlton Haak	3250
James Hill/Valerie Neufeldt	3137
Kim Hunt	5107
Steve Kauffman	3238
Sharon Kehoe	5171
Sandy Lane	3248
Frank Muermann	3138
Michelle Myers	3235
Prem Narang	
Tamara O'Brien	5173
Sarah Peters	3136
Olga Ulyasheva	3240
Janet Wade	1121

Learning Assistance

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

Library

Laurie Salter	3152
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Cafeteria

Bonnie Hughes	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

(Simply use that teacher's name)

Remember: We are on the web!

Follow us on Twitter [@abbytitans](https://twitter.com/abbytitans)

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



ATSS Calendar

Apr. 18	Good Friday
Apr. 21	Easter Monday
Apr. 11	Term 3 Ends
Apr. 25	Report Cards Issued/Collaboration Day #13
May 8	Parent-Teacher Interviews
May 9	Non-Instructional Day #5
May 16	Collaboration Day #14
	Prom/Grand March
May 19	Victoria Day
May 30	Collaboration Day #15
	Convocation
June 2	Non-Instructional Day #6
June 13	Term 4 Ends/Collaboration Day #16
June 18-24	In-School/Provincial Exams
June 27	Report Cards Issued
	Year-End Closing (non-instructional)





Grads - you are almost done!

Prom tickets will be handed out in Mrs. Silzer's room (C135) starting at lunchtime on May 9.

However, you must have completed all of the following items BEFORE I can give you the tickets:

- 5 photos for convocation. These should show a range of ages from baby to present
- Convocation write up. This is what is read out as you cross the stage.
- grad transitions plan - completed and handed in
- grad fees and school fees are fully paid
- overdue library books returned

Please ensure these are all taken care of before asking for your prom ticket!

Thank you!

Denise Silzer
ATSS
Learning Assistance Teacher



ATSS PAC NEWS: There are 3 upcoming needs that parents have been requested to help with:

1) THIS NEXT THURSDAY, APRIL 10 is the ATSS Spring Dance. Mr. Brock Currie (teacher) has requested parental supervision and help with the coat check as well as helping the students serve ice cream sundaes. The dance begins at 6:30. He is requesting 6-10 parents be at the school at 6:15 for their "assignment"!

If you would be able to help with this, please contact him directly at: brock_currie@sd34.bc.ca

2) Gr. 9-11 parents are NEEDED for decorating and traffic control help for our Grand March on Friday, May 16. This is an event that the Grad Class and parents have helped with for several years, and one in which they rely on the "undergrad parents and students" to step forward and help make this day a success. We expect crowds of 400-500 people! We need:

* 8-10 men/boys willing to direct car traffic, parking issues and "man" entrances and parking lots from approx. 3:30 to 5:00. IT WOULD BE FANTASTIC TO HAVE SOMEONE VOLUNTEER TO BE "IN CHARGE" and the "Go to" person for this! A binder of what has been done in the past, and what should be done, and where to find supplies, will all be given to you!

* 8-10 students/moms/dads to direct traffic and "man" entrances INSIDE the school ... for security and to direct people where to go. IT WOULD BE FANTASTIC TO HAVE SOMEONE VOLUNTEER TO BE "IN CHARGE" and the "Go to" person for this as well! Time requirement: approx. 3:30-5:00. Again, exact times TBA soon. Again... there are clear directions as to what has been done in the past.

* 8-10 parents to help with decorating the courtyard and the gymnasium. We have someone with experience to help direct and supply the majority of the decorations ... we just need hands, and people committed to being there to make sure it gets done and cleaned up on Friday, May 16, from approx. 2:00 until 4:30, and then help clean up afterwards.

PLEASE email: toews.team@gmail.com or atsspac@gmail.com. (Asking friends to do this with you is a great way to spend time with them and help us all out! :))

3) Gr. 9-11 PARENTS are also needed on Friday, May 30th, to help with the decorating of our Dry Grad event while Grad Parents and students are at convocation. The grad class and organizing parents really rely on the "undergrad" parents to help out with this, and we are really dependent on their help, as almost 100% of the decorating cannot be done early, and needs to be done quickly and well. All supplies and decorations will be supplied, and we will have a meeting with "key decorators" a few days beforehand, at the location, to explain exactly what needs to be done where ... it would just be GREAT to know we have some parents we can rely on. Expect another email about this soon from Mrs. Bonnie Hughes.

Questions and people interested in helping with this can contact parent, Mrs. Bonnie Hughes at: bonbonhugs@gmail.com

THANK YOU, PARENTS!!!!
HOPEFULLY YOU REALIZE WE REALLY NEED YOU (BECAUSE WE DO!!!) IT IS ALL PART OF OUR 'TRADITIONAL' TRADEMARK!!



ANNOUNCEMENT FOR GRADS:

PLEASE NOTE: Student Convocation Rehearsal will be from 3:30-5:00 at Northview on Wednesday, May 28 - not Tuesday, May 27 as on the magnet. This rehearsal is for student attendance only (not parents). Attendance is very important. Please make sure work schedules and commitments that may interfere are adjusted to allow for attendance at this event.

Thank you!

**PROM/GRAND MARCH
Friday, May 16
CONVOCATION Friday, May 30**



Community Events and Information

Please check the district website at

<http://www.sd34.bc.ca/>



**For further information please visit the following
websites:**

Please check Abbyconnect page for New Information: (Flyers in Abbyconnect in "For Families" folder)

1) Auto-Crime prevention info from ICBC

This year, April is Auto Crime Enforcement month in B.C. and ICBC is supporting the Integrated Municipal Provincial Auto Crime Team (IMPACT) and the provincial government on highlighting this important issue. Since 2003, auto crime has been declining in B.C., thanks to increased awareness, police enforcement activities such as the Bait Car program and legislation that requires new vehicles to be equipped with immobilizers. However, thieves are constantly looking for any opportunity, so ICBC is asking you to help us remind drivers to remain vigilant in taking steps to protect themselves from auto crime. You'll find helpful suggestions on ways you can help promote this important road safety message at: <http://www.icbc.com/road-safety/prevent-autocrime>

2) Fraser Valley Autism Society Ipad Program (See flyer on Abbyconnect)

The Fraser Valley Autism Society is pleased to announce their first iPad Grant Program. The iPad Grant Program was created to provide support for individuals with Autism struggling with the challenges around communication, organization and fine motor skills. With the increasing amount of Apps now available specifically designed to address these needs, the Fraser Valley Autism Society decided that an iPad Grant Program would be highly beneficial.

3) Abbotsford Skating Club Ice Show on April 5 (See flyer in Abbyconnect)

"Beach Blades" is an Ice Show inspired by the sights and sounds of summer. From thunder storms, rainy nights and the sun going down to surfing, California dreaming and chasing the sun! The Abbotsford Skating Club annual ice show will be presented Saturday April 5 at 2pm & 7pm, MSA Arena, Emerson Street. The show includes skaters of all ages and abilities. Please join us for a splash at the beach! Tickets and more info: iceshow@live.ca

4) Abbotsford Minor Hockey Registration Dates April 9+16 (See flyer in Abbyconnect)

If you have children wanting to play hockey, here's registration date info!

5) Fraser Valley Talent Show -- April 11 (See poster in Abbyconnect)

Come and see the Valley's best acts! 7pm, April 11 in the Theatre at Abbotsford Arts Centre

6) Free Abbotsford swim club lesson & tryout (See flyer in Abbyconnect)

Abbotsford Olympians Swim Club is offering a free lesson & try-out Weekend April 25+26.

7) Annual Spring Clothesline event – April 25+26 (See poster in Abbyconnect)

SevenOaks Alliance's annual "Clothesline" event, which allows anyone to come and pick up free items, i.e. clothing, towels, sheets & blankets, sleeping bags, etc.

8) Food Drive—for Vaisakhi (See poster in Abbyconnect)

Abbotsford's Sikh community will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Abbotsford Food Bank from April 7th to 14th. Drop off locations on poster



AP Information Evening

Wednesday, April 23 7:00 pm

As an Advanced Placement school, ATSS gives students the opportunity to earn credit for post secondary courses while still in high school. Find out more about the AP program at an evening information session on Wed, April 23 at 7:00pm. This is open for parents and students from grades 7 to 11. Coffee and tea will be served. Come and find out what it means to be an AP school.

Wrestling Results

Six of our Titan Wrestlers travelled to Guelph last week for the Canadian Wrestling Championships. Four of them returned as National Champions! Congratulations to Tanjot Kahlon and Navi Dhillon – National Cadet Champions; Austin Gurm and Jaskaran Khela – National FILA Cadet Champions. Navi Gill was 5th in FILA Cadet and Tejpal Kullar took second place. Austin and Jaskaran will now move on to the Pan Am Championships in Brazil. Well done, wrestlers.



ATSS student winner at FV Regional Science Fair

ATSS student Miranda Koetsch, with UFV Chemistry Prof Ron Willen, at last week's FV Regional Science Fair; her project "The Green Sticker" received the Society for Canadian Women in Science & Technology (SCWIST) award (\$100); and is one of 4 projects selected to go to the Canada-Wide Science Fair (May 10-17 in Windsor, Ontario).





“Maintaining Balance Through Transition Conference”, on Friday, April 25 from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. for high school students of Abbotsford S.D. 34. and Chilliwack S.D. 33.

Many of your students will be thinking about going to University. We know that transition can be difficult, and often first year students are not well enough prepared. Some of the stressors of a first year student can include:

- Making new friends - time management - bigger workload - managing employment and money - perceptions about the changing dynamics of home life - new responsibilities
- trouble understanding a professor -

- performance anxiety, fear of failure - acquiring help when it is needed - developing identity - fitting in

These things can lead to a host of pitfalls, such as isolation; anxiety; depression; poor nutrition; self-medication; feeling overwhelmed – a cycle not conducive to student success. To help address these issues at a local level and help better prepare University bound students, the Student Life Department at the University of the Fraser Valley (UFV) sponsored by Coast Capital Savings and in partnership with Abbotsford Community Services, the Mood Disorders Association of BC, and the Canadian Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health has organized a conference, **“Maintaining Balance Through Transition”**, on Friday, April 25 from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. for high school students of Abbotsford S.D. 34. and Chilliwack S.D. 33.

This conference is designed not so much address academic preparation and motivation as to make students more aware of the potential pitfalls they face and create awareness of solutions. All sessions, facilitated by professionals in the field of mental health and trained UFV student mentors, will provide an opportunity for participants to build skills and develop tools to help students through transition.

We invite your school to be a part of the **“Maintaining Balance Through Transition”** conference. Please register early as registration is limited to 60 participants. We encourage you to register students who hold leadership positions. If you are interested or require more information please contact Martin Kelly at Martin.kelly@ufv.ca We look forward to seeing you at the conference,

Best regards,

The Student Life Team

Student Life Department, University of the Fraser Valley (UFV) 33844 King Road
Abbotsford BC V2S 7M8 604.504.7441 ext. 4781



Abbotsford School District
hosts the annual ...



Community Connections and Transitions

Brief Description

Community Connections and Transitions is an annual event designed to provide information regarding services in our local community for students with special needs. Information is provided for students from all levels within our school district.

Various organizations such as Abbotsford Community Services, BC Special Olympics, Bethesda, Communitas, MCFD – Child and Youth with Special Needs, Fraser Valley Down Syndrome Support, Fraser Valley Regional Library, Pivot Point, Zajac Ranch for Children (and many more) are available to discuss options with individuals and families who attend.

What: Information evening for students (all grades) and parents/guardians

When: April 15, 2014

Where: Abbey Arts Annex, 2239 Crescent Way, Abbotsford, BC

Time: 6:00 pm – Welcome and Presentations

6:30 – 8:00 – Open discussion at display tables

Other: Students and parents/guardians from any of our schools are encouraged to attend to find out what possibilities are available for them.

Contact: For further information, contact Conrad Wiebe at 604-504-4610 (email at conrad_wiebe@sd34.bc.ca)

April 15, 2014 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



Invite Your Friends!

Saturday, April 5, 2014

1:00-6:00 pm

Mill Lake Park, Abbotsford

Single: \$25.00 OR \$100 in pledges

Family (3+) \$60.00

Team (5+) \$100.00 PLUS pledges

Interested in volunteering?

Contact us: 604-308-1391



For every walk participant, one bag of rice will be donated to the Abbotsford Food Bank

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Register online:

www.hungerresponse.org





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Saturday, May 3, 2014



Neufeld Keynote: Reflections On Growing Up As Adults

**Day of sessions for parents, teachers, & professionals
on making sense of children and teens in our care**



Dr. Gordon Neufeld is a developmental psychologist, international speaker, bestselling author, and a leading interpreter of the developmental paradigm.

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- Choice of three sessions from a total of 20 workshops and nine panels.
- Discounted DVDs and children's books for sale.
- Relevant to parents, grandparents, educators, therapists, social workers, and other caregivers of children.

8:30 AM TO 4:30 PM

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What you will do to help

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The second annual International *Liquefied Natural Gas in B.C.* Conference, hosted by the Ministry of Natural Gas Development (MNGD), brings together B.C. community, First Nations and environmental leaders, educators, elected officials and LNG proponents from across B.C. and around the world, representing the vast reach of the LNG industry.

2014 INTERNATIONAL LNG IN B.C.: YOUTH EXPERIENCE

Join us from **May 21 – 23, 2014** at the **Vancouver Convention Centre** and learn how today's youth can play a role in the growing industry surrounding the Liquefied Natural Gas sector in our Province. The Youth Experience at the conference will allow Grade 10, 11 and 12 students to gain a better understanding of what LNG is and how this industry can play a part in their future career and lives. The Youth Experience is a half-day (three-hour) program where students can expect to:

- Learn about Liquefied Natural Gas and Jobs in this Industry
- Identify careers paths that reflect their skills and interests via a WorkBC program
- Experience hands-on interactive workshops hosted by LNG companies and Skills Canada British Columbia
- Interact with B.C. post-secondary institutions and explore what programs they have to offer related to the LNG Industry
- Discover the depth and breadth of the LNG Industry through guided tours of the conference trade show which will have over 150 B.C. and International exhibitors onsite

WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

The current expectations for LNG growth in B.C. show the industry could add as much as \$1 trillion in cumulative gross domestic product between now and the year 2046. That is new money that represents the promise of a lasting legacy that includes tens of thousands of stable jobs for British Columbians. After participating in the Youth Experience, students will be aware of the opportunities in various sectors which will allow them to form a clear career goal and help them map out how to achieve that goal as soon as possible.

Students are asked to bring their own meals and it is recommended to bring a water bottle along as there will be free water stations available at the venue.

PHOTO/FILMING NOTICE

Please note that there will be photographers and videographers onsite at the Youth Experience. By attending this event, there is a potential for the youth to be captured on still photography or filmed. Please ensure that the students' parents have signed a photo/film release waiver prior to attending the event.

JOIN US!

To learn more about the 2014 LNG in B.C. Conference, please visit LNGinBC.ca. If you are interested in providing your students with this opportunity, please register your secondary school at <http://www.lnginbc-register.ca/youth-registration>. For any inquiries, you can contact the event management company at 604-687-0544 ext. 232 for more information about the Youth Experience. Space is limited so registration will come on a first come, first serve basis. **Registration deadline is April 18, 2014.**

