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

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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

Good day parents. I would like to thank-you for your patience as we had early morning evacuations due to a natural gas smell in the front entrance and hallway. It was determined that the reason was that during the long weekend, the hood fan for our cafeteria kitchen had been turned off and with the oven pilot lights on, the smell built up and filtered to our front hallway. Thank-you to Mr. Cuthbertson our Acting VP, who with concern for staff and student safety took the precaution of evacuating the building. The problem was discovered and the "all clear" was given by the Abbotsford Fire Dept. to continue on with classes. Thank-you to all who assisted with this challenge.

As many of you would know by listening to the news BC teachers have now instituted job action. We have sent a letter home via e-mail from our superintendent, about the details of the job action. If you did not receive this e-mail please contact our office and we will either send it directly to your e-mail or have a hardcopy available you can pick up. At this time we are uncertain how the job action will continue but so far our teachers are engaged in instruction and assessment for your son or daughter.

You should receive your son or daughter's report card on Fri. as we will hand them out by end of day. Our parent/teacher conference is scheduled for Thurs. evening, May 8 from 6:30 pm to 8 pm. At this point we anticipate continuing on but we will keep you posted as to whether or not this will be cancelled. At this time as far as we know it is still a go. If you are wishing to speak to a teacher, they are available for communicating with parents outside of the interview evening. Feel free to contact the school or contact the teacher directly via e-mail, to request a meeting.

We had an informational evening Wed. night for parents and students interested in the Advanced Placement program here at ATSS. Although lightly attended, it was a very helpful evening with both a current Gr. 12 AP student and an alumni grad speaking about their AP experience and how it has prepared them for post secondary education. If you have any questions about it please feel free to contact Mr. Cuthbertson in our office or check our website as we will post the power point presentation online for your referral.

The year is quickly winding down, with prom and convocation on the near horizon. It is important that our Grads keep their focus during these last months and our encouragement has been to have them think of a positive grad action to help leave a positive legacy. Attendance can become more of a concern as they experience the nicer weather and anticipate being finished with school. Attendance is crucial during these last months. Please have this discussion with your grad as some of their ideas are not what is normally done and can be very disruptive and could impact their ability to attend their grad functions such as prom and dry grad etc.

If you have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to contact either Mr. Cuthbertson or myself. You can get us at the office, 604-850-7029 or e-mail us at glen_hildebrand@sd34.bc.ca or bruce_cuthbertson@sd34.bc.ca

Sincerely,

Glen Hildebrand, Principal, ATSS



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 [@abbytians](https://twitter.com/abbytians)

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



ATSS Calendar

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 upcoming needs that parents have been requested to help with:

1) 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! :))

2) 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!

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)

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





“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



All Call For Secondary School Apprentices

Grade 10, 11, 12 students: Are you currently working in a trade?

For example, are you working at a restaurant, on a construction site, in an automotive shop, on a dairy farm, or in a hair salon?



If so, you may be eligible to enroll in a **Secondary School Apprenticeship and earn a \$1,000.00 scholarship.**

If you are a high school student working part-time in a trade, you are probably a **"hidden apprentice."** By registering as a Secondary School Apprentice, you will be able to earn course credits for the work you're already doing, become eligible for a **\$1,000 scholarship**, and get a head start on earning your trade certification. Talk to your school's career facilitator about the kind of work that qualifies, and about registering as a Secondary School Apprentice or call the District Career Programs Office at (604) 504-4618, local 1802.

For a complete list of eligible trades in the province of B.C. and to find out more information regarding the SSA Program, visit the Industry Training Authority's website at: <http://www.itabc.ca>



For more information, visit www.abbotsfordcareerprograms.com



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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.

- Sessions are provided by Neufeld Faculty and Facilitators.
- 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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Micro-volunteering

Want to help your community but don't think you have the time? Micro-volunteering is the quick and easy way to contribute without the long term commitment of regular volunteering.

Your ideas and comments can help change the world!

CALL TO HELP

Give back to a community, cause or organization you are passionate about any time or anywhere you have online access.



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What you will do to help

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