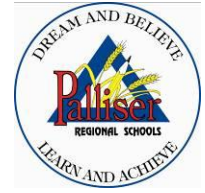




# KATE ANDREWS HIGH SCHOOL

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## **School Council Meeting**

The next School Council meeting will be on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## **Girls' Slo-Pitch Tryouts**

Kate Andrews will once again field a girls' slo-pitch team this spring. Tryouts will commence in mid to late March. KA runs one team and any girl in grades 9-12 is eligible to attend tryouts. Games will begin in April with the league championships taking place in early June. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Kevin Holland at 345-3383.

## **Band Activities**

The Kate Andrews High School Band will be traveling to Disneyland March 30-April 3! The tour will include performances at the famous Los Angeles Farmers Market and Knott's Berry Farm. They will also be touring Sony Pictures Studios and spending an afternoon at the Santa Monica Pier. The tour wraps up with dinner at Medieval Times (live horses and jousting) and a full day at Disneyland and California Adventure. California, here we come!!

The KA Concert Choir and Concert Band will be performing in the Lethbridge Kiwanis Music Festival on April 5 and April 23, respectively. Both performances are in the early afternoon at Southminster United Church (choir) and the Yates Memorial Centre (band). Admission is \$2.00 per person. Come out and hear some great music!

## **Yearbook**

Any parents or students with school photos, athletic or otherwise, please submit a copy to Mr. Atwood. There are no guarantees that a submitted photo will be used but, the more photos we get the better the yearbook will be.

## **Student of the Month**

Student of the month for February, March and April will be posted in the May newsletter.

## **Marine Biology Trip**

Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, fourteen KAHS students will be traveling to Sidney, BC to take part in this year's marine biology trip. Students on this trip will experience first-hand the workings of a sailing yacht. Each will contribute to the teamwork and camaraderie essential for a safe and interesting voyage. Some duties will include cooking/galley, clean-up, wildlife, and navigation. When not on the *Island Odyssey*, students will explore tidal shelves, sea kayak, Hike small coast islands, and experience everything the beautiful BC coast has to offer. Teacher chaperones will be Miss Platt and Mr. Schilling, and the voyage begins March 30 and ends April 4. We look forward to this great trip! Keep

your eyes posted to future newsletters for photographs of the trip. Happy travels!!

Jason Schilling

### **Europe Trip**

Only two weeks to go before the Europe trip on April 16<sup>th</sup>. We have 19 KAHS students traveling with Noble central High School and Coalhurst High School on a 13 day European study tour to Paris and Madrid. They will be returning on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Grad Photos and Grad**

Grad photos have already been taken at the school. If you missed out, you can still book an appointment by calling 1-866-948-1005 ext. 1939. You can also check out eh website at [www.lifetouch.ca/southernalberta](http://www.lifetouch.ca/southernalberta).

Grad is set for June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 1:30 pm at Southminster United Church in Lethbridge. A banquet will follow at 5:30 pm at the Lethbridge Lodge. Any questions you may have regarding graduation should be answered in the handbook that has been printed and can be picked up at the office.

### **Mentorship**

Yahoo!! We have only two more mentorship days left in April! The mentors and mentees have been great this year by exhibiting great creativity and relationship building! Kindness is an everyday thing for these kids and we are so proud of them all. Keep a lookout for the opportunity to be a mentor next school year!

### **Planet Earth Art Exhibit**

The coming exhibition saw the Alberta Society of Artists request Alberta artists submit art works about the planet we all share. The featured artists express a number of profound themes about the states of our home planet. Along with statements

praising the intrinsic beauty of the earth, there are troubling questions about the environmental degradation our modern society has inflicted upon fragile ecosystems. Art has the power to generate ideas, questions and actions. The artists in this exhibition have risen to the occasion with provocative and memorable works of art. This exhibit will be shown in the large display case in the upstairs hallway. It will be with us at Kate Andrews from April 4 -28, 2011. Please stop and enjoy the works of some Alberta artists. *Planet Earth* is a touring exhibition developed by the Alberta Society of Artists for the Alberta Foundation for the Arts Travelling Exhibition Program. The AFA Travelling Exhibition is financially supported by the Alberta Foundation for the Arts.

### **Calgary International Children's Festival**

## **2011 Calgary International Children's Festival May 24-28**

The 25th Anniversary of the Calgary International Children's Festival, May 24-28, 2011, will feature artists from Italy, Scotland, The Netherlands, Australia, the USA and Canada.

**The 2011 line-up is now available! Check out the highlights and prepare your wish-list...**

<http://www.calgarychildfest.org/>

*Don't forget to check your homework at*

[www.kateandrewshighschool.com](http://www.kateandrewshighschool.com)

## **World of Choices 2011 CSI-Career Search Investigation**

Junior Achievement and the Government of Alberta - Employment and Immigration hosted their 11<sup>th</sup> Annual World of Choices Career Workshop for Young Women on Friday, March 4, 2011 at the Lethbridge Legion Memorial Hall. Eleven students from Kate Andrews attended: Hunter Antal, Mandy Hertz, Hailey Kloot, Dalyce Lengyel, Keanna Lutz, Sadie Miller, Lisa Overweg, Katie Quinn, Katelyn Thielmann, Sydney Van Diemen and Katie Walmsley.

The goal of this interactive workshop was to educate young women about the wealth of opportunity that exists in today's work world. Kristin Ailsby-Wood, Lawyer and Partner at Davidson and Williams LLP Barristers and Solicitors, was the Keynote Speaker. Kristin's message was filled with a lot of humour and a tremendous amount of inspiration! Her speech was the perfect start to a fantastic morning.

A variety of occupations were represented for round-table discussions, including: addictions counselor, baker/entrepreneur, chef (Red Seal), chiropractor, fashion designer, fund development manager, hairstylist/salon owner, human services worker, interior designer, investment advisor, lawyer/partner, massage therapist, paramedic/firefighter, pharmacist, photographer, plumber/gas fitter, police officer, police office recruitment, post-secondary e-recruiter, post-secondary student liaison/recruitment, realtor, registered nurse, respiratory therapist, television reporter, veterinarian and veterinarian animal health technician.

A few of our girls won door prizes – Hunter Antal won a certificate at Park Place Mall, Mandy Hertz won a travel mug, Lisa Overweg won a travel mug, and Keanna Lutz won one of the grand prize draws for a \$500 tuition certificate at the University of Lethbridge! Congratulations to all (I hope I didn't miss someone – names were being drawn so quickly due to the number of prizes available)!

Thank you to Mrs. Johnson for assisting with recruiting students, Mrs. Spahmann for organizing our transportation, Mr. Bannab for bussing the students to and from the Legion, and Mrs. Mutch for sharing supervision duty with me while at the workshop.

Mrs. Flexhaug

## **Partners<sup>E</sup> For Life**

### **STUDENT BURSARY PROGRAM**

Become a blood donor recruiter for a chance to  
**WIN AN EDUCATIONAL BURSARY!**

Students in Grade 12 and University/College can participate and must recruit a minimum of 20 blood donors in order to qualify for a chance to win the educational bursaries.

For more information or to register for the program, please contact us at:

[SBPLethbridge@blood.ca](mailto:SBPLethbridge@blood.ca)



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## **KAHS 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Young Women's Conference**

Kate Andrews will be hosting their 1<sup>st</sup> annual Young Women Conference on April 14, 2011. Our theme is "The E in Me: Empowering the Strength From Within". This conference is a way for us to honor the young women of Kate Andrews, and to help them develop the self-confidence and self-respect to make wise life choices. The conference will feature a luncheon, keynote speaker and 4 breakout sessions hosted by prominent Lethbridge business women.

## Message from the Superintendent

I'd like to take this opportunity to update you on several changes to Palliser's Central Office organization, and how we're positioning ourselves for the challenges ahead.

With the retirement of Associate Superintendent (Learning Services) Barbara Gammon at the end of this school year and a number of provincial initiatives (Action on Inclusion, Inspiring Education and a new Education Act) coming, we had to take a hard look at our organization and the skill sets we need going forward. Barbara is truly irreplaceable, and we will not be filling the Associate Superintendent role when she retires.

Instead, for the 2011-12 school year, we will have three new Directors of Learning, joining Donna Dalby, currently our Director of Curriculum, each with individual areas of responsibility for inclusion, school improvement, curriculum, technology and transportation. For more information on these appointments, see the announcement on Palliser's website ([www.pallisersd.ab.ca](http://www.pallisersd.ab.ca)).

In addition, we've eliminated the Secretary-Treasurer position which had overseen our business operations, maintenance and transportation departments and moved to a model of Corporate Treasurer, with support of an accountant, and a Corporate Secretary. The Treasurer and Secretary positions were filled internally, with their former positions eliminated, and we're now recruiting for an accountant to complete the business office.

Education is all about change – in teaching practices, student needs and expectations, and how students learn. Our systems need to change as well. I believe we will be well positioned to face the challenges ahead and the needs of our students. We will be providing more information about the budget challenge in coming weeks. As parents, you are our partners in ensuring your children get the best education possible, whether advocating for resources or supporting your school in its path of continued improvement.

As Palliser's mission states, "Together we will ensure learning success for all students to develop

their unique potential as caring citizens in a changing world."

Kevin Gietz,  
Superintendent

## Graduation Information

A graduation handbook has been printed and will be posted on the school's website. Students may also pick up a handbook at the office. The school organizes a Graduation Ceremony to recognize the achievements of the graduating class. A graduation list of all students who are eligible to participate in this ceremony is compiled and posted during the first week of June. Students who expect to participate in this ceremony and don't find their names on this list must check with Mrs. Flexhaug to determine the reason why they are not eligible.

To participate in the graduation ceremonies, students should meet the following criteria:

- ✓ Have Kate Andrews as the Official School of Record.
- ✓ Have completed or be in the process of completing the necessary courses required to earn an Alberta High School Diploma or Certificate of Achievement by the end of June.
- ✓ Have completed the majority of the credits earned during their Grade 12 year at Kate Andrews High School.
- ✓ Have completed 75% of their coursework in any Distance Education, Correspondence, Work Experience, Special Projects, Music by Private Study, or Pass+ Courses by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ✓ Have all outstanding school fees and sports fees, for the current year, paid by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

A student who qualifies for the graduation list may participate in the following:

- ✓ To be introduced at the ceremonies.
- ✓ To receive the Graduation Scroll.

- ✓ To be included in the Graduation Group Photograph.

A Grade 12 student who has Kate Andrews as the Official School of Record yet does not qualify for the graduation list may not participate in the activities listed above. However, that student can have an individual graduation photograph taken that will be included in the class collage that is displayed in the school hallway. This student may, at the discretion of the Principal, also attend the graduation banquet and dance.

Students were also informed that if they did not meet these requirements, then they could have their individual grad photo taken (Which is included in the class collage photo displayed in the school hallway) and could attend the graduation banquet and dance. They however, will not be introduced at the church commencement exercises, receive the graduation certificate or be in the group photo taken at the church. In June, a list will be posted listing this year's graduating class. Students are advised to check this list to see if they are part of the graduating class of 2011.

### **INFORMATION**

Students will be informed of important grad details such as ticket sales, prices, etc. through the announcements, assemblies, grad bulletin board, and posters. Each student is responsible for staying informed. Stay tuned and listen for many upcoming announcements from now until the end of June.

### **GRADUATION CEREMONIES**

Graduation ceremonies are on Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and consist of:

- a) **Commencement Exercises: 1:30 p.m. at Southminster United Church, 1011 – 4 Ave South, Lethbridge** (all grade 12's are welcome to attend, however only those students who have met the graduation requirements can participate in these exercises).

No ticket required

- (1) Each graduate will receive a certificate and a photo will be taken of each grad receiving their certificate.

- (2) The Graduating Class (group) photo will be taken immediately following the ceremony.
- (3) **All graduating students are expected to be at the church by 1:00 p.m Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**

Rehearsal for the commencement ceremonies will be held on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at Southminster United Church. All grads must attend. This will take approximately 2 hours if everyone is on time.

### ***Banquet/Dance: 5:30 p.m. at the Lethbridge Lodge-***

**Grads must be at the Lethbridge Lodge by 5:15 p.m.**

- (1) Tickets are required for this banquet .
- (2) If you have extra guests and relatives who cannot attend the banquet they are more than welcome to stop by after the banquet ceremonies are over.
- (3) If any of your guests at the banquet require a special meal, please indicate this when you purchase your banquet tickets.

\*\*\*Since we do not have the graduation cap and gown as part of the ceremony at Kate Andrews High School, students are expected to dress appropriately.

### **INTER-DENOMINATIONAL SERVICE**

In the past, inter-denominational services have been held at various churches in Coaldale. Students will be informed of details at a later date.

### **SAFEGRAD/SUPERGRAD**

**Safegrad and Supergrad(Dry Grad) are NOT an official part of the graduation ceremonies.** Both of these activities are organized and run by parent committees. Staff is not permitted to assist with these activities in any way. For more information on either activity please contact:  
Safegrad: Parent contact, Heather Russell  
Supergrad: Parent contact to be announced

## BANQUET TICKETS

**Tickets for the banquet will be sold the second week in June. Tickets will be sold at noon hour only, not during class time.** Cost of each ticket is \$35.00. Each grad must purchase a ticket as well as one for each of their guests. **The cost of the ticket covers expenses such as the meal, gratuity, decorations, grad certificates and booklets.**

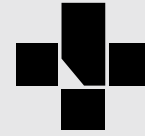
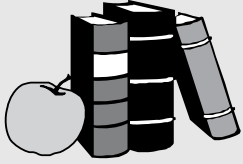
On the first day of ticket sales Grad and Decorating Committees will have first choice of grad tickets and seating followed by students with perfect attendance.

All other tickets will be sold on a first come, first pay basis, which will determine where one sits at the banquet. Each student will be allowed to purchase up to a maximum of 6 tickets initially. Once all students have had a chance to purchase 6 tickets, more tickets may be purchased if space is available.

- a) **Graduating Class/Group Photo** will be taken immediately after the grad ceremonies at Southminster United Church. Each grad will receive one photo **free of charge**.
- b) **Diploma presentation photo at the church – This is a new procedure we started 2 years ago.** Each grad will have their photo taken during the individual diploma presentation at the church at **no cost to the grads**. This helps eliminate the need for parents to wait in the aisles to snap their own photos of their grad receiving a diploma and it eliminates a lot of disruption and waiting for cameras to be ready.
- c) Lifetouch Photography has agreed to take these photos for us and will do their best to have both of these photos ready for the grads to pick up at the banquet ceremony.



Easter Break begins on Good Friday, April 22, 2011 and continues through to April 29<sup>th</sup>. There is no school for students during these dates. Classes resume on May 2, 2011.



**Immunizations**

In the last 50 years, immunizations have saved more lives than any other health intervention. Infectious diseases were the leading cause of death worldwide 100 years ago. In Canada, they now cause less than five per cent of all deaths thanks to immunization programs across the country. Vaccines are still necessary to prevent diseases that have been greatly reduced or eliminated.

Immunizing your child is the best way to protect them against dangerous diseases that may have serious complications.

**Why are immunizations given?**

Immunizations protect individuals and communities by preventing the spread of disease. As more people are immunized, the disease risk for everyone is reduced.

**Are vaccines safe?**

Vaccines are safe with occasional mild, temporary side effects that may include tenderness and redness.

**When are immunizations given?**

While we recommend that immunization begin at infancy, it can be started at any age.

**How are immunizations given?**

Some immunizations are given in a single shot, while others require several doses over a period of time.

**Do adults need immunizations?**

The specific immunizations you need as an adult are determined by factors such as age, lifestyle, type and locations of travel, overall health and previous immunizations. Tetanus and diphtheria immunizations need to be repeated (booster shots) every 10 years in order to maintain immunity.

**Recommended Alberta Immunization  
Schedule for Children**

AGE	VACCINE
2 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DTaP-IPV-Hib<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• Pneumococcal conjugate</li> <li>• Meningococcal conjugate</li> </ul>
4 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DTaP-IPV-Hib</li> <li>• Pneumococcal conjugate</li> <li>• Meningococcal conjugate</li> </ul>
6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DTaP-IPV-Hib</li> </ul>
12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MMR-VZ<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Varicella (Chickenpox)</li> <li>• Meningococcal conjugate</li> <li>• Pneumococcal conjugate</li> </ul>
18 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DTaP-IPV-Hib</li> </ul>
4 to 6 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DTaP-IPV<sup>3</sup></li> <li>• MMR<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Pneumococcal conjugate</li> </ul>
Grade 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hepatitis B (3 doses)</li> <li>• HPV<sup>4</sup> (3 doses for females)</li> </ul>
Grade 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• dTap<sup>5</sup></li> <li>• HPV (3 doses for females)</li> <li>• Menveo<sup>6</sup></li> </ul>

Each represents one vaccine/injection unless noted.

<sup>1</sup> Diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis, polio, haemophilus influenza type b

<sup>2</sup> Measles, mumps, rubella, Chicken pox

<sup>3</sup> Diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis, polio

<sup>4</sup> Human papillomavirus

<sup>5</sup> Diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis

<sup>6</sup> Meningococcal A, C, W-135, Y

Influenza immunizations are recommended for everyone over 6 months of age every fall.

**For more information contact:**

[www.health.alberta.ca](http://www.health.alberta.ca)

[www.immunize.cpha.ca](http://www.immunize.cpha.ca)

[www.caringforkids.cps.ca](http://www.caringforkids.cps.ca),

[www.vaccineinformation.org](http://www.vaccineinformation.org)

[www.albertahealthservices.ca](http://www.albertahealthservices.ca)

To update immunizations for your child or yourself please call your local Public Health Office.

