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## Royal Roads grad scholarships topped up by \$180,000

by Mary P Brooke  
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**ROYAL ROADS STUDENT RESEARCH**  
Royal Roads University congratulates the following recipients of major student research grants. The awarded in support of the students' research learning and to assist in the training of highly qualified

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The BC Government grad scholarship announcement at Royal Roads University (RRU) on Tuesday June 26 was hosted by Mitzi Dean, MLA (Esquimalt-Metchosin), with speeches by Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training Melanie Mark, and RRU President and Vice Chancellor Allan Cahoon.

● A good-sized crowd of Royal Roads University (RRU) staff and students gathered on the third floor of the Learning and Innovative Centre on Tuesday afternoon, June 26, to hear an announcement from the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training Melanie Mark about \$180,000 coming to RRU for more grad-level student scholarships.

It's part of a \$12 million investment announced last month by Premier John Horgan, providing \$15,000 each for students pursuing graduate degrees in research-intensive or professional graduate-degree programs.

Mark addressed the crowd of about 80 people with motivational remarks about "pushing the envelope for change" and having "room in her canoe" for everyone who wants to paddle together toward advancements in social, economic and environmental justice. Minister Mark said she is "proud to be part of a progressive government that wants to lift people up".

The upbeat formal announcement event was hosted by MLA Mitzi Dean (Esquimalt-Metchosin) who is also the Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity. Dean remarked about women leaders being advocates for all and how the current NDP government is helping people who've been left behind.

RRU president and vice-chancellor Allan Cahoon said that 70% of students at the RRU campus are at the graduate level, with research focussed on applied and professional areas. He was pleased for Mark to be able to meet directly with recipients of grad-level scholarships that day. The additional scholarship funding support will provide further grad student accessibility, he said.

Cahoon emphasized that RRU education is "different" in that it focusses on making a difference in the community. The university is pleased to attract professionals and experts in various fields who are brought back in terms of learning and teaching", notably through attentive assessment to the work-world background and life experience of applicants

in addition to academic training.

After the formal presentation, Cahoon said that a three-way conversation with local school board SD62 and the City of Langford is going well, bringing together shared interests and benefits to the community. One of the goals is to offer new post-secondary opportunities to west shore high school graduates as they transition into post-secondary. This could help SD62 bump up its below-provincial-average Grade 12 graduate transfer rate and Langford can pitch in with a business innovation support network and access to their nearby recreational facilities.

The west shore campus idea was not originally part of the RRU long-term plan, Cahoon told *West Shore Voice News*, but says RRU is responding to the labour market needs of BC and a call-out from Langford and the west shore. "This plan is not necessarily for our business development (at the campus) but to respond to the community," Cahoon said.

A mid-July meeting will develop things further amongst the three parties along with BC government input. Discussions will include a review of preliminary results from a survey of SD62 parents and students about their post-secondary wants and needs and what some of the barriers to transferability might be (survey done in schools and online in May and June, including some passive outreach to the broader community). Cahoon says there will be cooperation with UVic and Camosun. All undergrad courses at RRU will be transferable to other post-secondary institutions, he said.

Supporting grad-level education is part of an education continuum, Minister Mark told *West Shore Voice News*, noting the increase of the grad scholarship level from \$10,000 to \$15,000. She also spoke excitedly about STEAM (Science-Technology-Engineering-theArts-Mathematics) in which she emphasizes the 'A', beyond STEM. "We're investing in students, we're on their side." **WSV**

## Premier Horgan in his home riding for Canada Day

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Premier John Horgan (shown here at the 2015 Canada Day celebrations in Sooke) will be at the 2018 Canada Day celebrations at Sooke Flats.

● Each year quite a large crowd turns out to the Canada Day celebration in Sooke.

Held at Sooke Flats on Phillips Road, it's an annual gathering for the full community.

Attending again this year are community leaders Premier John Horgan (MLA for Langford-Juan de Fuca) and MP Randall Garrison (Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke).

Gates open at 11 am on Sunday July 1, with the procession of VIPs to the stage ahead of noon. Speeches at noon. Then there's free cake!

Booths, games, food, live music, and then fireworks at dusk. Organized by Sooke Lions Club and funded by the District of Sooke. See: [www.canadadaysooke.com](http://www.canadadaysooke.com) **WSV**

## Is the US a safe 'third country' for refugees?

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● Coming up on Thursday July 12 at 7pm there will be a town hall hosted by Randall Garrison, MP (Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke) about the refugee issue and the Safe Third Country Agreement that still sees Canada able to send refugees back to the United States.

Given recent developments in the USA under President Donald Trump (notably the separation of children from refugee parents), many Canadians now do not see the United States as a safe country for refugees.

The Safe Third Country Agreement between Canada and the US is part of the US-Canada Smart Border Action Plan. Under the Agreement, refugee claimants are required to request refugee protection in the first safe country they arrive in, unless they qualify for an exception to the Agreement.

The town hall will be held at Saanich Neighbourhood Place within Parkes Recreation Centre, 3100 Tillicum Road. Co-hosted by UVic professor Donald Galloway who specializes in immigration, refugee law and citizenship law. **WSV**

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## MacGregor pleased with spirit of Bill C-76

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● In his Summer 2018 community newsletter sent out to residents of Cowichan-Malahat-Langford, Alistair MacGregor, MP provided a handy Canadian flag (printed on the back page), just in time for this weekend's celebrations!

The top headline in MacGregor's newsletter is "Liberals Adopt My Electoral Reform Proposal", saying the federal government incorporated the spirit of his Bill C-279 (tabled in 2015) into their final legislation in Bill C-76, passed May 23, 2018.

"Bill C-76 leaves much to be desired but it does bring forward some good proposals. Foremost among these is my proposed limit on the length of an election period," wrote MacGregor.

Whereas previous elections could be long (notably 11 weeks in 2015) and costly (Election Canada spent \$443 million to administer the 2015 election, up \$150 million from 2011), the new election period is capped at 50 days along with increased spending restrictions. MacGregor had proposed 46 days. Elections will now be conducted on a more level playing field, says MacGregor. **WSV**



UVic professor Donald Galloway (left) and Randall Garrison, MP will host a town hall on immigration, July 12 in Saanich.

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## Editorial

WSV EDITORIALS ADDRESS TOPICS OF BROAD SOCIAL INTEREST

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### Public education serves families and society



**Mary P Brooke, B.Sc., Cert PR**  
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● **It's parents who send their children to school for an education.** School boards and the provincial government are there to provide education as a service to families and community. Teachers are the facilitators, principals and vice principals are the stewards, and senior administrators are the managers. The facilities themselves are the crucible.

If you have any doubt about that, ask why some families choose private schooling for their children where it is clearly the parents who are paying the piper. Or why -- even in the public system -- some schools and their students fare better in the higher-income neighbourhoods.

Decades ago I had the good fortune to be educated in one of the best neighbourhoods in one of the best public system schools in Canada (thanks, Mom and Dad). At the time, I asked one of the high school teachers why he chose to teach in an entitled neighbourhood where the parents and the students clearly already had the world in the palm of their hands. His answer was simple but profound, the words of a devoted educator: "This is where I get to influence the future of the country and society." We were already learning about public transit being preferred over the construction of more highways, and how there was economic disparity across the country. Ideas still being addressed in this decade.

Parents are not in the classroom all day long. Often their primary contact all day is gathering up their kids to arrive at school, sometimes in the flurry of a hurry, and dealing with the costs and schedules of before/after school care. Parents receive their children back at the end of every school day having been impacted by a myriad of social and curriculum exposures and experiences.

Schools are institutions to which we have delegated the shaping of our youth in a rapidly changing world. Parents in particular -- but everyone in the community -- would do well to brush up on current and local education system issues ahead of the October 20 municipal/school board election.

Issues that deserve voter attention are many, including curriculum content and delivery, the method and effectiveness of in-school counselling services, the approach to career guidance, supports for special learning needs, provision of English language support to International Students, the spectrum of French studies (core and immersion) in the system, plus the strategies and mechanics for providing food services, classroom security, and emergency preparedness.

Where do the schools interface successfully with the world beyond their walls? Vulnerability to mental health issues is as prevalent in the SD62 community as anywhere else. Transfer rates from high schools in the west shore

## ECONOMY

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### BCLC to abide by money laundering report

● **The BC Lottery Corporation (BCLC)** has received a final report from an independent review of BC's anti-money laundering policies and practices in Lower Mainland casinos. Dr. Peter German had been appointed as an independent expert by Attorney General and Minister Responsible for BCLC, David Eby.

"Dr. German's report provides an important road map for the multiple organizations involved in combatting money laundering in BC," said Peter Kappel, BCLC Board Chair. "BCLC will work with Government on recommendations contained within the report," said Kappel, adding that he's confident in the organization's "steadfast commitment to be a part of the solution" working in collaboration with service providers, law enforcement and regulators "to keep dirty money out of BC casinos" it was stated in a June 27 release.

Among other findings, stacks of paper bills (thought or found later to be associated with opioid and drug trafficking) were seen on videotape in casinos being cashed in for lottery playing chips, with most then cashed back out. **WSV**

### More federal dollars for job training in BC

● **The federal government on June 29** announced a funding agreement "to give British Columbians the tools they need to find and keep good jobs".

Speaking at the BC Institute of Technology (BCIT) in Burnaby, Harjit Sajjan, Minister of National Defence, on behalf of Patty Hajdu, Canada's Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour, announced that Canada will provide BC with over \$2.5 billion over six years to invest in their workers (a funding increase of over \$250 million over six years). An estimated 84,000 more British Columbians will benefit.

The funds are to increase the jobs and skills training available to people in BC, including assessments, skills training, work placements, job search assistance, upgrading, certification and employment supports including for those typically under-represented in the workforce (disabled, women, Indigenous peoples).

Innovation and technology continue to present new challenges and new opportunities. The aim is to help people prepare for good, well-paying jobs that will be created by BC's growing economy. "Everybody deserves the opportunity to benefit from an innovation-driven economy and that means ensuring that both employed and unemployed people have opportunities to acquire the skills they will need for the jobs of today, as well as the jobs of tomorrow," Sajjan said.

Until recently, the annual federal transfer was nearly \$3 billion to provinces/territories to support employment and skills training (will be \$20 billion total from 2017-18 to 2022-23). Provinces and territories are now expected to have greater flexibility in the design and delivery of programming and services to respond to diverse and emerging needs in the job market. **WSV**

### CRD transit survey: mobile phones, younger demographic

● **How people travel** around Greater Victoria was surveyed in 2011 and again in 2017. The 2017 Origin Destination Household Travel Survey showed the region "ouping" the rest of Canada in the use of public transit.

CRD jurisdictions with greater land-use density show the most notable increases in 'active transportation'. Trips by walking, cycling and transit are 27% now compared to 22% in 2011, closing the gap toward CRD's Regional Growth Strategy target of 42% by 2038.

The 2017 survey of 7,159 households involved cellphone-only participants (previous surveys relied on phone directories for a contact base), reaching 4.2% of the region's population. <https://www.crd.bc.ca/project/regional-transportation/origin-destination-household-travel> **WSV**



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to post-secondary are lower for west shore youth than the provincial average, likely in part due to financial impacts.

And are parents being given the supports to stay on pace or in touch with their children who are speeding ahead in the world's way by leaps and bounds? Seminars or information on technology, health issues, teen trends and more ... guidance on this to parents will help bridge gaps between parents and teens.

Voting based on careful consideration of these and other education issues (like funding) is an important civic duty for us all. Longevity as a trustee is one thing. Compare that with fresh new ideas by any non-incumbent candidates that may surface in the fall campaign. As in many things in life, balance is a great approach to stable achievement.

As Premier John Horgan often says: "Education is the great equalizer". Let's make sure we have the best trustees in place for the next four-year term in all school districts, to deliver on that great promise of a modern, productive and healthy civil society in BC. ■

### Greens seek government/industry balance

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● **Government should move quickly** to implement the recommendations of Mark Haddock's professional reliance report, said Sonia Furstenau, BC Green Party environment spokesperson, in a release June 28.



BC Green MLA  
Sonia Furstenau

Addressing failures of the professional reliance model was a key BC Green Party platform commitment. This report is the result of the review initiated by the Confidence and Supply Agreement between the BC Greens and BC NDP.

The report identified 'professional reliance' that resulted in a reduction in the numbers of experts in government, and a growing dependence on expertise and information from professionals hired by industry. "This raised concerns about government's capacity to provide adequate oversight to ensure the public interest," said Furstenau, saying it often left communities concerned about impacts of resource and industrial activity on health, safety and local environment. **WSV**

### Finance ministers this week

● **Recognizing significant immediate challenges** facing Canadian businesses, workers and the overall economy, Canada's Finance Ministers met in Ottawa June 26, joined by Canada's Ambassador to the US, David MacNaughton. They discussed the Canada-US relationship, including US tax changes, ongoing NAFTA renegotiation, and recent tariff decisions between the two countries. Governor of the Bank of Canada Stephen Poloz provided a global economic update.

Finance Ministers were unanimous in their support for rules-based trade, and in forging a Canada-US relationship that is mutually beneficial to both countries, as stated in a federal news release. They also agreed to redouble efforts to reduce interprovincial trade barriers, and accelerate negotiations towards freer trade within Canada.

"We are all committed to ensuring Canada remains one of the best places in the world to start, grow, and invest in a business," said federal Finance Minister Bill Morneau.

Apparently there was agreement to co-operate on many topics of joint interest, including ensuring a resilient housing market and supporting strong job creation. **WSV**

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### Consumer pain: tariffs on a range of products start July 1 in Canada

● **As released June 29**, the final list of 10% tariffs that will be imposed as a counter-measure on products coming into Canada from the USA includes a wide range of consumer products.

Matching a \$16.6 billion US "unjustified" set of tariffs on Canadian steel (25%) and aluminum (10%), the Canadian counter-tariff list is political in nature to assert pressure on US lawmakers in key states where their state economies normally gain by trade with Canada. It comes into effect July 1, 2018.

Some of the US products that Canadians may quickly find to be more expensive: household paper products; other paper and cardboard products; sewing machine accessories; printed postcards; certain types of stoves, fridges and dishwashers, washer/dryers; lawn-mowers; sailboats, motorboats; beauty supply products; packaged pizza and quiche; maple syrup, candies and chocolate products; fresh orange juice, gherkin pickles, strawberry jam, soya sauce, ketchup and mayo; dishwasher detergent, glues, adhesives.

After receiving public consultation about the first list released June 1, things like peanut butter were removed from the Canadian tariff list. Full list: <https://www.fin.gc.ca/access/tt-it/cacsap-cmpcaa-1-eng.asp>

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### Langford day care center zoning approval

by Mary P Brooke ~ West Shore Voice News

● **The multi-family residential building** being constructed at 616 Goldstream Avenue in the heart of Langford will have a zoning allowance for a group daycare, as discussed in a public hearing June 18.

The Oak Park four-storey multi-family affordable rental building being developed by Pacific Housing includes 73 suites with layout sizes from bachelor to 4-bdrm.

The day care rezoning wording supports the City of Langford in waiving the developers' amenity fee of \$1/sqft for the proposed day care.

"Langford is a family community. So it is important to have all the services, from daycares to seniors facilities," said Langford Mayor Stew Young. "That's what builds a strong vibrant community for all to enjoy," he told *West Shore Voice News*.



The central Langford area is a high-traffic commercial and residential sector of the growing city that supports employment availability, housing affordability, and enhanced transit infrastructure for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. **WSV**

### Got leftover paint? Recycle it!

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“ Our lives are enriched by the open spirit of Canada, the multicultural society we live in, and the people who have come together to help build this province and country. As we mark this day, we also recognize our shared responsibility to advance reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, who have lived on this land since time immemorial. Every person in BC and Canada has a role to play in reconciliation, to understand our shared history, and to work together to right historical wrongs.

On Canada Day, our pledge to you is to keep working hard, every day, for you. Let's celebrate now, and keep working together, for a better future for everyone in BC. ”  
~ BC Premier John Horgan

● **Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's statement** on Canada Day 2018 will be one of standing up for the Canadian economy. Instead of taking part in traditional July 1st parliament hill festivities in Ottawa, Trudeau is scheduled to visit ketchup plant workers in Leamington, Ont and steelworkers in Regina. It's part of providing assurances to key industries that are being affected by retaliatory trade tariffs against the USA.

The PM will also head to the far north to visit at Dawson City, Yukon on July 1. **WSV**

### SD62: rapidfire pace to build more schools

Mary P Brooke | West Shore Voice News



**June 26 in Langford: the last board SD62 meeting of the 2017-2018 academic year, and the last-ever board meeting for retiring Superintendent Jim Cambridge.**

● **A long regular board meeting that went past 10 pm Tuesday evening, June 26,** saw the SD62 Board of Education on side for building several new schools and renovating or expanding others, to cope with a rapidly increasing student population. Rapid housing growth in the west shore (Langford, Sooke, Colwood) continues to push up population numbers. The top priority is to build two new schools on a joint site in Westhills (1 elementary, 1 middle), with an eye to finding land for a new highschool as will be needed in the west shore within five years. **WSV**



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## Contest winner!

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● **Congratulations to Kailee Douglas for her entry about "what makes a good rock song".** She wins the prize of two free weekend General Admission Passes to Rock the Shores in Colwood, July 13 to 15, 2018, courtesy of *West Shore Voice News*. We ran the contest in May and June (deadline was June 8, 2018).

Kailee says her inspiration was simply all the memories she has of listening to rock n' roll while growing up in a small town (with a certain 642 phone number prefix) and being influenced by her dad's taste in classic rock music. "Long bike rides on the Goose gave me the time to draft the entry, of course while listening to all my fave tunes and artists from the 70s, and attempting to incorporate as many references as possible into the later verses of the poem," says Kailee.



## What makes a good rock song?

submitted by  
Kailee Douglas

My preferred genre is classic rock 'n' roll

Something that contains a lil R&B, a lil soul

Arguably the best tracks were made in the 1970s

With their lyrical storytelling and synchronous harmonies

Originals are best, but exceptional covers will do

A great song is a full body experience through and through

Its opening chords send shivers up your spine

Your heart recognizes it as a message from the divine

The beat is infectious, while the hook grabs on hold

From start to finish every second is absolute gold

Your toes automatically tap and shoulders groove along

In your life soundtrack, it's the perfect theme song

More than just a melodic structure of "intro, verse, bridge, chorus"

Your jam has you jump kicking through stress like Chuck Norris

A great rock song creates frisson and feeds your soul

It has the power to dissolve any sadness and make you feel whole

Giving you the energy to sprint to the finish line

And miraculously complete a hard day's work just in time

It allows you to pump out an extra set at the gym

Helping you face those tough days as your battle hymn

One listen and you can rule any task list like a king

It's your go-to entrance song walking into the ring

A great song turns you into a traveller of both time and space

Bringing you back to the era when you lived at your parents' place

Memories of belting out Bohemian Rhapsody in your first car

Being just a small town girl at karaoke night in the local bar

Days gone by of being a joker, a smoker, a midnight toker

A great song transports you to campfires, road trips, and nights of poker

With band posters on your wall as a rock 'n' roll star wannabe

Recalling the first time you watched them yo-yos play the guitar on the MTV

Music festivals with purple haze all around while you kiss the sky

Neil is our preacher in a church where rock 'n' roll will never die

A great song brings back the taste of whiskey with dad as a fortunate son

Fogerty in your corner for the arm wrestling match you finally won

Showing up a sharp dressed man, being thunderstruck by your dream date

Levon at the helm, helping take off any nervous pressure and weight

Being sweet as Tupelo honey, seeing paradise by the dashboard light

Other times feeling like a fool in the rain, deep in romantic plight

In the stillness of remembering what you had, and what you lost

Its familiar melody allows us to relive our lives' past profits and costs

A great song gives you all its lovin' and won't let up until it's through

It stands the test of time, adorned by generations to come, and is a part of you

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**West Shore Voice News Millennial reporter Sophia Romanchuk will be covering the ROCK THE SHORES July 13 to 15 concert for WSV readers.** Watch for Sophia's coverage of the bands and all the excitement, online at [www.westshorevoicenews.com](http://www.westshorevoicenews.com)



## Colwood health food store offers range of probiotics

West Shore  
Voice News

● **Thirty years** in business, and the House of Nutrition in Colwood has fine-tuned their product range to suit a health-conscious clientele. That includes foods, supplements, and more.

In their refrigerated section there's a range of probiotic products including Bio-K, Natural Factors, Optima, Supreme, and Ultimate Flora.

Probiotics are thought to help restore healthy intestinal flora, which exist in a unique combination in each person depending on age, environment and diet. The 'good' bacteria (probiotic) and 'bad' (pathogenic) microorganisms (including bacteria, viruses and fungi) are constantly competing for resources and territory.

The beneficial anaerobic bacteria in commercial probiotic products are commonly lactobacilli and bifidobacteria which line up with natural food products developed over the centuries such as yogurt, cheese, pickled vegetables, miso and tempeh. **WSV**



Probiotic selection in the refrigerated section at House of Nutrition in Colwood.

## SD62 gets input from 58% of their teachers

by Mary P Brooke | West Shore Voice News

● **At their June 26 board meeting, the Sooke School District (SD62) board heard** the preliminary results of a workforce engagement (employment satisfaction) survey done by the BC Government. As reported out with stats and display graphics by Public Sector Research and Evaluation Manager Angela Matheson, it was shown that over SD62 employees (58%) participated.

Some key findings included -- as might be expected within the teaching profession -- that 'organizational commitment' was high, while overall organizational satisfaction showed a range of results. A hybrid analysis found some things that appeared to be red flags for senior administration: 8% of respondents were pegged as 'minimally engaged', with another 6% as 'disengaged'. Some interesting categories of 'happily detached' (8%) and also 'unhappily dedicated' (7%) were considered to be anomalies.

Generally speaking, job stability and pay levels were not contentious issues, as compared to the general based of public sector employees.

The survey was thought to be important at this time, as a significant number of new teachers have joined SD62 in the past year or two, and are therefore at the start of their employment curve with SD62 which is one of the largest employers in the west shore.

As might be expected, participation rates in the survey were lowest (23%) for teachers were are on-call (i.e. not full time). Those who work within SD62's Westshore Centre for Learning and Training who work extensively with online technology and deal more directly with the workforce and a range of learning scenarios, showed the highest survey participation rate (90%).

The last survey of a similar nature was done by the school board back in 2003. Trustee Margot Swinburnson said she hoped this sort of information would be acquired more regularly. Trustee Denise Riley said the survey idea was initiated by senior administrative staff, to which Secretary-Treasurer Harold Cull responded with a comment that the "morale and health" of the organization required some quantification with a baseline. Superintendent Jim Cambridge said that "engaged, happy, satisfied employees" are the goal. **WSV**

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**Congratulations to all the SD62 Graduates of 2018!**  
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# Youth art soars within Sooke Fine Arts Show this summer

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Artwork by 78 Sooke and west shore youth will be on display at the 2018 Sooke Fine Arts Show.

..... 32nd annual show .....

West Shore Voice News COMMUNITY FEATURE

● **Adjudication for the Sooke Fine Arts Show (SFAS) Youth Gallery** is complete and has caused a stir amongst organizers.

This year, 78 students from Edward Milne Community School, Belmont Secondary and Royal Bay Secondary have been accepted into the esteemed SFAS Youth Art Gallery and 116 artworks will be displayed at the show.

"The quality of the entries was very strong, with more pencil and conte drawings this year," said Linda Teneycke, Youth Art Lead. "There were some particularly competent portraits and animal sketches," she noted.

Youth Art winners will have pieces exhibited in the main gallery. The first place award goes to Daryana Mielecka for her pen and ink piece *Breathe*. Honourable Mentions go to Isabel Friesen for *Critters on Death Row* and to Erin Chisholm for *Acceptance*.

A new prize category has been opened up for the youth gallery this year, with winners

West Shore Voice is a Sooke Fine Arts Show sponsor again this year.

chosen by each of the youth art jurors, Linda Teneycke, Pat Tomkins and Whitney Allen.

Juror picks are: Rio Liu for *Ripping My Mask Off*, Katelyn Taylor for *Still Life*, and Allana Garat for *For My Gramma*.

"A number of the pieces make social statements and are quite thought provoking," noted youth art juror Pat Tomkins. "It is so heartening to see young people expressing themselves with such profound creativity."

The 2018 show will see the work of a young guest artist featured in the Youth Art Gallery. Kaidyn Robertson is an example of a youth who has been exposed to art. At age 9 he has performed in Sooke Harbour Player's rendition of *Oliver*, participated in two of the Sooke Youth Show Choir musicals, *Snow White* and *The Grunch*.

Kaidyn expresses himself freely: "Art is all around us. We just need to look, use our imagination, and try to see it!" He further exclaimed, "Art is free. There are no rules. You can do it however you want."

A special activity day for youth is on **Tuesday July 31: Artz4Kidz 2-4pm and Artz4Youth 4-7pm.**

The Purchaser's Preview night to see the 380-piece exhibit and sale is on **Thursday July 26.**

The main show **July 27 - August 6** is at SEAPARC Leisure Complex at 2168 Phillips Rd, Sooke. Admission & events: [www.sookefinearts.com](http://www.sookefinearts.com) **WSV**

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Congratulations to All SD62 Graduates...

SD62 Sooke School Board Trustees. (From left, back row): Margot Swinburnson, Wendy Hobbs, Denise Riley, Dianna Seaton. (From left, front row): Ravi Parmar (chair), Bob Phillips (vice-chair), Neil Poirier.

... from the Board of Education, Sooke School District 62 [www.sd62.bc.ca](http://www.sd62.bc.ca)

West Shore Voice News COMMUNITY FEATURE

## Letter to Parents and Families from the SD62 Board of Education

● **It's hard to believe** that the 2017/2018 school year is finished!

Parents, family and guardians, you are incredibly important to teachers, administrators and staff. The work you do at home with your children is so valuable, and we thank you for that.

This year, our educators continued to bring innovation into the classrooms. We know students learn in all different ways and we're seeing proof of that daily during the school year. We are very proud of our staff's forward-thinking, inclusive and practical approaches to supporting all of our students.

The Board of Education continues to work to advocate for our district. We know that in order to provide students with the best educational experience, we need to have facilities that will support both our students and staff. We are the fastest growing school district in the province and we don't expect that to change any time soon.

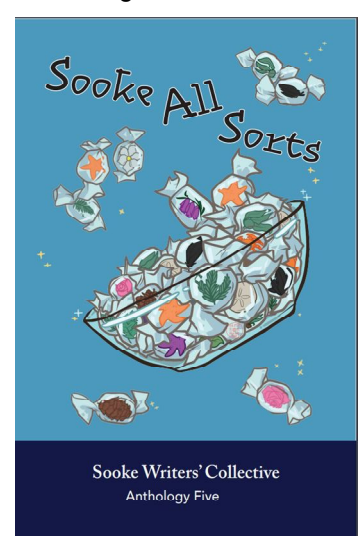
On behalf of the Board of Education, I would like to recognize the hard work and enthusiasm of our students, parents, teachers, school administrators and support staff who make it possible for SD62 to be so highly regarded by other districts. Wishing you and your children a safe and wonderful summer!

Sincerely, *Ravi Parmar*, Chairperson, Board of Education  
Trustees: *Wendy Hobbs, Bob Phillips, Neil Poirier, Denise Riley, Dianna Seaton, Margot Swinburnson*

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## Many writers contribute to "Sooke All Sorts"

● **From song lyrics to short fiction**, memoirs and poetry, *Sooke All Sorts* offers up of a wide range of writing by Sooke region authors.



This fifth anthology of the Sooke Writers' Collective includes six winning entries from student writers and entries from emerging and established writers were among the 18 local authors who contributed.

Production was coordinated by Deb Clay who also coordinated the cover design with cover art by author and artist P. Pallot.

A launch on May 27 recognized student contest winners: Poetry – Max Walther (1st), Colby Benty (2nd) and Ella Dennett (honourable mention); Fiction – Michael Ross (1st), Christina Seabrook (2nd) and Colby Benty (honourable mention). Student winners received a cash prize and publication in the annual anthology.

Highlights from *Sooke All Sorts* include:

- Prize-winning short fiction "Free as the River" in which a man learns that memories can strand us in life's eddies, and sometimes freedom can only come when we escape the people we used to be (David Reichheld);
- Poetry from newcomers Sabrina L'Heureux, Teminey Beckers and Cheryl Nitchie, as well as Mel Denys, Tatjana Darling, Linda Green Abraham and dl clay;
- Excerpt from V. Knox's upcoming book *Time Falls Like Snow*, the second piece in the middle-grade Bede trilogy.
- Three colourful songs from Jim Bottomley.
- Short fiction from Nancy Davies where a widower finds an unexpected way to pay for a dream fishing trip in "Muddled Mojito", and D. K. Eve's "Miracle on Route 14" where a family finds faith on a long winter drive home.
- A glimpse of several lifetimes of people who have passed through Shibuya train station in P. Pallot's "Reincarnation in Shibuya", and illustrations from P. Pallot and Mel Denys.
- A range of memoirs from five authors, including more tales from Rene Low of a broke writer living in a famous Parisian bookstore, C. E. M. Winstanley's experiences working in an orphanage in Central America, Angela Dorsey's pescatarian problem in Columbia, Bill Churchill's encounter in Golan Heights in 1978 and Ina Shah's star-struck attempt at buying her teen idol's love with a giant donut.

*Sooke All Sorts* is available for purchase for \$12 at Sooke Region Museum gift shop, Artisan's Garden, The Barking Dog Studio, Well-Read Books, at the Art in the Park/Sooke Car Show July 22 (at Sooke Flats), at the Sooke Music & Arts Festival August 4, and and online at [www.sookewriters.com](http://www.sookewriters.com). Book sale proceeds go to support future EMCS student writing contest prizes, a 2019 anthology and future writing events for the benefit of the community.

ART in the PARK

Sooke Car Show

Swap & Shop - July 22, 2018

Sooke River Campground

The "Flats" on Phillips Road

10 am to 2:00 pm

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

June 7 to September 6, 2018

Sooke NIGHT MARKET

Thursdays 5 - 8

Sooke Region Museum Grounds

Corner of Sooke Rd & Phillips Rd

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

The launch event saw a capacity crowd for snacks, tea and coffee, and reading. The students attended to receive their awards and four of them read from their works. "Writers tend to be shy, introverted people so the amount of interest we had from the writers and students to read their work was outstanding," says Doni Eve, one of the organizers.

The Sooke Writers' Collective evolved from the Sooke Scribblers. The collective provides community, support, feedback and writing practice for writers in any genre in the Sooke region (East Sooke, Sooke, Otter Point, and Shirley). The group meets the first Wednesday of the month at the Sooke Library and features guest speakers and educational talks. For more information: [info@sookewriters.com](mailto:info@sookewriters.com) **WSV**



## WHAT'S GOING ON HAPPY CANADA DAY!

**Happy Canada Day!** Sun July 1. **SOOKE:** Sooke Flats, 11 am (12 noon official ceremony) to fireworks at dusk. [www.canadadaysooke.com](http://www.canadadaysooke.com) | **COLWOOD:** Fort Rodd Hill, 10 am to 4 pm. [www.colwood.ca](http://www.colwood.ca)

**Green Man Bikes - 1st Anniversary.** Sun July 1. 10 am to 6 pm. Drop-in. 3202A Happy Valley Rd, Langford. [www.greenmanbikes.com](http://www.greenmanbikes.com)

**Blood donor clinic.** Mon July 2. Sooke Legion, 6726 Eustace Rd. 12:30 to 6:30 pm.

**Pool at SEAPARC re-opens** after annual maintenance. Mon July 2. [www.seaparc.ca](http://www.seaparc.ca)

**Municipal Property Tax Deadline.** Tues July 3.

**Sooke Community Arts Council awards night.** Tues July 3. 7pm. Jenny's Tea Shoppe, 6596 Sooke Rd at Church Rd. [www.sookecommunityarts.com](http://www.sookecommunityarts.com)

**WorkLink 40th Anniversary celebration.** Thurs July 5. 11 am to 3 pm. At the Sooke office location, Unit D - 6625 Sooke Rd. [www.worklink.bc.ca](http://www.worklink.bc.ca)

**Sooke Night Market.** Thurs July 5. Thurs nights 5 to 8 pm til Sept. Sooke Region Museum grounds. [www.sookeregionmuseum.ca](http://www.sookeregionmuseum.ca)

**City of Langford Special Council Meeting.** Thurs July 5. 5:30 pm. [www.langford.ca](http://www.langford.ca)

**Parking Lot Interruptions** at Eagle Ridge Community Center and Langford Lake parking lot during geotechnical drilling by BC Hydro. July 6 to 8. Some traffic interruptions on Langford Lake Road. [www.langford.ca](http://www.langford.ca)

**Sooke Lioness Garage Sale.** Sat July 7 by Sooke District Lioness, 1646 Winnifred Pl, Sooke. 9 am to 1pm. All proceeds to Lioness projects.

**4th annual Eats and Beats.** Sat July 7. 1 to 8 pm along the lagoon at Ocean Blvd. [www.colwood.ca](http://www.colwood.ca)

**Ayre Manor 10th Anniversary Afternoon Tea.** Sun July 8. 2 to 4 pm. [www.ayremanor.ca](http://www.ayremanor.ca)

Remember your road safety sense when travelling on the highways this Canada Day weekend.

Always have emergency kits in your vehicle.

Juan de Fuca Emergency Program  
[www.prepareyourself.ca](http://www.prepareyourself.ca)

**Blood donor clinic.** Mon July 9. 9 am to 3:45 pm. CFB Esquimalt, 1575 Lyall St. [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca)

**StoryWalk.** Nature walk & outdoor storytelling. Wed July 11. 6 to 7:30 pm. Wednesdays to Aug 22. [www.westshorerecreation.ca](http://www.westshorerecreation.ca)

**WorkLink 40th Anniversary celebration.** Thurs July 12. 11 am to 4 pm. At the west shore office location, 202-3179 Jacklin Rd. Official presentation at 12:30 pm. Dunk tank! [www.worklink.bc.ca](http://www.worklink.bc.ca)

**Refugee (Safe Third Country) Town Hall.** Thurs July 12. Pearkes Rec Centre, 3100 Tillicum Rd, Saanich. Hosted by Randall Garrison, MP (Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke). 7 pm. All welcome. [www.randallgarrison.ndp.ca](http://www.randallgarrison.ndp.ca)

**Rock the Shores.** Outdoor weekend rock concert. Juan de Fuca Rec Centre lower fields, 1767 Island Hwy, Colwood. Fri Jul 13, Sat Jul 14, Sun Jul 15. Single-day tickets & weekend passes. [www.rocktheshores.com](http://www.rocktheshores.com)

**Public Input about Highway 14 improvements.** Deadline Sun July 15. Feedback can be provided to the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure online at [www.gov.bc.ca/highway14](http://www.gov.bc.ca/highway14) or by emailing to [highway14@gov.bc.ca](mailto:highway14@gov.bc.ca)

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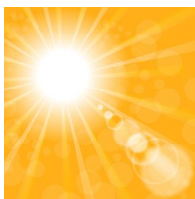
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[www.facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo](http://www.facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo) **WSV**

**Blood donor clinic.** Mon July 16. 9 am to 3:45 pm. Vancouver Island Technology Park, #2201 - 4464 Markham St. [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca)

**Art in the Park & Classic Car Show.** Sun July 22. 10 am- 2:00 pm at Sooke River Campground on Phillips Rd, Sooke. [www.sookecommunityarts.com](http://www.sookecommunityarts.com)

**32nd Sooke Fine Arts Show.** Purchaser's Preview July 26. Full show: July 27 to Aug 6 at SEAPARC Leisure Complex, 2168 Phillips Rd, Sooke. [www.sookefinearts.com](http://www.sookefinearts.com)

**Blood donor clinic.** Mon July 30. Sooke Legion, 6726 Eustace Rd. 12:30 to 6:30 pm.

**Sooke Music & Art Festival.** Sat Aug 4. 2197 Otter Pt Rd. [www.sookemusicfestival.com](http://www.sookemusicfestival.com)

**14th Annual Vancouver Island Pagan Pride Day.** Sat Aug 11 at Sooke Region Museum. 10-4. [www.vipaganpride.org](http://www.vipaganpride.org)

**Blood donor clinic.** Mon Aug 13. 12 to 6:45 pm. Church of the Advent, 510 Mount View Ave, Colwood. [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca)

**Movies on the Hill.** Thurs Aug 16 behind the JdF library, 1767 Island Hwy. 8:45 pm. [www.westshorerecreation.ca](http://www.westshorerecreation.ca)

**RCMP Musical Ride.** Sat Aug 18 & Sun Aug 19. Hosted by Sooke Lions Club. Matinee on Sat, sunset ride on Sunday. [www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/musical-ride](http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/musical-ride)

**Langford Show and Shine.** Sun Aug 19. 10am to 3 pm. Along Goldstream Ave from Peatt Rd to Veterans Memorial Pkwy. [www.langford.ca](http://www.langford.ca)

**Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament.** Thurs Aug 30. Bear Mountain Golf Course. [www.langford.ca](http://www.langford.ca)

**SD62 Back to School.** Tues Sept 4. [www.sd62.bc.ca](http://www.sd62.bc.ca)



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West shore post-secondary options to help students stay local after high school. See: [www.sd62.bc.ca](http://www.sd62.bc.ca)

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### Campfires permitted this weekend

● Campfires are currently permitted throughout BC, but larger Category 2 and Category 3 open fires are prohibited in some areas, to reduce wildfire risks and protect public safety.

A poster explaining the different categories of open burning is available online: [www.gov.bc.ca/openfirereg](http://www.gov.bc.ca/openfirereg)

The use of fireworks is also prohibited in some regions. Detailed information about current restrictions is available on the BC Wildfire Service website: [www.gov.bc.ca/wildfirebans](http://www.gov.bc.ca/wildfirebans)

Local governments might also have their own burning restrictions or bylaws in place, so always check with local authorities before lighting any fire of any size.

#### Campfire safety and fire precautions:

■ Campfires must not be larger than 0.5 metres high or 0.5 metres wide.

■ Never light a campfire or keep it burning in windy conditions. Weather can change quickly and wind may carry embers to other combustible material.

■ Maintain a fireguard around the campfire. This is a fuel-free area where all flammable materials (grass, kindling, etc.) have been removed right down to the soil.

■ Never leave a campfire unattended.

■ Have a shovel or at least eight litres of water available to properly extinguish your campfire. Make sure that ashes are cold to the touch before leaving the area for any length of time.

■ Anyone riding an all-terrain vehicle or dirt bike on Crown land must have a spark arrestor installed on the vehicle. Check the condition of the muffler, regularly clear build-ups of grass or other vegetation from hot spots, stay on dirt paths and avoid tall grass and weeds to help reduce wildfire risks.

■ Smokers must dispose of cigarette butts and other smoking material responsibly, making sure they're fully extinguished.

The government's natural resource officers and conservation officers conduct regular patrols throughout BC, monitoring high-risk activities and watching for potential damage. These officers also work closely with BC Wildfire Service staff to investigate the cause of wildfires, and any improper use of fire.

Anyone who lights a campfire is legally responsible for making sure it doesn't escape. That person could be held accountable for damages and fire suppression costs if negligence results in a wildfire. Anyone found in contravention of an open burning prohibition may be issued a violation ticket for \$1,150, required to pay an administrative penalty of \$10,000 or, if



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### Fireworks ban in Metchosin

● The discharge of any type of firework or pyrotechnic is now banned, except by special permit, says the Metchosin Fire Department.

There will be a special exemption provided for the evenings of October 31 (Halloween) and December 31 (New Year's) until 1 a.m.

Any person who contravenes this regulation is liable to a minimum fine of \$1,000. **WSV**

### TRAFFIC INFO

#### LANGFORD ON THE MOVE



**Friday July 6 to Sunday July 8.** A portion of the parking lot at Eagle Ridge Community Center and Langford Lake parking lot will be closed for geotechnical drilling by BC Hydro.

**Now to Wed Aug 1.** Intermittent single-lane alternating traffic on Hannington Rd in Bear Mountain, 7 am to 5 pm. For BC Hydro installations & road construction.

**Now to mid-July.** Jacklin Rd closed (Jenkins to Terlane) to facilitate nearby construction efficiencies. Detour through the Belmont Market construction site on Division Ave.

**Current to summer 2018.** Leigh Rd at Langford Pkwy Railway Crossing. Completion of Leigh Rd Railway Crossing over to Langford Pkwy (near the sports fields).

**Current, until mid-summer.** Traffic interruptions for sewer installation along Bray Ave, Carlow Rd, Linda Lane (west of Jacklin Rd & Goldstream Ave).

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