



Save The Date!

November 4th & 5th, 2016 - our Alma Mater turns 85 years old! Join us at the school for some interesting fun!

Welcome Mount Doug Alumni Association members who are signed up on our website. Enjoy our Fall Newsletter!

Thanks to our MDAA Fall Newsletter Committee:

Carol Williams '66 class, Christine Thate '77, JoAnn Clar '80, Paula Johanson '78, & Wendy Gedney '67

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Our MDAA VISION:

Engaged with alumni, students & staff showing pride & spirit in our school.

Are your family and MD classmates & friends signed up on our MDAA website like you are? Encourage them... it is simple & free: mountdoug alumni.com

President's message



Welcome back, Alumni newsletter readers. We have a busy year in store for us from now till November 2016. We are preparing to celebrate Mount Doug's birthday next year. Along with the students and staff, the alumni board and additional alumni friends will create a few events on that Friday and Saturday for all of you to come & engage in the activities and offerings.

We continue our mandate of connecting alumni and supporting the students and staff of Mount Douglas Secondary School. With your help, our Student Bursary program will be increasing to two bursaries for June 2016, our first continues to be the Len Michaux Memorial Bursary in Fine Arts and the new one will be in the academics. In time we hope to have a third bursary for

students in Sports graduating from Mount Doug.

Thank you for your interest and support of your Mount Doug Alumni Association, our bursary fund and our school and students. Such a worthwhile investment in the next generation.

Now on to what's going on at the school then information about alumni and the school that we feel will be of interest to you. Happy reading.

Sincerely,
Wendy Gedney
President, MDAA

Principal's message

Dear Alumni,



Thank-you for continuing to be a part of Mount Douglas Secondary School. The 2015/16 school year is now under way and this year is quickly proving to be as busy as ever. Our school population remains relatively steady with a population of just under 1,100. However, emerging is an increase in interest from students wishing attend our school from all over the world. Currently, we have 150 students enrolled at Mount Doug as part of the school district's International Student Program. These students come from mainly Mexico, Brazil, Korea, Japan, China, Germany and Thailand.

Our students continue to amaze us in a variety of endeavours; whether in the classroom, on the stage or on the courts. Last year, the Grad class of 2015 achieved in excess of one million dollars in scholarships and bursaries due to their academic achievement, outstanding leadership abilities and excellence in athletics. This year, we have already had an incredibly strong start in athletics. The football program continues its dominance as a provincial power. Both the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams have now completed their regular season schedules and are well positioned for yet another run at a provincial championship. Other teams in championship contention are our senior boys soccer, girls cross-country as well as senior girls volleyball.

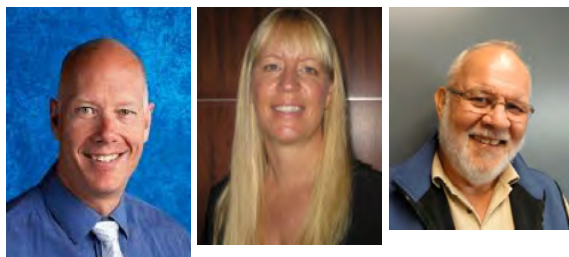
On the stage, last week we enjoyed a wonderful Fall Concert with the memorable rendition of The Devil Went Down to Georgia performed by both students and our athletic director, Mr. Ted Meldrum. Our musical programs continues to be outstanding in both quality of performances and the number of students who actively participate. Please note our annual musical this school year is Joseph & his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Performances will be at Spectrum Community School Theatre April 27-30, 2016 and we welcome you to attend. Details in the Spring newsletter.

As we move towards the holiday season, our leaderships students have many events organized including our annual 'Fill the Foyer' campaign where the school comes together to support local families in need during the holiday season. Led by our graduating class, we collect food, toys and coins to support a locally adopted elementary school to help make sure the young students and their families are able to celebrate the season with toys and turkey dinner. If you are able to help, we will be collecting these items between November 30th and December 11th.

Again, I wish to close by thanking you for your continued interest and support in Mount Douglas. It is through our collective efforts that we continue to be a school of excellence and great pride for our current and former students.

Kind regards,
Shawn Boulding
Principal, Mount Douglas Secondary School

Our MDAA board 2015 - 2016



You too can buy a MD Alumni shirt like these... see our website mounddoug alumni.com under Alumni Sales

to order yours.

In the photo - L to R - Phil Pitre - vice principal, Christine Thate, Wendy Gedney, Ross Morgan, Les Bryan, JoAnn Clar, Vanessa Wheeler, Kirsten Mawle, Carol Williams, Dustin Marnell, Pat Young. Inserted - Shawn Boulding, principal, Kelly Orr and Bill Conconi.

Did you receive the news flash about our new BUSINESS DIRECTORY? Want some work done by a MD Alum or do you have or work for a business you want listed? It's free to list your business or where you work. Check it out on our website.

Reunions - by Wendy Gedney



What a full summer for Mt Doug grad reunions! The most yet! Celebrating classes were:

June

- Class of '55's 60th - at the University Club
- Class of '75's 40th - at Colwood Golf Club

July

- Class of '95's 20th - at Taphouse, Gyro Park & The Mint

August

- Class of '05's 10th - at The Strathcona's Maple Room
- Class of '85's 30th - at Glo Restaurant & Lounge

September

- Class of '65's 50th - at The Beach House (was McMorran's)
- The Nifty Fifties (annually) - at Bev Bazin's place
- Class of '80's 35th - at The Union Club & The Strath

See these & more photos on our website at: moundougalumni.com under Reunions . Some great shots and fun memories! Thanks to those who submitted photos. They are always welcomed for all alumni to enjoy! Thank you also to each reunion's organizing committees and their hard work as well!

And a big thank you to the Class of '75 who, after their reunion, donated \$350 to our MDAA Student Bursary Fund.

If you wish to donate, please go to our website and click on Please Donate! or mail a cheque to MDSS, 3970 Gordon Head Rd Victoria, BC V8N 3X3 attn. MD Alumni Association.

Reunions for 2016 so far:

Class of '66's 50th - July 30, '16 - check the website for details

Let us know if your class is planning a reunion & we will post it on our website for you.

president@moundougalumni.com

Names in the News...

Tim Hackett '65 & Steve Mann '66 bought Marigold Nursery land to build housing...hot off the press, her 30th book, entitled Tower in the Crooked Wood, by Paula Johanson '78 ... Steve Nash '92 was MD soccer

star & went on to become a huge NBA star & now is working with CBC-TV to create a series about the trials of young athletes... Wendy Gedney '67 finalist in Generosity of Spirit Award in a national awards evening in November... Jeff Mallett '82, of Yahoo fame, talking to UVic's Peter Gustavson School of Business students when in town... our oldest MD alum - that we know of - turned 100 this past June - June Todd Norrington '33 sister, Virginia Todd Griffin '37 tells us and Lillian Bosence Price '35 turned 99 - congrats to both... brothers Terrell '12 & Marcus Davis '14, former MD Rams stars, are now playing for the UBC's Thunderbirds football team and making a big impression with their skills & stats... Rachel Lee, '17, pianist & current student, was selected for best grade 10 submission in a Canadian & US wide Royal Conservatory of Music competition. Check out her playing here. www.mondaymag.com/entertainment/298954621.html ...and for soccer fans, Emma Fletcher '13 (who got her start in the Gordon Head League) was in the lineup for FIFA Under 20 Women's world cup this past June 2015 and went on to play for Canada in the Pan Am Games in Toronto in July.
~ by JoAnn Clar

In Memoriam

Dr. Doug Malpass - class of '82

- generous friends help our school in Doug's name - by Chris Mosher

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FEATURE ALUMNI PROFILE

Betty Yardley Emery & Gerry Emery - Mt Doug High School sweethearts!



From the Mt Doug Purple & Gold Newspaper 1947, "Gerry Emery & Betty Yardley holding hands on the bus these Saturday nights.. (It all started at the dance of November 7th.)" !! Sweet!

[Click here for a larger image!](#)

Memories from one of Betty's students -

My teacher, Miss Yardley (Gr. 1) and Mrs. Emery (Gr.2) was the most wonderful teacher guiding the beginning of my formative years at Cedar Hill Elementary School. Many Mt. Doug alumni have

had the benefit of her teaching. It was especially lovely to meet her again at the 80th celebration tea. When asked lately the secret to their successful marriage, Gerry replied, "we like each other and really enjoy being together". Betty's words were, we respect and support each other's abilities - encouraged each other to pursue their careers and recreational activities... and our motto is "family first". Such terrific models they are! From all of us former students and the Mount Doug Alumni Association, I would like to extend our gratitude and congratulations on your 60 years of marriage!!
~ by Carol Williams

Looking Back To Move Forward



The last big celebration MD school had was it's 80th birthday in 2011. Those who attended or saw the advertising know we created 11 events in 9 days! Quite the feat. Much hard work, fun & success was had! As well, funds were raised to start our Student Bursary Fund.

Looking at some events in that celebration and creating some new too, our board, along with Mount Doug students and staff, is planning some events for November 4th and 5th, 2016 weekend at the school. Plan to join us and reunite with other alumni, meet new ones and interact with MD staff & students. Your attendance will make Mount Doug's 85th birthday a fun occasion & a great success!

You may know of TED Talks... well DOUG Talks will be one of the events in store for you then... stay tuned for details of that happening and more!

We will need volunteers for the planning and help before & during the events. If you want to be involved, please email: Kirsten Mawle, Events chair at: kmawle@shaw.ca with your name, class year & contact information.

Remember to:

If you need to change your email address use the the preferences link at the bottom of this email so we can keep you in the know with our two newsletters a year.

Also if you know of a MD alum who has died, let us know so we can post the name & obituary on the website under their grad year at: obiteditor@mountdoug alumni.com

Encourage MD friends & family sign up on the website to get our newsletter & latest info

Explore the new additions to our MDAA website...always interesting & informative.

Join us at our next board meetings - they will be: Wed, January 20, 2016, March 9, 2016 and May 18, 2016 for our AGM. 7pm in the MD School Library. Our MDAA Board meetings are open to all alumni to attend. Only board members have voting privileges but do come to meet and offer any ideas you may have to enrich our alumni association & its activities.

Survey Monkey results - from our April Spring Newsletter - thank you to the alumni who replied. Check them out. [Click here to see the results so far](#) Let us know what you'd like to see in the newsletters as well. Thank you from our MDAA board and our Newsletter committee.