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President's Message



Welcome back, Mount Doug Alumni! A special hello to our new alumni readers who just signed up this year. Our Alma Mater began its school year in September with another new principal! We are very pleased to welcome Donna Thompson to MDSS. She comes to us from Spectrum Secondary where she was a vice principal. Tammy Sherstobitoff has taken a position in Human Resources at the School Board office. One of our vice principals, Aaron Norris, moved to Reynolds, so we welcome back Phil Pitre to take his place along with Paul Ledet who is in his second year as our vice principal at MDSS. Our school library is evolving into a Learning Commons. Do check out our teacher librarian's narrative on these changes.

Remember if you have any information you'd like us to consider for our newsletter, let us know. Also if you'd like to help on our Newsletter committee, we would welcome your assistance.

Enjoy your read about our alumni and our school happenings.

Wendy Gedney

Principal's Message

Dear Mount Doug Alumni,



I am so very pleased to step into the role of Principal here at Mount Doug and be part of this amazing school. I come after 13 years at Spectrum Community School where I taught, was a school counsellor, and spent the last four years as a Vice Principal. I am joined this year with Phil Pitre who returns to Mount Doug after a one year leave to Oak Bay and Paul Ledet who joined the Mount Doug Administrative Team last year.

The school startup was busy as summer projects continued to be completed well into September. The new windows and furniture have made the library commons an amazing place for students to come together to learn and collaborate. The washrooms in the main foyer have also been given an update, making the facilities something we can be proud to have our visitors to use. The clubs day was well attended and students were able to find a club to meet any interest. The fall sports teams are almost finished their season with many teams participating in the islands and provincial competitions. Winter sports are ready to get started.

Grads have been making their mark as the Grad Class of 2020 and are finding that the year is flying by quickly as Term 1 is already completed. As they actively start to make plans for their future and look at all opportunities, they will soon be joining you as Mount Doug Alumni.

Many thanks to the alumni members who continue to work to keep our Mount Doug history and connection. Please feel free to get in touch anytime.

Donna Thompson

Welcome to the **Mount Douglas Library Learning Commons**. Many students and visitors ask about the changes being made in the library at Mount Doug because of the new furniture that has been brought in. The change from “library” to “Learning Commons” has been a gradual change over the last decade. Many of the changes are in the areas of technology, access, learning partnerships and staffing.





The physical changes are only a small part of what a learning commons is. The physical changes enhance many of the other areas, and as such, the new furniture has been a welcome change in the library. If you check out the graphic display below, you will see that many of the changes have happened incrementally over time and through a continuum. Here at Mount. Doug we have moved nicely along that continuum.

To reach the final stages of the “Library Learning Commons” on the far right of the graphic, we will need more funding to provide the enhancements to our space. As an example, for students having a 24/7 access to Virtual Learning, more funding on a yearly basis is needed in order to purchase a variety of products that can be accessed on-line. From our general community, we need support in the way of lobbying different levels of government for the funding that is required to support a Library Learning Commons in our district.

Check out the Mount Douglas Library Learning Commons website to see some of what is happening in the library: <https://moundouglibrary.sd61.bc.ca>

- from Saverio Colantonio, MDSS teacher-librarian

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS: ONE WAY TO LOOK AT THIS

	SPACE WITH A CLERK	LIMITED PROGRAM	SCHOOL LIBRARY WITH PROGRAM	LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS
ANALOGY				
PHYSICAL AND VIRTUAL SPACE	Space created by others. No program. A room with books.	Shelves can't be moved. No virtual presence. Limited to book exchanges.	Shelves can be moved with effort. Clearly defined sections are present. Library website exists. Multimedia is available.	Shelves and furniture can be easily moved. Multiple spaces for reading and collaborative or independent work. Virtual access 24/7.
TECHNOLOGY	Computers, if any, are used independently of library staff as in a computer lab.	Computers may be related to library functions; few if any other devices.	Variety of tools and devices are available, used as required to serve program needs.	Technology and media are an intrinsic part of a dynamic and responsive teaching and learning program.
ACCESS	Limited supervision by a clerk, like a cafeteria. Often closed. Books may not be tracked.	Classes are scheduled; library closed to others during class. Collection shows lack of funding.	Classes and individuals usually have access when there is a TL available. Collections are well-organized and building.	Students, staff and parents have access to a qualified TL and to resources during and after the instructional day. 24/7 access to the Virtual Learning Commons.
LEARNING PARTNERSHIPS	None.	Few if any learning partnerships. No program as such.	Administrators, teachers, Tls, and sometimes community partners collaborate to advance student learning.	All members of the learning community work together to build virtual and physical learning partnerships in the LLC. These are global, connected, social, cross-curricular and complex.
STAFFING	Little or no allocation of professional staffing.	Part-time TL with sufficient time only to do pre-set book exchanges.	Sufficient qualified or qualifying staffing to enable program and collection development.	Sufficient qualified staffing to enable outreach, collaborative planning, co-teaching, and creation and maintenance of the Virtual Learning Commons.

Which one was in charge in your time at Mt Doug?

- 1931 - 39 - Bert Bailey
- 1939 - 69 - Eric Forster - longest serving MD principal
- 1969 - 76 - Jack Lowther
- 1976 - 77 - Ken Brown (acting principal)
- 1977 - 79 - Jack Lowther
- 1979 - 86 - Wally Russell
- 1986 - 91 - Don Newman
- 1991 - 98 - Gloria Metzger - 1st woman MD principal
- 1998 - 04 - Meva Sundher

2004 - 06 - Keith McCallion
2006 - 10 - John Fawcett
2010 - 11 - Rob House (acting principal)
2011 - 18 - Shawn Boulding
2018 - 19 - Tammy Shertibitoff
2019 - present - Donna Thompson

ATTENTION ALL MD ALUMNI - YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU! Come join us...

Are you looking for a way to contribute and give back to your fellow alumni and school? We put out our MDAA Newsletter Spring and Fall and need a few more members on that committee. This is not a big time commitment to help out twice a year.

The school's 90th birthday is coming up November 2021. The school is keen to celebrate for a day. This is an opportunity for you to share your thoughts on how you think we should celebrate. We want your input and ideas. Get involved and come join us at the table.

The Mount Doug Alumni Board of Directors are looking for candidates who would be willing to consider sharing their skills, talent or business expertise with us. Again this is not a big time commitment for Alumni to help us out for a couple of hours a month on one evening.

If you feel you could contribute to any of these current areas of need, please contact our Board of Directors President Wendy Gedney at: wgedney@telus.net

Our Bursary Recipients for June 2019

The Len Michaux Fine Arts Bursary - Clara Sui

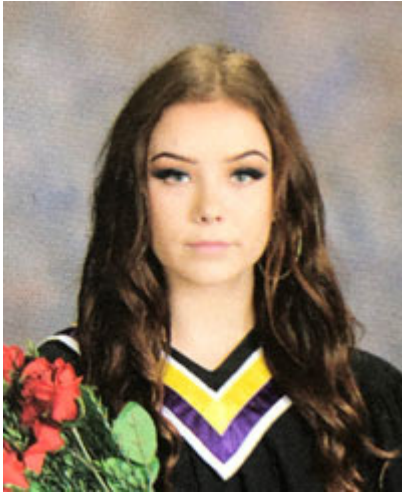


Clara Sui has been passionate about playing the violin ever since she was nine years of age. Her deep love for music was apparent during her time at Mount Douglas Secondary and continues to grow stronger as she has now moved on to post secondary music studies at the University of British Columbia. She is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Music degree in violin performance. Although she faces a rigorous schedule of private instruction, chamber ensemble, and orchestra, she is excited to focus on music on a full-time basis and determined to succeed.

Clara intends to use the bursary funds towards offsetting the costs of her undergraduate degree. She dreams of one day playing in a full orchestra and based on her passion and excellent academic performance, it appears it is only a matter of time until she achieves this milestone. The Mount Douglas Alumni Association can't think of a more deserving recipient of the Len Michaux Fine Arts Bursary. Congratulations Clara!

Our Academic Bursary - Asia-Lu Shwaluk

Unfortunately we were unable to connect with Asia-Lu by the time our newsletter was distributed. However, after speaking with her teachers at Mount Douglas Secondary, we are proud to award her with the MDAA Academic Bursary and wish her the best in pursuing her dreams through post secondary education.



Gone But Not Forgotten - since our Spring Newsletter

Hazel (Grant) Best '39 - d. April '19
Joanne (Griffin) Horton '76 - d. Apr '19
Tara Mogentale '89 - d. April '19
Lily (Argyrolu) Jackson '85 - d. Apr. '19
Rod Prewett '68 - d. May '19
Cindy Briggs '78 - d. May '19
Michael Stephen - staff - d. May '19
Joan (Roberts) Ebner '47 - d. June '19
John Clazie - staff -1967-90 - d. June '19
Fred Worthington '64 - d. June '19
Evelyn (Ball) Smith '47 - d. July '19
Brett Morgan '66 - d. Sept '19
Mary Baughn - tchr 1966-1990 - d. Sept '19
Devon Gall '15 - d. October '19

These are the alumni we know about who have passed on. Thanks to those alumni who have given us these names. The alumni above are also listed on our website under their class years along with their obituaries where we have them. Please let us know if you have others of which we aren't aware. Contact us at: obiteditor@mounddougalumni.com

REUNION HAPPENINGS this summer & fall ~

So many wonderful hard-working organizers helped make 7 class reunions happen this year between June and November. Check them out below. Do let us know of others in the planning as we can publish and promote them in our Spring 2020 Newsletter.

MD '55 class celebrates 64 years as MD alumni at their annual lunch at Bill Mattick's Restaurant - June, 2019. Thanks to Dave Allan & in previous years, with Miles Primrose as organizers.



MD '68 class 51 years at Royal Colwood Golf Club July 13/19. Thanks to Diane, Ross, Jane, Linda & Randi.



MD '62 class 57 years August 2/19 their annual luncheon, thanks to Sharon Hope & host Mary Barnard Knudsen.



MD '89 class 30 years September 21st at The Strathcona Maple Room - thank you, Cara Jay.



MD '64 class 55 years October 4-6/19, thanks to Fran, Sheila, Donna, Tanga, Brenda, Lindsay, David, Bob & Sharon.



And big thank you to this MD Class of '64 who, from their reunion, **donated \$150 to our MD History Book Project** as a few other personal alumni donors have done. Tax receipts will be issued for \$20 or more donated.

MD '69 class 50 years on October 12, 2019 at the Royal Colwood Golf Club. Thank you organizers: Dale, Sharry, Lynda, Sheila & Bruce.



MD '79 class 40 years November 9, 2019 at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club; thanks to Susan, Heather, Susan & Steve. Over 100 attended so the organizers are shown here representing their group.



Effortless Reminders....

If you have any information for our Newsletter or Mount Doug Alumni Committee, drop us a line at: info@mountdoug alumni.com

Encourage family and friends of Mount Doug past or present to sign up to the Alumni page under Join Us. It's easy, fun and free. <https://mountdoug alumni.com/join-us.html>

Personalized Commemorative Brass Plaques (for our bleachers)



How would you like to get your name immortalized while helping out future Mt. Doug students at the same time? You can do that by purchasing one of our bleacher plaques for only \$35. For each payment of \$35, you can have your name and grad year engraved onto a plaque, that will then be installed on the bleachers. This can also be a wonderful grad gift for that new alumni member!! All of the money raised by the Mount Doug Alumni Association goes back to helping out current students. For details and to purchase, see our website under: Alumni Sales

<https://mountdoug alumni.com/alumni-gear/brass-plaques.html>

Donate to the Mount Doug Alumni Association

Please consider making a donation to the Mount Doug Alumni Association. The simplest way is to go to the website and click on the donation button. You can make your donation securely online via the Canada Helps website. You can also **click on the Donate Now image right below**. Thank you!



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MDAA Newsletter committee: Rod Lindquist, Wendy Gedney, Paula Johanson, and Dianne Gillespie is our proof-reader