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Happy 2025 Grad Families!

Volunteer Prom Committee parents/caregivers have been working hard kicking things off for Prom...**142 more sleeps!!!** :O) Let me share what we've been up to:

Between now and June, the different breakout groups meet, and then all the leads come back together multiple times to coordinate all of the evening's events. If you are someone who likes the finer details in life, you are welcome to view those meeting minutes on the Grad
Parents/Caregivers page of the BSS website. (Note: To share information widely with families, these are being posted publicly. However, please note the kids are excited to have Prom (and its details) be a surprise to them...so "shhhhh...you've seen nothing!") :O))

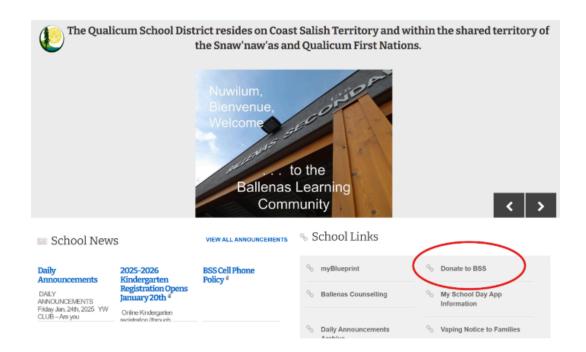
Here are some highlights for families:

- <u>Dates:</u> Prom is June 14th @ Arbutus Meadows. Commencement is June 26th @ TBD (BSS is still working on the details as they organize Commencement)
- <u>Times:</u> Grads are encouraged to book hair appointments early in the day as events will start in Community Park after lunch (1:00/2:00pm ish....times: TBD). Grads then head for Arbutus around 5:30pm ish. All times TBD and details will be worked out and shared later.
- Flow: Prom Committee with work on an entire timeline and flow of the June 14th activities and share these with families. For early planning, here are some highlights:
 - Family and friends can gather at Community Park and watch the Grads and take pictures
 - Family and friends can also come to Arbutus Meadows and watch the Grads walk the red carpet and enter Prom (only volunteers will be allowed IN the venue - but anyone is invited to watch from out front)
 - Our Committee is working with the City at possibly shutting down Community Park on June 14th so the kids can "arrive" (this will not be a "parade" through the city, but an opportunity to arrive in a style you choose)

- Initial planning has started to have a "walking parade/promenade" after Grads arrive at the park. (Think....short walk from Labyrinth side of the boardwalk to the Gazebo) This allows the community to celebrate our Grads as they make their way to the Gazebo for a large group photo
- Grads then have time with family and friends before making their way to
 Arbutus where the Prom night of events, dinner and dancing will take place.
- Theme: After voting and consultation with the students, Prom theme is "Old Hollywood" (with a "speakeasy, mellow vibe")
- **Prom Events:** Our entertainment, decor and food committees are working on all aspects of Prom. (shhhh...too many secrets to reveal now). But trust there will be food, photo's, activities, dancing and smiles on June 14th! :O)
- Save the Date (maybe): During the planning of Prom you'll hear/read of different Fundraising or ideas from the Prom Committee. Depending on volunteers, availability and feasibility some ideas happen and some don't. Thanks for your patience and support as we balance raising money and planning Prom. We will always make sure families are invited and get the latest and greatest information on ways they help create a great event for our hard working Grads! Tentatively we are looking at April 4th for a "Beer & Burger & Silent Auction"...pencil that in your calendar and stay tuned for more details! (Heads-up: We'll soon be reaching out to community members who might have access to great items for our Silent Auction/Prom Prizes. Ways to get involved will be shared soon!)

Actions for Parents/Caregivers:

- (1) PAY GRAD FEES: Please sign into SchoolCash Online to pay Prom fees.
 - These fees, paid early, help the Prom Committees book the venue and put down deposits on food, entertainment....
 - Please call or stop in at the School office if you need to discuss payment options
- (2) BOOK GRAD PHOTOS: Grad Photos start in just over a week. Click <u>here</u> to book your students' Grad photos.
- (3) JOIN GOOGLE CLASSROOM: Check with your student to make sure they have joined the "Grad 2025" Google Classroom.
 - They can do this by accepting the invitation sent to their school Google Account
 - If your student is part of Headstart Program or can't get into the Google classroom, please have them speak to the office
- **(4)** DONATION with TAX RECEIPT: Please share that *anyone* (Family..Friends..Business..) who would like to donate to BSS Prom can do so by clicking <u>here</u>. (Note: This is separate from "Grad Fees").



** BONUS ** Action Item:

Please see the attached poster and callout from our decor committee for FURNITURE
that we can borrow for Prom. (The more items we can borrow, the less money
spent on renting items, and the more we can borrow....the more this adds to the vibe
and ambiance of Prom)

THANK YOU to all the families who helped with our bottle drive. We raised over \$2400 towards Prom.

Let me know if you have any questions!

Karri

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