

International News

Sea to Sky International Student Program

We have had a great start to this school year!! I am just reviewing the midterm report cards and I am so proud of our students' academic achievements. It is a really strong group of kids who have come to Sea to Sky. As well, I am really happy to hear of all our students who have joined teams and clubs while here. One thing I never hear is that there is "nothing to do" in Sea to Sky. Our students have adopted our motto, "We work hard and we play hard", and they are all embracing their time in Canada. These are memories you will have forever. Please continue to enjoy your time here. *Amy Shoup, Manager*



Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!

Why do Canadians love winter so much? We think winter is the best season of the year for many reasons. Just look outside at the sparkling snow and you are immediately transported to a winter wonderland. There is nothing better than skiing, snowboarding, tobogganing and skating on a sunny winter day. Winter means you can build a snowman or make a snow angel! Everyone knows that nothing tastes better than a cup of hot chocolate after a day of playing in the snow. And the best part of the start of winter is that Christmas is just around the corner!

Save the Date!

Beach Party

Nov 30 2012

Join us for Glow in the Dark Bowling and fun at the Indoor Beach!

Eagle Eco Tour

January 2013

View bald eagles feeding on salmon from a raft as you float down the river!

Chinese New Year

February 2013

Celebrate a traditional Chinese New Year in Vancouver!



Amazing Talents!

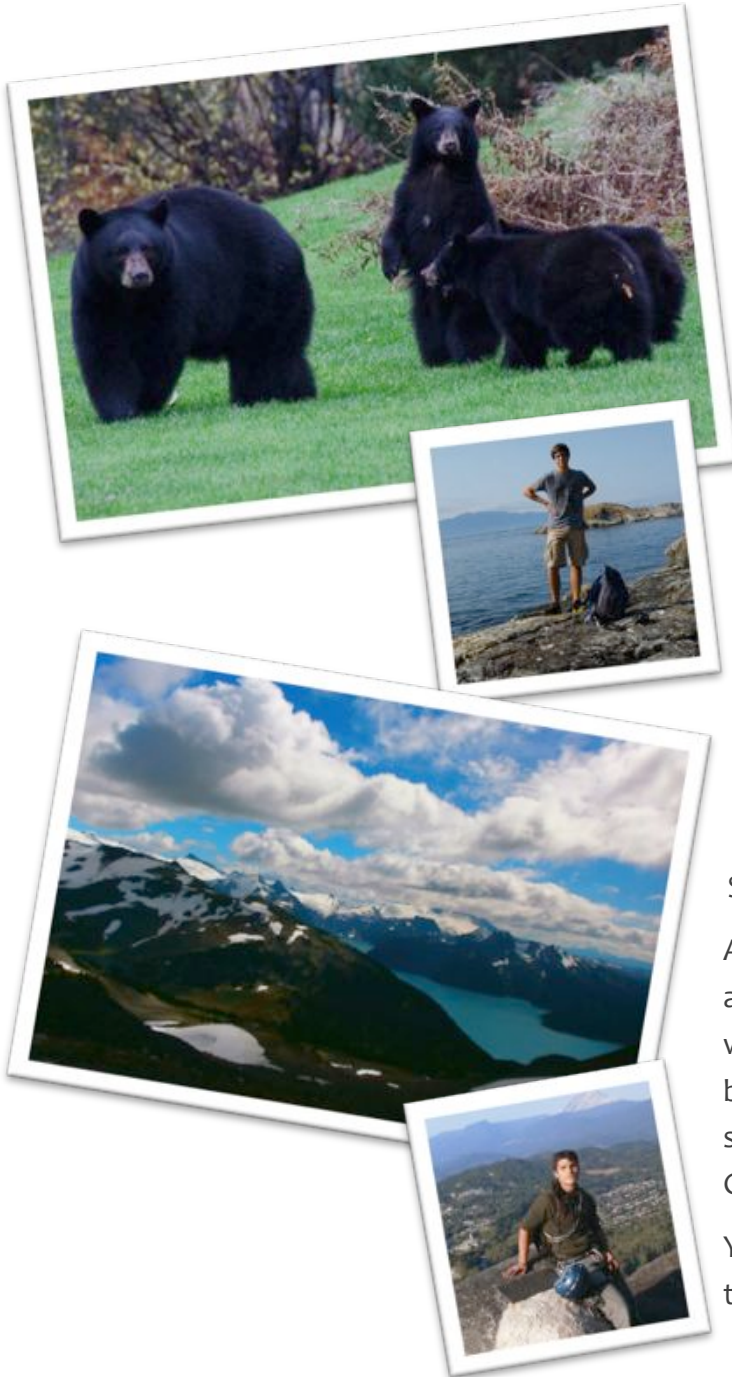
Victor Ahedo from Spain came to the Sea to Sky school district because of the beautiful scenery and outstanding photo opportunities. He chose to attend Whistler High School for a year.

Victor is very interested in wildlife photography and has captured a number of amazing images including a series of fantastic shots of a family of bears out for a stroll on the Whistler golf course. This charming “furry foursome on the golf course” is worthy of National Geographic Magazine!

Sebastian Lanza from Italy chose the Sea to Sky School district for the many climbing opportunities. Sebastian is an avid sportsman and decided to attend Howe Sound Secondary School in Squamish.

Along with his climbing talent he is also an accomplished photographer and takes his camera with him on his climbs. He has captured a number of beautiful images high up in the alpine including this spectacular shot. Another great photo for National Geographic!

You can see more great photos from both these talented students on our face book page.



100 Years of History

Phillip Hartung from Germany and Alex Domingo from Thailand spent their September Pro D day touring the Howe Sound Pulp and Paper Plant on the Sunshine Coast.

An important industry for British Columbia they learned how paper is made, where the ingredients come from and where the final product is shipped to, as well as the history of it's 100 year operation.



How to Win the World!



Over 15,000 kilometres and one year! That was the distance traveled, and the time waited for 20 Brazilian scholarship students in the Sea to Sky International Program. The program “Win the World” was launched a year ago and is an initiative of the Pernambuco Ministry of Education in Brazil. The program aims to send 1,000 youth to spend a semester abroad in English speaking countries.

Brazil, and particularly the Brazilian Northeast, is undergoing a period of rapid economic growth while preparing to host the 2014 Soccer World Cup and the 2016 Olympic Games. English language skills are vital for the increased international commerce and tourism expected for these events. The public school system in Brazil traditionally

serves youth from modest socio-economic communities. These students rarely have access to expensive extracurricular English courses. “Win the World” was created to assist these students acquire English fluency. The top academic students were chosen from the Pernambuco public schools to spend a semester overseas in Canada, the US, and New Zealand with all expenses paid.

Many of these students have never travelled outside their province, let alone to another country. Our students have integrated well into their new families, schools and community. The Sea to Sky International Program is hoping to continue being part of this outstanding initiative.

Snowman Contest!



There is something magical about the first sticky snowfall that entices every Canadian to get out and build a snowman. We are challenging our international students and their homestay families to a contest during the month of December. We want you to build the most original and creative snowman, snowwoman or snow animal, take a photo and send it to us. You will win a \$50.00 Gift Certificate to Boston Pizza! Photos need to be submitted by December 31. Photos will be posted on facebook and winner will be judged on the number of “likes” and voting ends January 30. Please send your photos to dmorton@sd48.bc.ca.

International Sea to Sky Fleece Hoodies for Sale!



For \$35 you can have your very own Dri Power Fleece Pullover Hoodie. Colour choices include Burnt Orange, Cardinal, Graphite, Black Heather, Maroon or Purple. The writing and logo will be in white only. If interested please print the order form on facebook and drop it at your school's office by DECEMBER 7th!



Meet our Assistant Homestay Coordinator – Tamsin Miller

Tamsin Miller is delighted to join such a dedicated team. The daughter of a naval officer and a Canadian 'warbride', Tamsin grew up on the move. She went to boarding school at age 10, so understands intimately some of the emotions students can experience while away from home. The Millers and their four children have lived, and been active community members, in Whistler, Pemberton and Squamish for 30 years. Tamsin has been with SD#48 for 17 years - as a Teaching Assistant in the schools and a member of staff at the Board Office. She has a passion for comparative mythology, all forms of the creative arts and cheese. One of her greatest pleasures is to help young people discover their own joys, passions and potential. She can't think of a better way than through international exchange.

Congratulations to all our Students!

We have the best students in our program. They are talented and committed! Our International students have participated in our many sports programs and competed on our school teams. We also have very creative and talented students who are participating in our music and drama programs. A number of our students are top academic achievers and have scored in the top percentile in their courses. Keep up the good work. You are amazing ambassadors for your countries!

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