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**Magee News**  
**6 November 2020**

### 1. School updates.

Every teacher has a specialty skill set. School based Resource and ELL (English Language Learning) teacher **Gordon Thrift** and Learning Support Program teacher **James Scott** (on the



right doing a Churchill impersonation) bring over 55 years of combined teaching experience to our community. Like all our colleagues at Magee Mr. Thrift and Mr. Scott are absolutely passionate about supporting students with different learning abilities; both teachers have skills blocks as part of their load. Rather than restricting their skills classes to the

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identified quarter in the current Covid hybrid system, both James and Gordon, together with Support Workers **Mrs. Susan Jolin** and **Mr. Patrick Milligen** (on the left, photo'd in the Skills Classroom) have devised an innovative system for Magee students to get additional support in the skills room both during designated skills blocks (if on your child's timetable) or at any time between 10:30 and 1:15.

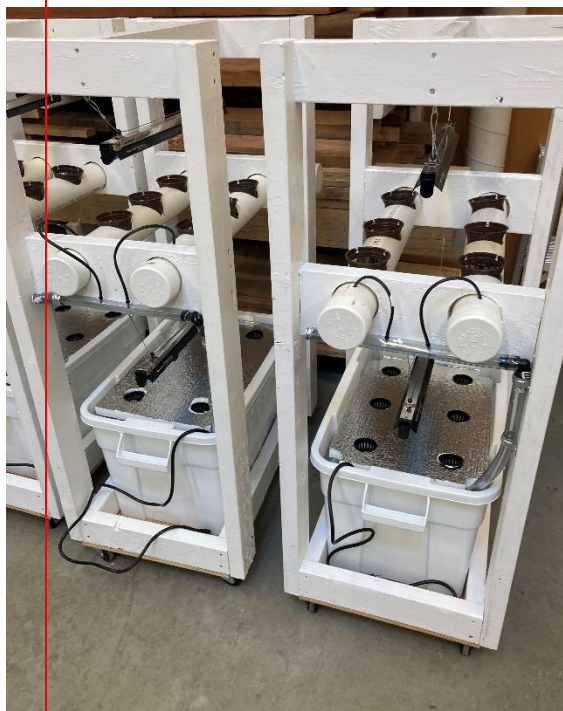
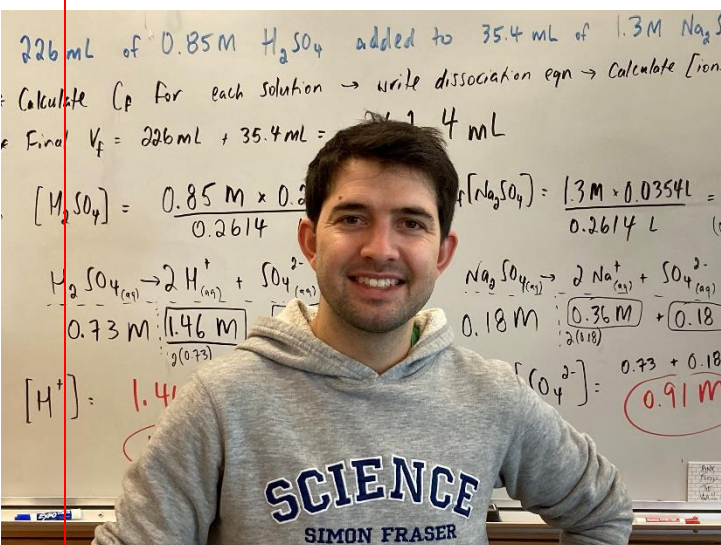
James, Gordon, Susan and Patrick encourage not only students with Ministry Designations but any student who feels that they need additional support with an assignment, or if they need a quiet space to write a test, to connect with them and they will liaise with teachers and students to ensure your child is accommodated and supported as needed.

Eighteen months ago we started to discuss greater integration within the Science, Mathematics, and Shop classes as part of the changes occurring within the new BC Curriculum- the drive for more applications of learning in integrated settings. Our teachers visited local schools that are running STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programs, did research on similar projects internationally, and had many meetings and debates

during Professional (ProD) days and during Collaboration and Flex times. Our Shop teacher, **Mr. Andy Robinson** (below, on the left, with Engineering students and Environmental Club members **Mr. Ethan Wong** and **Mr. Cole Berube**), and Science Department Head, **Mr. Colin Mayer** (on the right, advertising SFU), and members of our Environment Club embarked on a project to grow vegetables through hydroponic farming methods ... and not even Covid could stop them. During Andy's Engineering class students- Ethan and Cole among them-

researched, designed, and built hydroponic gardening systems (left). This week the students planted our first seeds that will be transferred to the trays in 2 or 3

weeks' time. At that point, the environment club takes over and ensures correct temperature and water flow. And when the vegetables are grown **Mrs. Greer's** foods students will use the produce to make local, organic salads and dressing for I'm hoping



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burgers and hotdogs! This integration of learning allows students to work in extended design and implementation teams and apply theoretical concepts in real world contexts.

## 2. Student Covid connections.

The central reason why we returned to school when Covid numbers were actually on the increase was because we understand how important social connections are for adolescents, and we knew that we could build connections safely through the hybrid quarter system. Wherever possible and when safe and within the Covid distancing guidelines our teachers are engineering learning moments that facilitate social connection between students, and with our counsellors we are constantly looking out for students who appear disconnected or lonely.

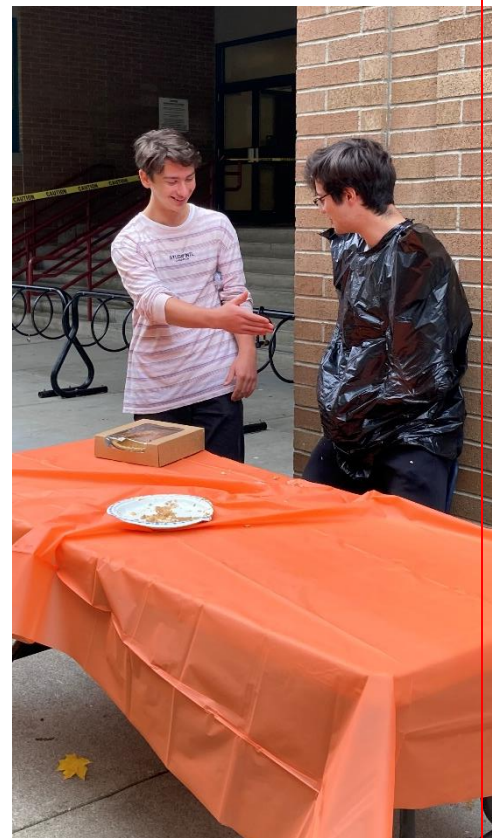
However, it is not just our teachers who are mindful of the student's experience.

Three weeks ago the teacher sponsor for our student council, Mr. Thomas Nute asked me into his weekly council meeting where I listened to students brainstorming ways to increase student connections during Covid. As you will get when you give teenagers the freedom and space to imagine, several innovative suggestions were made but wherever possible we also want to maintain traditional activities ... which includes Haloween without the annual parade of Monsters, demons and witches. One of the activities we could safely have was the annual Pumpkin Pie eating contest.

For this classy event 6 contestants are shrouded in a black plastic bag. First to consume a regular 14-inch pie wins! Maybe not something for his resume but this year's winner is **Mr. Lazar Basanovic** (right, being congratulated by Student Council **President**

**David Kiss**). And surprisingly clean faced but ever smiling is grade 10 representative **Mr. Dawson Woodworth** (left).

On the right ... **Mr. Nute**: Math., Information Technology, AP Computer Sciences teacher, and Teacher sponsor of Student Council.



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Magee's Peer Counsellors  
present.

# THE GRADE 8

## QUARTER QUELL GAMES



**& MAINSTAGE'S  
GRADE 8 SHOW!!!**  
On Nov. 10th & 12th  
During AM & PM Flex

Another attempt to include new students is being coordinated by the **Peer Counselling students** under **Mr. George Kanavos's supervision**- the "Quarter Quell" games. George's students designed the poster and identified several socially distanced activities. Students, in their Covid learning pods, have been grouped. One of the organizers, **Angela Nebalasca**, sent me this description of their activities planned for November 10 and 12 during the AM/PM Continuation of Learning/Flex times:

*Calling all Grade Eights! Magee's very own Peer Counsellors have planned an event made just for you! The Grade 8 Quarter Quell is an event where you and your friends will SAFELY compete in SOCIALLY DISTANCED games to celebrate the completion of the first quarter!*

*Alongside this amazing event, Mr. Kanavos will be sharing a few words and the Mainstage Theatre Company will be presenting the annual Grade Eight Show!*

*Hope to see you there, on Nov. 10th and 12th during AM & PM Flex! Please make sure to wear a mask and stay safe!*

*(You will be able to find your cohorts by the office.)*

In a non-Covid year **Club's Day** is held over a lunch in

the foyer. To reduce clustering and prevent transmission Student Council arranged Club's Week (2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> November). No club representatives were allowed but poster boards advertised activities and old school sign up sheets or more tech savvy Q-code sign up means that club Chairs and Secretaries will be able to connect new members and bring new students more into our community. We have approximately **50 clubs** catering to a diverse range of student interests- if you daughter/son is looking for a way to connect and meet new students, please encourage them to join a club ... or start their own!



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### 3. Grade 12 news ... Grad 2021 update ...

**Hanna Chang**, Grad 2020, was the recipient of the **Governor General's medal**. Hanna stopped by the school on Tuesday and I had the honor of presenting her with her award. Hanna is now studying Life Sciences at the University of Toronto and plans to be a Veterinarian. Her advice to Magee students? Wear a mask; wash your hands; stay socially distant; follow the science; be a Lion.

Thank-you so much, Grade 12 parents, for taking the time to reply to our Dry Grad survey. Your organizing committee is **Mel Kiss, Donna Markin and Kyla Ragosin-Miller ...** and they held their first planning meeting today. Please don't feel shy when your volunteer organizers make the call out for sub-committee membership- this cant be a three-person operation! If you missed the survey and would still like to volunteer please email me and I will add you to the Dry Grad volunteer database and update Kyla, Donna and Mel.

### 4. **Swing site update.**

Construction on the new Maple Grove Elementary is almost complete, and classes in their new building will begin on **Monday, November 23, 2020.**

As decided in 2019, the (old) Maple Grove building will become a VSB seismic program swing site and Edith Cavell Elementary was earmarked to utilize this space. To this end, Edith Cavell Elementary students will move into the existing Maple Grove school with a teaching start date currently scheduled for **Monday, January 4, 2021.**

District staff, school administrators, and school staff will be working together in the coming weeks to minimize disruption to student learning during these moves, and to enhance our teacher colleagues' ability to deliver excellent learning programs. Where appropriate, this coordinated planning could include field use, emergency drills and transportation plans. All Health and Safety protocols and procedures (both Covid related and more generally) will be in place in all school buildings on the Magee/Maple Grove/Edith Cavell site.

I will share additional information as it becomes available. However, as always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 778.228.8783.



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## 5. PAC Update.

Magee PAC are holding your second Town Hall Meeting of the year. The meeting coincides with the transition date from the first quarter (Q1) and the second quarter (Q2). The meeting will take place on **Tuesday, November 17th at 7:00 PM**. Please register using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtf-2gqD8sGdF9Zlu35r2NbrUtiFSdfT8q>

If you have comments or questions, please submit them by Thursday, November 12th using this link:

[https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_2htptZYr0W6YMR](https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2htptZYr0W6YMR)

This will allow time to plan the meeting according to identified areas of parent interest.

If you are keen to participate in PAC, reach out to us by email at [pac.magee@gmail.com](mailto:pac.magee@gmail.com). We need you. We thank those of you who indicated you wanted to get involved last meeting in starting a parent club, managing our website, organizing some fundraisers, or providing updates and communications. We would appreciate your energy in getting us going. All of these tasks are so important and we ask you to reach out to us and offer your hand in support of the Magee community.

All the best,

The Magee PAC Executive

## NOVEMBER EVENTS:

- Nov.10 – Remembrance Day assemblies: AM and PM blocks.
- Nov.11 – Remembrance Day- Public Holiday
- Nov.17 – Last day of Q1
- Nov.18 – Q2 starts: Period 2.1 is Contact; 2.3 is non-contact
- Nov.25 – Hold and Secure Drill @ 1:40pm
- Nov.27 – ProD Day: Indigenous focus

## STANDING LINKS:

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