



Killarney Cougar News

May 2025

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May 7, 2025

Hello everyone and welcome to the merry month of May. During this month we have the grade 7s visit for the first time with their nervous energy and wide-eyed optimism and the grade 12s finishing what they started 5 years ago with a coffee in their hand, sleep in their morning eyes, and an impending sense of the finish!

Life lesson - Finish strong! Run as hard as you can through the finish line.

Over the past month our volleyball, badminton and ultimate teams have been busy competing...our Spring theater shows take place next week...and in the BC Skills competition we received a silver and bronze medal in IT Networking. We also recently placed third out of 19 teams in a Cybersecurity competition. I'm proud of the many opportunities the school offers for students to direct their energies in a positive way.

Speaking of positive, I'd like to encourage you to try to emphasize the positive in your life with your child as difficult as that can be sometimes. Let them know that you see their successes and get them to think about how they can apply this to other areas of their life, rather than focusing on the failures. I truly believe that human beings respond to and connect to positivity as a source of growth and change rather than criticism.

Hope your flowers are blooming,

Chris Parker
Principal

2024-2025

COUNSELLORS & ADMINISTRATORS

Principal: Mr. C. Parker

Vice Principal: Ms. B. Dowle (gr. 8/11)

Vice Principal: Mr. M. Nakada (gr. 9)

Vice Principal: Ms. S. Underwood (gr. 10/12)

Counsellors

Grade 8: Mr. O. Goncalves

Grade 9: Mr. L. Nerling

Grade 10: Mr. R. Tanabe

Grade 11: Ms. S. Glynianyi

Grade 12: Ms. A. Sum



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May Days with Changes to the Schedule

- Tuesday, May 13th – Collaborative day early dismissal for students at 1:45pm
- Friday, May 16th – Professional Development Day for teachers, no school for students
- Monday, May 19th – Victoria Day, school closed

Grad 2025

Our Graduation Ceremony will take place on June 3, 2025, at the **Queen Elizabeth Theatre** at 7pm. Doors will open at 6pm with seating available at 6:30pm. Students are expected to arrive by 6:00pm.

Grad fees include 2 tickets to the ceremony, extra tickets will be available for purchase on SchoolCashOnline (or cash to Ms. Cho in the office) for \$10 each beginning Friday, May 2nd. The deadline to purchase is Monday, May 19th. All tickets will be given to the students at the grad ceremony rehearsal on Thursday, May 29 in FIT (1:45pm). Student attendance is mandatory.

Prom 2025

Prom will be on June 19th at the Pan Pacific, look for tickets to go on sale in May.

Immunization Clinic

Our last immunization clinic of the year will be May 21st. If your child is due for an immunization, you will have received either a consent form or immunization reminder notice. The consent forms need to be signed and returned to the school office by Friday, May 9th. Please encourage your child to come to the cafeteria for immunizations when they are called down on May 21st. Please ensure that your child eats a hearty breakfast and wears a short-sleeved T-shirt on the day of the immunizations.

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Health Nurse Asifa Kassam at 604-321-6151 ext 3332.

Killarney Athletics

The **Spring Season of Athletics is in full swing!**

If you'd like to follow the Killarney Student Athletes in volleyball, track, golf, soccer, ultimate or badminton - check out the link.

[Killarney Athletics Master Schedule](#)

Please note that several games have been rescheduled or postponed (date TBD) due to the recent tragedy near John Oliver Secondary. Updates will be made to the above link when known.

Juvenile Boys Volleyball

The team has had an exciting season of play which has included a exhibition/league games, and tournament at University Hill Secondary. They have two more league games (May 6, 7) for which the team is preparing to clinch a playoff spot.

Junior Badminton

(From Sponsor Clinton) In my hometown, we didn't have a badminton league. Not knowing what to expect, I really enjoyed sponsoring players to learn and grow together outside of school. Badminton can draw the fiercest competitors!



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Senior Girls Soccer

The Killarney Girl's Soccer season has been full of energy, growth, and team spirit! Our players have demonstrated incredible commitment and sportsmanship throughout the season. The last regular season game took place on Thursday, May 1, wrapping up an exciting stretch of competition. From close matches to standout plays, our athletes gave it their all and represented our school with pride. Thank you to all the supporters who cheered us on!

Golf

This year's golf team had the opportunity to compete against some of Vancouver's top high school golf teams on some of the city's most exclusive golf courses. The season kicked off at McCleery Golf Course and concluded with matches at Quilchena, University Golf Club, and Point Grey Golf and Country Club. Team Captain Sean Chan played a crucial role in assisting Mr. Jones with organizing the foursomes each week, ensuring the team's best chances for success. This year's team members are Sean Chan, Dixon Klassen, Owen Duncan, Jayden Du, Adam Shu, Josh Chiu and Matthew Chen.

PE All Stars

What does it take to be an All Star?

Being nominated as a Killarney All Star is a prestigious recognition that highlights an individual's exceptional contributions to the classroom community. This honour is awarded to those who consistently serve as good role models, demonstrating integrity and responsibility in their actions. They foster positive relationships with peers, teachers, and leadership, creating an inclusive and supportive environment. Additionally, Killarney All Stars are known for challenging their exertion levels, pushing themselves to achieve their best while encouraging others to do the same. This nomination celebrates their dedication to excellence and their positive impact on the school community.

Here are our Allstars for April 2025:



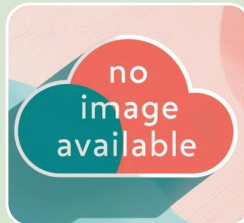
Desmond
Regan

Mr. Lopez's
Grade 9
PHE Class



Jovan
Kailley

Ms.
Sampert's
Grade 10 PHE
Class (UBC
Student Teacher
Candidate for
Mr. Koo)



Malikh
Jamal

Ms. Veness
Kehler's
Grade 10
PHE Class



Mr. Malli's
Grade 10
Grade PHE
Class



Mr.
Westereng's
Grade 8
PHE Class



Environment Club New

Earth Week Events -a success!

Killarney's Environment Club sponsored Earth Week Spirit Week; it was celebrated around the school from April 29th to May 1st.

Thrift Tuesday and **Wear Green Wednesday** were a hit featuring a spin-the-wheel event outside the Caf. Q & A facts were shared on environmental topics ranging from flowers to food to fast fashion.

Tunes Thursday was celebrated with *live* music in the garden. We were serenaded by a brilliant string quartet (3 violinists and a cellist) followed by two guitarists jamming with a singer. Special shout out to our wonderful local musicians: Khoi, Adian, Tommy, Sunny, Clyde, Sam, Beryl and William. This was so popular, now some students want to jam outside here each Thursday, weather permitting 😊

Film Friday featured Dr. Seuss's 1972 classic cartoon **The Lorax**; about **consumerism, greed, environmental conservation, and hope for future generations.**

Thanks to the Environment Club and everyone who helped bring these events to life. You inspired people to celebrate and enjoy this lovely time of year!





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Spring Fever

Congrats to all those involved in our Spring Fever festival!! This festival allows students to take charge and write and direct their own one-act show. This year we have three original plays with over 60 students involved, they are excited to showcase their work to audiences on **Tuesday, May 13th and Wednesday, May 14th at 6:30pm in the Blackbox theatre, C105**. Tickets are now available for \$10 each and money raised go towards grade 12 scholarships. Come support our young and creative students as they see their work go from paper to the stage. We are SO PROUD of all students involved, our stage managers, actors, directors, production managers and of course, our student teachers from UBC, Ms. Poole and Mr. Ngkaion, for working and mentoring the festival. We look forward to seeing you all during show nights. Don't miss out! Any questions or to get your tickets, please see Ms. Mattock or Mr. Rocchetta C105/C106.



KPAC

The Killarney PAC invites you to attend our meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 7PM in the Killarney library.

The KPAC loves the staff at Killarney Secondary School! We will be hosting a lunch to show our appreciation. We are looking for **volunteers** to help with the staff appreciation lunch on Wednesday, May 28th, from 11AM to 1PM. Please email the KPAC at KillarneyPAC@gmail.com, if you'd like to help!

Contact the School

Please contact the teacher, the counsellor, or the grade administrator if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress with learning.