



CREDIT COMMENTS

Spring 2011



Spring Flowers
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DRAMATIC DIALOGUE.....

SO, YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE, PC? show will be held on Friday, April 29th at 11:20 in the auditorium. Admission is \$2.00. Three trophies will be awarded to first, second and third place performers. Solo and ensemble performers are welcome.

Upcoming Field Trip: BLOOD BROTHERS – Thursday, May 12 to Gordon Graydon S.S. 10:30 a.m. – 1:30.p.m.
Cost is \$10.00 and includes bus and the show.

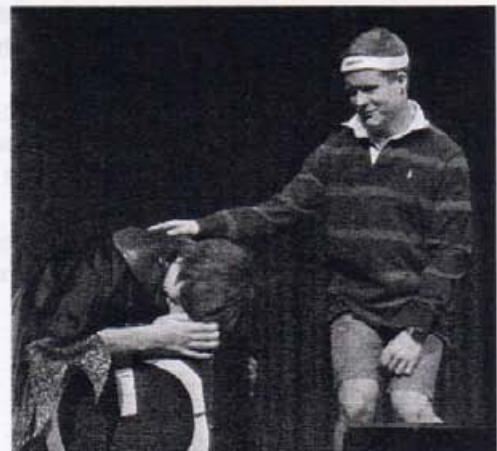
Congratulations to this year's SEARS Award winners: Cole Brunger, who won an Award of Excellence and Maggie Slaughter, who won an Award of Merit.

Accolades to the Improv Team who placed sixth out of sixteen teams in the Regional Play Offs. Well done coaches, Daniel Andrade, Maggie Fisher and the rest of the team.



SEARS Play:

FACE OFF



FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

This has been another busy semester for the music department at Port Credit. On February 22, 2011, our Chamber Strings ensemble performed at the Kiwanis Music Festival of Greater Toronto where they received a First-Place Standing Gold Award. They competed against four other schools from across the GTA. Congratulations to Chamber Strings! This was followed by a Silver Award for our Intermediate Strings class on Wednesday, March 2nd at Cardinal Carter Academy of Music. Our intermediate ensemble competed against five other schools from across the GTA. We are very proud of both groups and hope to continue participating in this worthwhile competition.



On Tuesday, March 22, students in the Senior and Chamber strings classes were invited to a concert at Roy Thomson Hall honouring the 40th anniversary of the Juno Awards. The concert featured a "who's who" in the Canadian Classical music scene and was hosted by Toronto Symphony Orchestra conductor Peter Oundjian. Soloists included Canadian soprano opera sensation Measha Breuggergosman, violin soloist Lara St. John, concert pianist Anton Kuerti, the Amici Chamber Ensemble and the Gryphon Trio. The concert was very impressive and was preceded by a pre-concert chat given by violinist Patricia Ahern from the award-winning Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra!

On Wednesday, March 9, the Senior Strings class, under the direction of Ms. Lufer, performed at the King Garden Retirement Residence to an eager crowd who thoroughly enjoyed their performance. What a wonderful opportunity for our students to give back to the community. Well done Senior Strings!

On Thursday, March 24, students in Regional Strings were treated to a workshop/presentation featuring the up-and-coming Canadian rock band Colfax. The day began with an informative workshop on the music industry in Canada specifically, and North America in general. Students were also given an opportunity to ask questions. This was followed by a live performance and an autograph signing opportunity at the end of the concert. We wish Colfax well as they continue to develop their talents. Hang on to your signed t-shirts, albums, etc. PCSS as you never know where the band will end up down the road!

On Wednesday, March 30 our Chamber Strings performed for the 23rd Annual Peel Psychology Conference at the Living Arts Centre. This is an annual event and a wonderful opportunity for us to perform in the community. On Friday, May 13th Chamber Strings will again be performing in the community, this time for our younger counterparts at Corsair Public School! We always look forward to sharing music with our younger friends at Corsair. Indeed, last year students received fan mail from an entire grade 2 class!

We are also pleased to announce that our trip to New York City has been approved. Student will be heading to the "Big Apple" on Wednesday, May 25th and returning to Mississauga on Sunday May 29th. While in New York, students will be treated to a host of sight-seeing activities as well as musical performances. A concert at the world-famous Carnegie Hall, featuring the New England Symphonic Ensemble, has been scheduled, along with a tour of NBC studios and Lincoln Centre. We have also requested a tour of the Juilliard School and are hopeful that our request will be accommodated. Students will also be treated to a Broadway performance of the musical Memphis, which won a Tony award last year!

Rehearsals are underway once again for the Honour String Ensemble that will be performing at the Peel Music Showcase on Monday, May 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Our final rehearsal is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27th from 7-9 p.m. in the cafeteria at PCSS.

We are also very excited to announce that all students in the Regional Strings program will have the opportunity to participate in our *Annual Music Retreat* at the *Camp Walden Leadership Centre*. Our first annual retreat will take place next September from Wednesday, September 28th until Friday, September 30. This retreat will provide all students in regional strings with an opportunity to not only foster their musical skills but also their leadership skills as a result of the combined programming available at Camp Walden. Please stay tuned for more details. We are extremely excited about this new initiative in Regional Strings!!!



And, last but not least, our final concert of the season will take place on Thursday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium at PCSS. Tickets will be available at the door and are \$5.00 each. The concert will feature band and string ensembles as well as our newly formed choir! We invite everybody to come out and help us celebrate the accomplishments of our talented students.

GIRLS VARSITY HOCKEY

It was late October 2010 and 19 girls came out for a meeting regarding playing hockey for Port Credit. The team welcomed 10 new comers to help fill the gaps of our graduates. Being such a young team our goal for the season was to work hard, be positive, and try our best in all aspects of the game. We embarked on our first practice sessions and all the girls were excited for the season to unfold.

We had 12 regular season games and only had 2 negative results. We had the most goals scored 59. The lowest goal differential. The most points in our league – hence TOP spot for our ladies. Made it to the ROPSSA championship game. Countless memories from October to March that filled us with passion, emotion, and determination. Our final moment as a team went as follows;

The Game:

You can spin it the way you like, come up with a million different ways of looking at the result but in the end we came home with a medal.

At the end of the game the girls were still as positive as ever as they new they gave their best, tried all they could and it just didn't work out for us on this day.

They were strong defensively, the bounces were just not their for us, sometimes luck wasn't on our side, and their goal was not a pretty one.

So in all fairness to our Girls they have made us (coaches and Port Credit) extremely proud of the way they conducted themselves, how they fought for each other, how they came together as a team.



The Team:

The staff, parents, fellow peers are all proud about Port Credit Varsity Hockey TEAM. As coaches of Port Credit we always talk about working hard, being determined, being committed, having that fire, the spirit, being a TRUE WARRIOR. The girls have achieved so much for themselves within that all their energy exudes into the fabric of the team and it makes us very tough to beat. They have learnt so much about what a team means, how to build strong relationships, how to be positive, how to think for the team, it was truly incredible how it all came together for them. Parents, coaches, even the conveners, were amazed at how our girls worked on the ice, how they battled and every one of them played a part in our season and the final game. At the end of the game they received their medals, shook hands, we took some pictures and went back into the dressing room. There were some sad faces but we still had the Port Credit beacon shining within because we new we gave our best. And fitting as the season goes that the first game we played our first cheer was 1 - 2 - 3 warriors. And our last moment we shared together as a team we assembled in a circle and had one last cheer 1 - 2 - 3

WAAAAARRRRRRRIOOOOOORRRRRSSSSSS.

P.C.S.S. Phys. Ed. Students Get Climbing

Gr. 9 students in the P.C.S.S. Health and Physical Education program have had the opportunity to participate in a week long climbing program in our gym provided by instructors from Escarpment Outdoor Adventures. Students experienced top rope rock climbing, belaying, ascending, and a variety of high rope elements each designed to challenge and motivate.

As quoted by Sam Shepherd, lead instructor and co-owner of the company, "These activities find a venue for non-traditional athletes to excel, and for all participants to set and achieve personal goals."

The students had a great time experiencing the many climbing activities provided in the program. It is definitely one of the highlights of the gr. 9 Phys. Ed. Program.

*For more information about Escarpment Outdoor Adventures, check out their website: www.escarpmentclimbing.com



Athletic Council helps introduce the New School Food and Beverage Policy to PCSS



Athletic Council: March Nutrition Month

Athletic Council members got up early on March 24th, 2011 to provide a free student breakfast for the PCSS students. The Athletic Council baked nutritious muffins for the morning breakfast, our local grocer, Cousins donated a box of oranges for the event, and the Athletic Council also provided NutriGrain bars, apples, juice, water and yogurt tubes. The students were very appreciative of the nutritious snacks to start their morning. The following week, the Athletic Council got baking once again trying out healthy recipes from the "Bake It Up" Cookbook. All of the recipes follow the new guidelines for the Food and Beverage policy. Students and staff were given an opportunity to taste these yummy treats and learn about the food and beverage policy during a lunch and learn session organized by our Council. At both events, the Athletic Council also collected donations for the Red Cross: Japan Relief Fund. Thanks to all who participated in our events and to those who donated money for Japan Relief.

Important Information about the Food and Beverage Policy

Ontario schools will soon have a healthier approach to selling lunches, snacks and drinks. This winter, the School Food and Beverage policy (PPM 150) was introduced to ensure that healthy food and beverages are sold in schools.

The policy applies to food and beverages sold:

- in all venues on school property, such as cafeterias, vending machines and tuck shops
- through all programs, including catered lunch programs, and
- at all events on school property, including bake sales and sports events.

The policy, which includes new nutrition standards, was announced in January 2010.

Schools must be in full compliance beginning September 1, 2011, at the start of the 2011-12 school year.

This will give schools and boards a phase-in period to ensure that they are ready.

The nutrition standards are based on the principles of healthy eating outlined in Canada's Food Guide.

How Do the Nutrition Standards Work?

The standards divide all food and beverages into three categories:

Healthiest (Sell Most) – These products are the healthiest options and generally have higher levels of essential nutrients and lower amounts of fat, sugar and/or sodium.

They must make up at least 80 per cent of all food choices that are available for sale.

For example, if a cafeteria offers 10 items for sale, at least eight must fall under the “sell most” category.

Healthy (Sell Less) – Compared to “sell most” products, these products may have slightly higher amounts of fat, sugar and/or sodium. They cannot make up more than 20 per cent of all food choices that are available for sale.

Not Permitted – These are products that generally contain few or no essential nutrients and/or contain high amounts of fat, sugar and/or sodium (e.g., deep-fried and other fried foods, confectionery). Food and beverages in this category may not be sold in schools.

Upcoming Athletic Council Events

April: Dental Health Lunch Information Table

April: School Assembly: Duane Gibson

May: Summer Safety Information Table

May: Athletic Banquet (May 31st)

*The Athletic Council meets every Tuesday at the beginning of lunch. New members are always welcome. Please contact Ms. Hashimoto or Ms. Proctor if you have any questions about the Athletic Council.

From the Class of Team 10 ...

With heartfelt thanks, we would like to acknowledge Ms. Caroline Wicherkiewicz, a student at Port Credit Secondary School, for her hard work and dedication to our students. Caroline answered our call for assistance to choreograph and teach our students a dance to the song Waka Waka – This Time for Africa. Our students performed their black light dance for the children of the Early Years Centre, the students of various drama and science classes and for the staff of Port Credit. The students of Team 10 showcased their dance in a final performance in an evening event called the H.Y.P.E. (Helping Young Performers Excel) at the Applewood School site. We were a hit!



**PC
design**



Visual Arts and the Digital Media program would like to congratulate **Julia Grzeskowiak** on her First Place showing in the **Graphic Design** category of the 2011 Peel Technological Skills Competition. This is the second year in a row that Port Credit's Design students have won at this level! Congratulations also to our Design students - Emily Bauman & Sam Roberts for Animation (3rd place), and Dima Lopatin & Conroy Stewart for TV/ Film Production (2nd place). Good luck at the Regional Finals!

Design students are enjoying our eight brand-new iMacs – the standard for post-secondary and professional designers.

Don't forget to check out our online gallery for more exciting work by students of PC Design –

www.artifolio.com/pcssdesign/gallery

“CO-OPTIONS FOR SUCCESS • experience • evolve • succeed”

Co-op is a great option to consider as you 'Make Your Way' to a successful future. Co-operative education credits may count as any of the 12 optional credits as well as 2 of the compulsory credits as part of the 30 credit requirement to obtain the Ontario Secondary School Diploma and are open to students in all pathways including apprenticeship, college, university, and workplace destinations. Students enrolled in the "High Skills Major Program" require 2 Co-op credits as part of the bundle of SHSM credits.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE SELECTED CO-OP AS PART OF NEXT YEAR'S TIMETABLE

All students who have selected Co-op for the 2011/2012 school year will have received a Co-op application form outlining instructions with the mid-term report card distributed with this newsletter. The application is to be filled out and signed by both the student and the parent. Students are asked to include a copy of a recent resume and submit the application with the resume to the Co-op office by May 6th, 2011. Once all the applications are received, a decision to interview the students will be made based on certain application criteria including whether the placement is centralized such as hospital, police, fire, newspaper, or television as examples. Any student is however welcome to schedule a one on one meeting with one of the Co-op teachers to discuss specific placements or their Co-op options in general. This may be done by visiting the Co-op office to schedule an appointment to leaving a message at 905-278-3382, extension 413, for either of the Co-op teachers.

Focus on the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (O.Y.A.P.)

The Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) is a 'School to Career' program designed to help students make a smooth, successful transition into their post secondary education apprenticeship programs. The learning that must take place on the job is outlined in the Training Standards and the learning that must take place in the apprenticeship courses at College is outlined in the Curriculum Standards. The Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities set both these standards with input from industry committees.



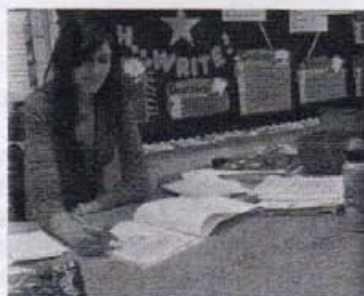
Destinie Gonyea, Cook's Assistant for Snug Harbour



Rada Todorovic, Hairstylist at Salon Dolce Vita & Spa



Graham Houghton, Carpenter/Renovator for Stagecoach Properties



Jovana Stojanovic, Teaching Assistant at Forest Avenue P.S.



Corey Smith, Cabinetmaker at Classic Carpentry & Electrical Ltd.



Sarah Dickens, Cook's Assistant at Gourmet on the Go

O.Y.A.P: One of the Four 'Pathways to Success'



Muhammad Iqbal, Auto Service Tech. at Whiteoak Ford Lincoln



Murtaza Sharukh, Auto Service Tech. at Rankin Automotive



Richard Sherif, Auto Service Tech. at Halton Transmission



Angeli Roopan, Developmental Services Worker at T.L. Kennedy Secondary School



Armin Marceta, Auto Body & Collision Damage Repairer at Auto Body Clinic Ltd.



Jazmine Malchiondo, Teaching Assistant at Queen Elizabeth Senior Public School

Upcoming Co-op Events

The semi-annual Career Fair will take place in the foyer outside the school auditorium on Monday, May 16th from 12:30 until 2:30 p.m. Students will showcase their placements and the career they are exploring. Parents and employers are welcome to join us in celebrating another exciting semester at work. If you are interested in attending, please contact either Ms. Bell or Ms. Hashimoto at 905-278-3382 ext. 413 for more information on this event or about any questions pertaining to co-operative education opportunities at P.C.S.S. We would love to hear from you!

We would like to thank all of our valued employers this semester for partnering with P.C.S.S. by hosting our Co-op students and providing them with essential employability skills and hands-on learning experiences to assist them in choosing the appropriate post-secondary pathway.

School Council News

School Council is a great way for parents and guardians to have input into educational directions and hear about the inner workings of the school their child attends.

Parents and guardians learn about the various departments, programs and activities that Port Credit has to offer. Becoming part of discussions and resolutions of issues facing the school, students and staff is very rewarding. Each meeting has a presentation on a specific department or program at P.C.S.S. as well as a principal's, teacher and student activity council report. The meeting then goes on to address any topics that have been placed on the agenda. When parents know what is happening in their children's school, important communication between the school, parents and children is fostered.

Council has been busy this past year in support of the council's bronze bar recognition program for Ontario Scholar students. Council has one fundraiser that is fully supported by Port Credit Alumni and the Peel Board of Education. This year, as in previous years council is selling plants (annuals) for your gardens. Many thanks to Susan Duquette and her committee, for the on-going work to keep purchasing bronze bars. For those of you who are not aware of this program, each graduating student who attains an 80% average in 6 or more of his/her grade 12 subjects is considered an Ontario Scholar and has their name engraved on a bronze bar. This bar is placed on the Honour Wall outside of the auditorium. This has been a tremendous P.C.S.S. tradition going back many years. Please help support this endeavour for upcoming graduating students. An order form for the plants has been sent home, along with your student's report, with the details for purchase and pick up.

This year, Council has taken the lead in nominating our school for a Premier's Safe School award. A school council letter was sent in support of P.C.S.S. winning the award, because of the work, over the years that has fostered a safe school environment. The D.A.R.E. program, an anti-bullying campaign, which is run every fall was especially noted as an important part of the emphasis on safety students can expect at P.C.S.S.

In February, School Council hosted an evening with guest speaker Jay Pasternack (New Life counselling) Katie (Youth Speak) and Constable M. Briggs, (community officer) who presented on Drugs, Alcohol and Teens. It was a well attended event with great information sharing. Parents had an opportunity to ask many questions about this relevant topic. A special thank you to council volunteers who organized, baked and attended. Council usually hosts an informative evening, in the school year, so look for next years and mark it on your calendar.

Volunteers from Council help with the Awards ceremony in the fall, as well as commencement. This year, commencement is being held on June 28th. at 4:30 pm, which is a major change from previous years, when it has been held in October. It was felt that more students could be included in June, as students who attend college or university out of town have found it difficult to return home in October.

As you can see, there is a lot going on with your School Council.. Parents and guardians who volunteer to attend meetings or to help out in some of the areas that council becomes involved in, find it rewarding. Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 26th, at 7:00 pm. Our last Council meeting of the school year is May 25th at 7:00 pm. If you can find time in your busy schedule, please drop by and say hello.

Gaye Gould, Chair
Leeja Anderson, Secretary
Pam DeGroot, Treasurer

Port Credit Secondary School Council



3rd Annual Spring Flower Fundraiser

Port Credit Secondary School Council is pleased to offer an opportunity to purchase annuals for your garden and balcony.

We kindly ask you to consider our only fundraiser of the year. All funds raised will support the "Honours Wall". Students graduating as Ontario Scholars are acknowledged with their names on bronze bars. These are displayed on the wall opposite the auditorium.

School Council has been fundraising for many years, this has full support of the Port Credit Alumni, our Superintendent and Trustee.

Our goal is to see that the "Honours Wall" stays current and is sustainable from graduate's donations and profit from this annual sale.

To place an order for these beautiful annual flowers, please complete the order form that was sent home with your child's report and submit to the office or to your child's home room teacher. We will accept cash or cheque payable to Port Credit Secondary School Council.

For your convenience we are also offering delivery in the Port Credit area. Please complete the address delivery section at the top of the order form and any special instructions at the bottom. Please note our request that you mark your driveway with chalk or tape.

Orders are due April 29th .

Late orders will not be accepted.

Pick up is Wednesday, May 18th from 1:30 - 4 PM

For further information or questions, please call Susan @ 905-271-0353

Thanks to community support this fundraiser is g-r-o-w-i-n-g!!

Bronze Bar Committee
Port Credit Secondary School Council



Peel schools honour police officers during Police Appreciation Week

The Peel District School Board will pay tribute to police officers by holding Police Appreciation Week from May 8 to 14, 2011. Peel students and staff will show their appreciation for the tremendous job being done by police to protect schools, homes and communities. Police Appreciation Week coincides with National Police Week. National Police Week pays tribute to the work of police officers across Canada.

"The Peel board appreciates the dedication and commitment of police officers who work to keep our schools and communities safe," says Janet McDougald, Peel board chair. "Police Appreciation Week is our way of thanking officers who dedicate themselves to protecting our community. It's also a way to give these officers the special recognition they deserve."

During this week, students, staff and parents in schools throughout Brampton, Caledon and Mississauga will honour the work of police officers and thank them for enhancing public safety and security.



Officer Biggs is assigned to Port Credit S.S. as our Liaison Officer.

Guidance Information

I Have Applied, Now What?

All our graduating students who have applied to college/university are reminded to follow through with any supplementary information that is required for entrance to certain programs. In some instances, students may be asked to attend an interview, provide a portfolio, perform at an audition or write a test before they are accepted. Also, students need to check their email on a daily basis as post-secondary institutions use this as their main means of communicating with applicants. Mid-term marks for second semester will be sent by the Peel Board by the end of April. Many students will hear of their entrance status during the month of May. If a student does not get accepted into their requested schools a special hotline phone number will be provided in June for students to inquire about openings that are remaining.

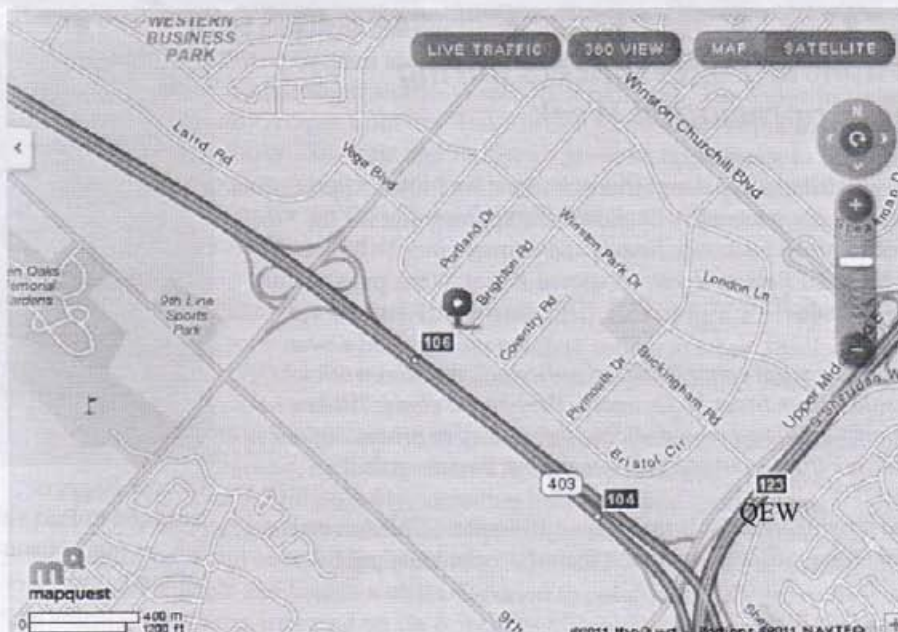
SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer school applications will be made available to students at the end of April in the guidance department. When available students can go onto www.pcsonline.com to enroll in a location within the Peel Board. For the Dufferin Peel Board a paper application will be available in the guidance dept.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

The ceremony this year will take place on Tues. June the 28th. Detailed information as to the location and starting time will be provided to students in the coming weeks.

Students **MUST** have their community hours completed and handed into the guidance office by the end of April to be **eligible** for graduation.



Commencement Location:

The Meeting House,
2700 Bristol Circle
Oakville, Ontario

Date:

Tuesday, June 28, 2011

Time:

4:30 P.M.

Skills Canada

Robotics – Congratulations goes out to the Port Credit Warrior robotics team who won the gold medal at the Peel Technological Skills Challenge. With the win, Port Credit will represent the Peel District School Board at the Ontario Skills Competition at Rim Park in Waterloo on the 2nd and 3rd of May. The robotics team would like to share their success with and thank all members of the club who gave up their after school time to help build the robot, Mr. Noro and his design students for their timely assistance and Ms. Lautamus for her ongoing support of the robotics program.



Mechanical CADD – Grade 10 Manufacturing SciTech student Hai Chuan Xu represented Port Credit in the mechanical CADD competition at the Peel Technological Skills Challenge and won the gold medal. Hai Chuan will represent the Peel District School Board at the Ontario Skills Competition in Waterloo in May. Students are required to use solid modeling CADD software to create part models, orthographic detail drawings and assemblies that adhere to technical drafting conventions. Good luck in Waterloo Hai Chuan.



Architectural Design -



Congratulations to design student Kim Bracey for winning a silver medal in this year's Peel Regional Skills Competition. Participants were challenged to redesign a two bedroom home from an existing foundation. Using Softplan software, Kim was required to produce working and presentation drawings of her new design. This is the first year a Port Credit Tech. Design student has entered the Architectural Design competition and we look forward to building on her success. She worked very hard on the project and is commended for her efforts.

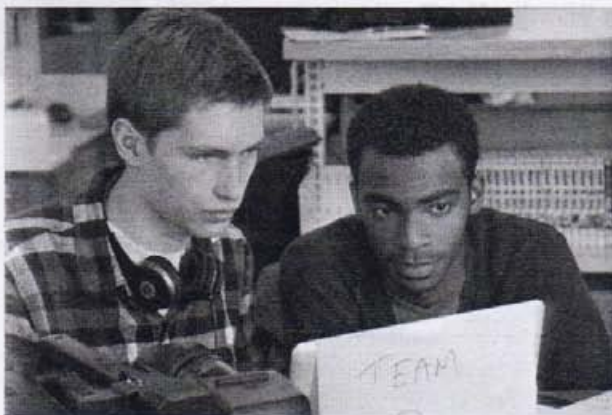
Port Credit photography students enter the **Rick Mercer** photo challenge each semester as they complete a project based in political satire. Rick posts a high resolution photo of a politician on his web site and students research a current event relevant to that person. Students then use Photoshop to create a spoof image portraying that person with an entirely different perspective.



Gold Medalist Julia Grzeskowiak listens to judges before receiving her award for first place in the Peel regional level of the Skills Canada competition. Julia will now compete for Peel at the provincial level.



Bronze Medalists Emily Bauman and Sam Roberts competing in the 2D Animation category. Both are students in the Communications program at Port Credit. They are top competitors in their field and are both planning to pursue careers in animation.



Silver Medalists Dima Lopatin and Conroy Stewart seen here editing their video for the Peel region entry in the Skills Canada competition. They were received medals along with all of the other competitors at an awards banquet that evening.



Bronze medal winner in the Photography competition Emily Woloszuk on location at the Peel competition. Emily, a grade eleven student was selected from Port Credit's finest photographers for her ability to portray people and tell stories with in her photos.



Futurist Jim Carroll is presented with a custom PCSS hockey jersey after delivering an incredible one hour lecture to our SciTech and Regional Strings students along with other select classes. Jim is known around the world for his work with major corporations in planning the future direction of their companies. He has presented at major corporate events from London England to Washington in a range of industries from NASA to the PGA (Professional Golf Association). Pictured here with Jim are principal, Wendy Lautamus, Brittney Smaila and Hannah Goss of



Building Freedom, Building Hope

This year, Port Credit S.S. is working towards a school-wide initiative to build a school in earthquake-ravaged Haiti. The total cost of building the school is \$8500., and so far we have raised almost \$3000 through the dedication of students to the Vow of Silence and a fantastic bake sale!

During the week of April 11th-15th, Port Credit S.S. celebrated Free the Children's 15th anniversary by screening a documentary film about the disaster in Haiti, and by participating in a 15 hour famine of which all students could take part.

There are so many gifts such as education and health that Port Credit students take for granted, and it is only right that we use these privileges to help others in need. Go Warriors!

Free the Children Team

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