

## EMCS Weekly Message for June 17, 2020



It's hard to believe that we are about to enter our final week of the 2019/20 school year. This will certainly be one we will all remember! We would like to thank the incredible patience, creativity and willingness for everyone to take on new ways of doing things this spring. The stamina and engagement of students, staff and parents has been impressive!

Term 4 and Final report cards will be posted to your My Ed portal June 24, 2020. My Ed portal login and password reset instructions can be found on our website here: <http://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/parents/parent-portal-instructions/>. You will receive an email when reports are finalized and posted.

### Celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21<sup>st</sup>!



**Why do we Celebrate National Indigenous day?** Celebrated in Canada every 21 June, National Indigenous Peoples Day is an official day of celebration to recognize and honour the heritage, cultures, and valuable contributions to society by First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. Please see the links below to learn more about National Indigenous day:

[Lekwungen Dancers perform Prayer song](#)

[Premier's statement on National Indigenous Peoples Day](#)

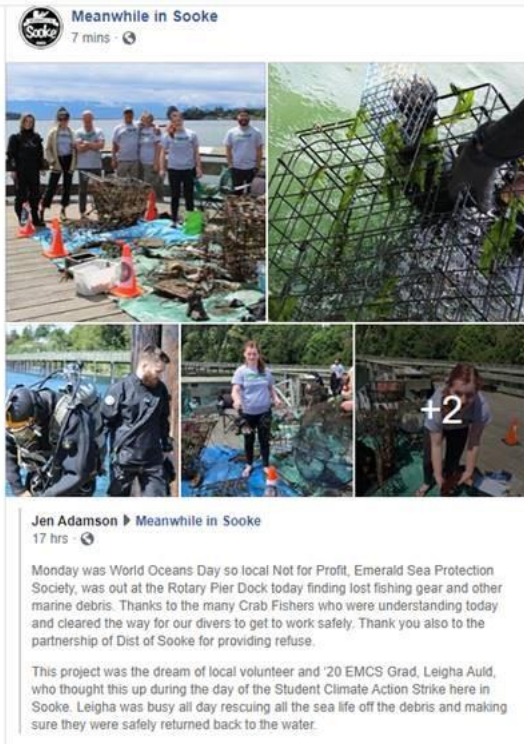
[National Aboriginal Day 2016 | 20th Anniversary Video | First Nations | Inuit | Métis](#)

Wondering how you can Celebrate National Indigenous Day during a Pandemic? [11 Ways to Virtually Celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day](#)

Please see more from the Government of Canada on National Indigenous Peoples' Day: <https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1100100013718/1534874583157>.

## Good work Leigha A.!

Leigha, along with several other members of Emerald Sea Protection Society, spent the day rescuing marine creatures and clearing debris this past weekend. [Read more about their efforts here!](#)



## Graduation Updates

Next week will be our week to celebrate the EMCS Grad Class of 2020!! Graduates have now received updates with details about the events in which they are participating. We are very hopeful that we will have a composite photo ready for each graduate, along with a yearbook for those who have ordered one. In both cases, the companies prioritized our grads and rushed to produce them in time. However, both are in transit so readiness will depend on the workload of local delivery companies. If they are not here, stay tuned - we will find a way to get them to you! Here is the brief timeline for next week:

June 22/23 – Stage Walks. Students who've signed up for their stage walk have by now received an email with their scheduled time & additional key information. Gowns have been carefully steamed by volunteer staff and are hanging, ready to greet you!

June 24 – Grad pick up by appointment for those choosing not to walk across the stage. Students have received an email with details. International students will receive their items via mail.

June 25 – Graduation Ceremony Release & Sooke News Mirror Celebration. Link to be emailed prior to the event. Families will also be able to download & view the event at a later date.

July/August – Provincial Diplomas arrive at the school and are mailed to graduates.

## Parent Advisory Council

Congratulations to our newly elected PAC team for 2020/21!

President: Glyse Clarkston

Treasurer: Laura Vowles  
Secretary: Danielle Huber

Many thanks to Paul Homer and Laurie Hornsby for the leadership with PAC. Their presence will be missed but it is time for them to graduate 😊.

All parents are members of PAC and are encouraged to join the meetings. Updates will come out in the fall with new meeting times.

### We would like to hear your feedback!

Students/parents can complete the online SLS from home **any time before midnight June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020**, providing immediate results to the school and the district at [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm).

### The EMCS Yearbook

[Click here](#) for a sneak peek!!! Yearbooks are still available for purchase online at <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/>, only 58 copies left! Graduates will receive their yearbooks at the end of June with their graduation materials. Grade 9-11 students will receive their yearbooks in September.

### Opportunities from the Counseling Staff

**Summer Learning at Westshore!** [Click here](#) for more information.

### Free Online Post-Secondary Info Session for Parents

EducationPlannerBC, is hosting a virtual 30-minute Lunch and Learn session for parents this **Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm PST**. In this session, they've gathered up a few quick tips that parents and their students can think about as they're planning and preparing for post-secondary over the summer. Advisors will be doing a short presentation and then opening up the session for parents to ask questions may have about post-secondary education in BC. **Please find more information and the registration link to this free event here:**

<https://sfu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEkc-gggDssh9R4t6OVXF-mvPaYWRCoEiR4>

### Resources

The Sooke Food Bank in collaboration with the Western Communities Food Roundtable and the Food Share Network will be offering **fresh produce boxes**. These boxes will include produce from local Sooke farms, as well as other favorite fruits and vegetables. Fresh produce boxes can be picked up at the Food Bank on the first 3 Thursdays of the month between 9:30am-3:30pm. If someone is unable to pick up a box during these hours, they can contact the Food Bank for alternative arrangements: [\(250\) 642-7666](tel:2506427666).

This service will start the first week of July on July 2nd. The Sooke Food Bank is located at: 2037 Shields Road, Sooke, BC, and if there are any additional questions, please contact: Jen Atkins at: [wcfrcordinator@gmail.com](mailto:wcfrcordinator@gmail.com) or Sonja Yli-Kahila at: [Coordinator@foodsharenetwork.ca](mailto:Coordinator@foodsharenetwork.ca)

A reminder to check the [District](#) and our school [website](#) for updates! We appreciate your continued support for both your children and our staff.

## Next Year's Calendar

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