

## EMCS Weekly Message for February 23rd, 2017

It is our **EMCS Open House** tonight and we hope to see lots of our families and families-to-be here this evening! We begin at 6:30 for a brief presentation in the theatre and then move into the rest of the school until 8:30. It promises to be a fun and informative evening with our teaching staff showcasing the variety of programs that EMCS has to offer. Whether you spend a few minutes or stay for the evening there will be plenty of information to be shared.

The Aboriginal department is hosting its annual **Strengthening Connections Career Fair** in the Library on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. All Aboriginal students are welcome to attend and talk to post-secondary advisors as well as recruiters from many organizations including the RCMP. Snacks will be provided by the culinary arts class.

### **Reach Out Psychosis Presentation**

On **Wednesday, March 1** during **C block**, Here to Help and the BC Schizophrenia Society will present **Reach Out**, a music, comedy and brain science show for Grade 9 and 10 students. The presentation entertains and educates students and their teachers about psychosis, a serious and treatable brain condition affecting 3% of youth age 16-25. The program presents this information in a fun and interactive way which counters stereotypes and misinformation around mental illness. On March 1st, students will report to C block for attendance as usual. Following attendance, Grade 9 and 10 students will be called down to the theatre over the PA for the show.

**Live Different!** We had a terrific assembly this week from the Live Different group. They brought some great live music and a powerful message of the need for all of us to focus on increasing our empathy for and understanding of others, particularly those who are significantly different than ourselves. It was a great introduction to our Pink Day. The presenters told us afterwards that our students were amazing and the best group they had presented to in a long time. We agree wholeheartedly!

Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> – **Non-instructional day**

Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> – **Vancouver Island Parent Conference** (see attachment)

Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> – **Grad Fashion Show @ 7pm**

Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> – **Spring Break**

April 13<sup>th</sup> – **Non-instructional Day**

April 14<sup>th</sup> – **Good Friday**

April 17<sup>th</sup> – **Easter Monday**