

Newsletter

SD62 Career Education

November 2025

HIGHLIGHT

Health X and ELC Day

50+ secondary students from across our high schools participated in a Camosun/South Island Partnership sponsored tour and info session. Pathways in health care and early childhood education including early learning and care, nursing and allied health fields were explored.

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Parents as Education and Career Coaches

On October 29, families from across our region participated in a virtual workshop hosted by EducationPlannerBC. The session was designed to help parents of students in Grades 10-12 support their children in planning for post-secondary education and future careers.

HIGHLIGHT

Canadian Welder's Bureau (CWB) Teacher Conference

Brian Hotovy, District Career Lead, and Ben Haber, EMCS Metal TASK teacher, proudly represented our district at the CWB Teacher Conference in October. Their presentation highlighted the outstanding success of our metal classes and trades program, showcasing the innovative work happening in our schools and the positive impact on student learning and career readiness.



EMCS Metal TASK teacher Ben Haber and District Career Education Lead Brian Hotovy presenting at the Canadian Welder's Bureau teacher's conference October 2025

Upcoming Events

Take Our Kids to Work Day November 5th

A national event where Grade 9 students spend a day at the workplace of a parent, relative, or volunteer host to explore career options and gain a better understanding of the working world.

Provincial Careers Week November 24 - 28

A province-wide initiative that celebrates career education by connecting students with diverse career pathways through events, resources, and community partnerships to help them explore future opportunities and make informed decisions about their careers.

Indigenous Learners' Day at Camosun College November 26th

A hands-on event for Grade 11 and 12 students from South Island school districts, offering interactive sessions in trades, technology, health, and Indigenous education to explore post-secondary pathways and celebrate Indigenous culture and learning.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

KYRIN

Kyrin began his journey in the Auto TASK program right here at Belmont, where he quickly stood out for his strong work ethic. After completing the program, he secured a work placement, which led to a permanent job — and he began logging his apprenticeship hours with Skilled Trades BC through our Youth Work in Trades program.

His ambition didn't stop there. Kyrin applied for the Federal Student Work Experience Program (FSWEP) and was selected for a full-time summer position at the Fleet Maintenance Facility. Through this opportunity, he gained even more hands-on experience and completed enough hours to qualify for an Electrical Level 1 sponsored seat through our Youth Train in Trades program at Camosun College, where he was accepted!

What an incredible journey — from high school training to full-time work and now heading to post-secondary next year. Kyrin is well on his way to a thriving career in the trades.

Congratulations, Kyrin! We are so proud of you!!!



November

4 - Presentaton to the **Indigenous Education Council** - Dual credit pathways to teacher education for First Nations students

4 - **Health Career Sampler and Care Economy Career course** - BAA presentation to Education Policy Committee

5 - **Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day** - Community sponsors - Westshore RCMP, Sooke School District and Westshore Parks and Recreation

17 & 18 - **Career Education Society Conference** - This annual event brings together educators and career professionals in BC to share ideas, resources, and strategies for helping students explore and prepare for future career paths.

21 - **South Island Partnership Pro D Day Offerings**- Teacher professional development opportunities at Camosun College

24-28 - **Career Week** - is a province-wide initiative held each November to celebrate and promote career education, helping students explore diverse career pathways and prepare for their futures through engaging activities, resources, and community partnerships.

26 - **Indigenous Learners' Day** - is a hands-on, full-day event for Grade 11 and 12 students from South Island Partnership districts, offering interactive rotations through trades, technology, health, nautical, and Indigenous education programs to explore post-secondary pathways in a culturally supportive environment.

December

4 - **Junior Achievement BC TechWorks** - a province-wide program that connects B.C. students with tech-enabled career pathways through interactive sessions, industry panels, and curriculum-aligned resources, with a strong focus on accessibility and inclusion. Featured companies include BRNKL and Open Ocean Robotics.

January

13 & 14 - **Find Your Fit** @ Spencer Middle School - a hands-on career exploration event by WorkBC that allows students to discover and try out a variety of in-demand jobs through interactive stations and activities.