

A School Trip with SpongeBob SquarePants



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Danielle Wozney, a student at Meadowbrook Elementary School, toured PCT with her grade four class when they were studying rocks, minerals, and apparently SpongeBob SquarePants too.

For western Canadian resource companies, PCT provides a vital connection between ship and shore. But for many students in Port Moody and surrounding areas, PCT’s facility provides a valuable connection between the classroom and the community through its school program.

For primary classes covering safety and injury prevention, to secondary classes in business education or marketing, PCT provides an opportunity for K-to-12 classes to see their studies applied in a thriving, international business, which happens to be just a few blocks from school.

Just ask Danielle Wozney, age 10, from Meadowbrook Elementary School.

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Before her tour, Danielle found out more about PCT’s operations in Port Moody by watching a video on the company. In this video she learned about the sulphur that originates in Alberta and travels through PCT as it is exported to the Pacific Rim and beyond.

While her teacher received PCT’s curriculum book, and integrated discussion about the sulphur at PCT into the unit, Danielle’s favourite part of the school program was the facility tour at PCT.

“When we drove past the sulphur piles, I wondered how much they had in there. We saw sulphur close up, and I was surprised that sulphur is formed in three or four different ways.”

For Danielle, her trip to PCT enhanced her classroom learning, and left her with lifelong memories about one mineral that plays an important role in her city, and in the western Canadian economy.

“I liked our tour guide on the trip. He asked us if we could find SpongeBob SquarePants hiding in the sulphur pile.”

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Good luck 2006 scholarship winners!

Could you be a winner in 2007?



Shining stars Sarah Parker and Rebecca Lin (above) and Asif Zaman (below) are congratulated by Ken Catton, vice-president and general manager, on being selected for PCT's \$1000 scholarship.



Congratulations to the three deserving winners of PCT's \$1000 scholarship for Port Moody high school graduates: Rebecca Lin, Sarah Parker, and Asif Zaman. PCT is proud to support these students in their post-secondary studies this fall.

About the 2006 winners:

Rebecca Lin, winner of the Fine Arts Award, is an accomplished violinist, receiving her ARCT at the age of 13. She has attended Casalmaggiore Summer Music Festival in Italy, and has been concertmaster of the Vancouver Youth Symphony Orchestra for 2004 and 2005.

Sarah Parker, winner of the Business and General Studies Award, is an IB student with an impressive roster of extra-curricular activities. She is leader of the school's environmental club, founder of the photography club, and is involved in several other activities.

Asif Zaman, winner of the Environment and Engineering Award, has applied to study chemistry in the fall, and plans to pursue an environmental

aspect of this discipline. In his senior year, Asif was senior co-editor for the school newspaper, and through the Third World Awareness Group, helped organize events such as the Oxfam 24-hour Fast, AIDS Week and Fair Trade Week. He was recognized with a Service Award for his activities.

Think you could be a scholarship winner for 2007?

PCT is looking for graduating students from both Port Moody Secondary School and Heritage Woods Secondary School who are passionate about their field, whether that's environment & engineering, fine arts, or other disciplines.

If you're graduating in 2007, tell us about who you are, your life in the community, and why you deserve to win this award, and who knows, you just might be featured as a winner in next year's *Channels* Newsletter!

For more information on applying for PCT's scholarships, contact your high school guidance counsellor, or download our brochure from www.pct.ca

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The managers who conduct the tours tailor each experience to the class on tour and the unit they're studying; from keeping young students interested by searching for SpongeBob in the sulphur piles, to discussing some of the economic implications of exporting sulphur with secondary students.

PCT's school program provides

answers for minds that are curious about the world around them, and encourages students to learn more independently. Designed by an education specialist, the curriculum book provides teachers with lesson plans, highlights resources for further study, and lists the learning outcomes from the BC curriculum that will be addressed. It is a

program that leaves students with lasting memories of their studies, and a better understanding of one of the partners in their community.

For more information on PCT's school program, to obtain a curriculum book, or to book a school tour, visit the "For Teachers" section on PCT's website, or email: info@pct.ca.

Q and A



with Diana Guinn

*Chief Librarian,
Port Moody Public Library*

This August, the Port Moody Public Library held the sixth annual “Links to Literacy” golf tournament and fundraiser. What are the fundraiser’s future plans for the library?

How did “Links to Literacy” come to be?

Barbara Nuttall, former board chair at the library, first proposed the idea for a golf tournament, and a small group of us grew the idea into a full-fledged fundraiser for September 2001. That first year we raised \$10,000. Now we have a committee of volunteers, several citizens, trustees, two staff and business representatives. Last year we were able to raise more than \$23,000.

What does “Links to Literacy” raise money for?

“Links to Literacy” has raised money to purchase special equipment – such as a data projector and laptop for public training sessions, audio books for the visually impaired, and art for the children’s area. This year, a portion of the funds will be invested with the Port Moody Foundation, for ongoing enhancements into the future, and another portion will be used to create a silent study room for students.

What are your future plans for development at the library?

One of the key goals for the board is to develop a plan with council and staff for a new facility, since the current building is filled to capacity – with library materials and people! You can read more about this in the strategic plan the

board recently released: <http://library.portmoody.ca/About+Us/Publications/Strategic+Plan.htm>

Are there any favourite stories about the library’s role in the community which you would like to share?

Yes, public libraries changes lives, I could provide many examples, but here’s just one:

A few years ago a boy in grade two, with the help of a tutor, enrolled in the library’s Summer Reading Club. He struggled with his reading all summer long until he received his medal at the closing ceremony. He was so pleased he announced, “now I am going to read a hundred books, a thousand books, a million books... I am going to read until I die!”

Do you have anything else to add?

The library board of trustees, golf committee and I would like to thank PCT for being an active library supporter for many years and for supporting the tournament since its inception in 2001. I would also like to acknowledge Barb Nuttall’s leadership and thank her committee for working so hard to organize a successful tournament.

Did you know

Not a student? For those who just want to expand their horizons by reading great literature this fall, the Port Moody Public Library has created a series of “May We Suggest?” lists on their website. The following is just one of many Top 10 reading lists, available at the library.

Port Moody Public Library Favourites Top 10 BC Writers

- Dahlia Cassidy by Anne Cameron
- The Jade Peony by Wayson Choy
- Generation X by Douglas Coupland
- April Fool by William Deverell
- Pattern Recognition by William Gibson
- Distance by Jack Hodgins
- Lives of Shadows by Barbara Hodgson
- Obasan by Joy Kogawa
- Stanley Park by Timothy Taylor
- The Skystone (From the Camulod Chronicles) by Jack Whyte

The Port's City Scene

St. John Ambulance

PCT recently received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Tri-City branch of St. John Ambulance, for their contributions to the organization. PCT had made a donation which included a tent for the First Aid Brigade, which they use when providing first aid services at local community events.



PCT's Ken Catton accepts a Certificate of Appreciation from Rick Nelson, chairman of St. John Ambulance, for PCT's recent donations.

Links to Literacy

The Port Moody Public Library held their sixth annual "Links to Literacy" tournament on August 28th. A great day of golf, in support of a good cause, was enjoyed by all. PCT was proud to sponsor the initiative.



PCT's golf team gets ready to tee-off for a good cause.

An Evening of Caring At EagleRidge Hospital

PCT is pleased to contribute to Eagle Ridge Hospital Foundation's "An Evening of Caring" for the fifth year. On September 23rd, Eagle Ridge Hospital Foundation will host the gala fundraising event, which raises funds for new hospital equipment, such as operating tables and an ultrasonic scanning system.

For more information, contact: Shawn Leclair, 604-469-3137, or shawn.leclair@fraserhealth.ca

Treasures of Christmas

In November, PCT will celebrate the coming holidays by supporting the gala fundraising event for Crossroads Hospice. This year, the hospice's fundraiser, "Treasures of Christmas," promises to be more spectacular than ever, with a live auction, and fabulous prizes to be won. Don't miss it!

For more information, or to buy tickets, call: Ann Soucie at 604.945.0606

Pacific Coast Terminals Curling Centre

PCT is proud to be the first corporate sponsor for Port Moody's Recreation Centre expansion and renovation. This June, PCT presented Mayor Trasolini with the first installment of a \$25,000 naming sponsorship for the renovated curling rink.



This artist's rendering shows what the new Port Moody Recreation Centre will become.

Artist's rendering: Image courtesy of the City of Port Moody.

Now known as the "Pacific Coast Terminals Curling Centre," the rinks will continue to be home to the Port Moody Curling Club. The Pacific Coast Terminals Curling Centre will be the Tricities' premier curling venue, with six professionally maintained sheets of ice available for junior, senior, men, women and mixed league play. At the end of the curling season, the centre will host figure skating. Off-season, the centre will also be used for community activities and special events in the summer months, after the ice is removed.

PCT looks forward to the opening of the newly renovated curling centre, and hopes it will continue to be a thriving part of the Port Moody community.

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