



SEYCOVE SECONDARY at sáyəmətən



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

June 7, 2024

Dear Families,

As we step into the month of June, there are many celebrations and events that mark this special time of the year. June is truly a month of celebration for our school community, and I am proud to highlight some of the wonderful activities and achievements we can look forward to.

Firstly, our heartfelt congratulations to the graduating class of 2024! This significant milestone marks the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and growth. We are immensely proud of our graduates and look forward to celebrating their achievements at the upcoming graduation ceremony. This is a time for reflection, joy, and looking ahead to the promising futures that await our students.

June also marks National Indigenous History Month, a time to honor and recognize the rich history, heritage, and contributions of Indigenous peoples in Canada. Our school will be engaging in various educational activities and events to deepen our understanding and appreciation of Indigenous cultures and histories. This is an important opportunity for us to learn, reflect, and show respect for the Indigenous communities that have shaped our nation.

In addition, we are proud to celebrate Pride Month, a time to honor the diversity and resilience of the LGBTQ+ community. Our school community is committed to fostering an inclusive and supportive environment for all students and staff. Currently, our GSA Club is designing, creating, and selling pins to promote awareness, acceptance, and love for everyone, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

We are also thrilled to host our annual Student Awards and Recognition Assembly next week, where we will honor the outstanding achievements of our students in academics, sports, arts, and community service. This event is a wonderful way to acknowledge and celebrate the hard work and dedication of our students throughout the year.

Additionally, our music department has been hard at work preparing for a series of music concerts. These concerts will feature performances from our talented student musicians and provide a delightful showcase of their musical skills and passion. We encourage everyone to attend and support our young artists as they share their love of music with us.

Finally, we also look forward to the BC First Peoples Exhibition and the PLP student exhibitions. Our students have been working diligently on their projects, and we are excited to see their creativity, innovation, and hard work come to life.

As we celebrate these various events and achievements, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and, most importantly, our incredible students. Your hard work, enthusiasm, and commitment make our school a vibrant and nurturing place for all.

Wishing everyone a memorable month of June filled with celebration, learning, and community spirit.

Sarah Best
Principal



National
Indigenous
History **Month**

#NIHM2024



SEYCOVE CALENDAR

June	National Indigenous History Month
June	Pride Month
Jun 11	Year End Band Concert 7pm
Jun 12	Student Awards Ceremony and hot dog lunch
Jun 12	PAC Meeting - 7pm Library
Jun 13	PAC Pre-Order Hot Lunch Day
Jun 13	PLP Spring Exhibition 3pm
Jun 14	Nat'l Indigenous Peoples Day School-Wide Activities
Jun 14	Year End Choir Concert 7pm
Jun 16	Father's Day
Jun 18	Grad Ceremony 7pm Centennial Theatre
Jun 21	Nat'l Indigenous Peoples Day
Jun 21	Last Day of Classes
Jun 24	Review & Completion
Jun 25	Review & Completion
Jun 25	Grad Banquet 6pm
Jun 26	Learning Reports Published
Jun 28	Administrative Day - School Closed



Library News



Thank You Seycove Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Dear Seycove Families and Parent Advisory Council (PAC),

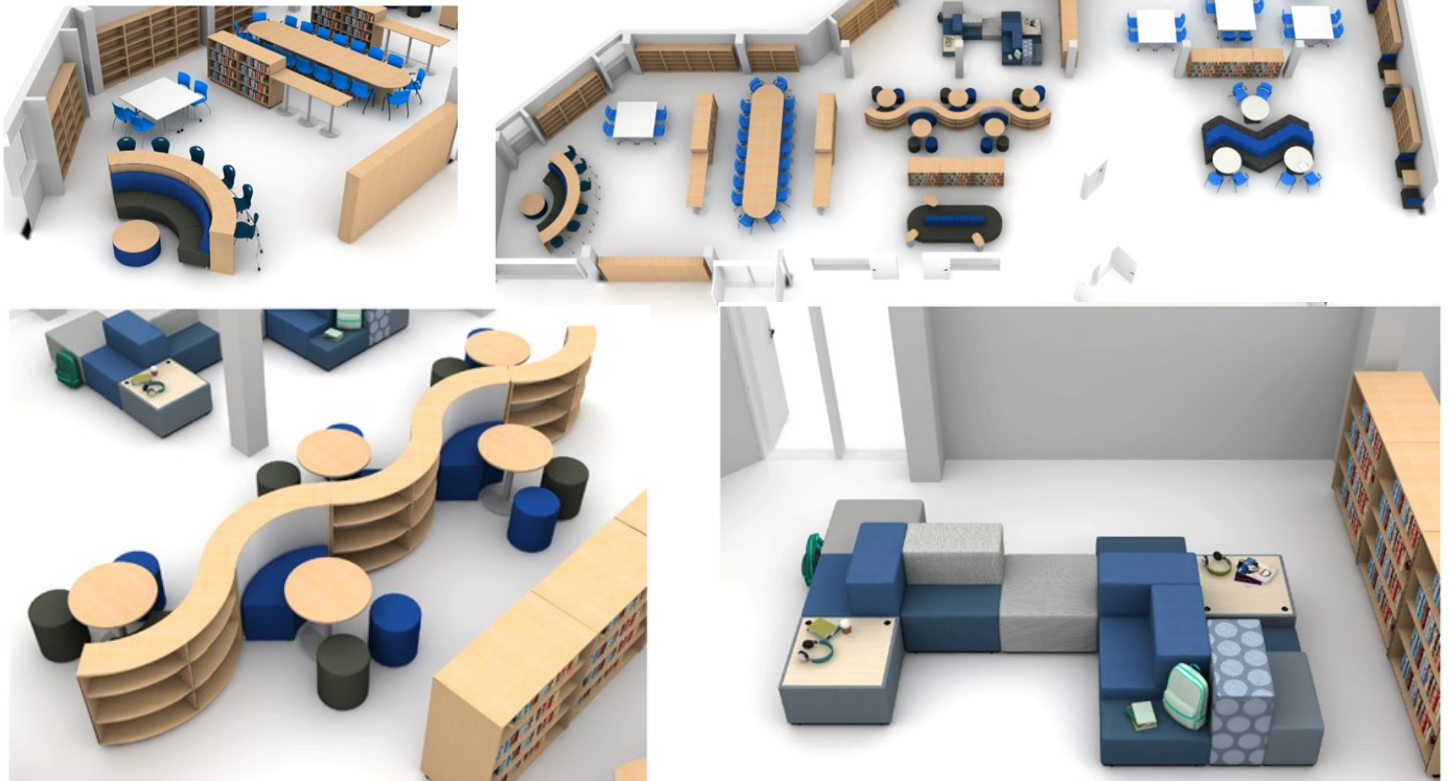
On behalf of our school community, we would like to express our gratitude for your generous donations and tireless fundraising efforts to enhance our students' extracurricular activities. Your support has greatly benefited various programs, from athletics, to student clubs, to student scholarships. We deeply appreciate your commitment to enriching the educational experience of our students.

As we plan for next year, Seycove will be undergoing a multi-phased project to update our Library. PAC's dedication and contributions have allowed us to enhance this library project, as we begin a two-year process of transforming the space into a vibrant Library Learning Commons. Your collaboration has enabled us to add soft-seating furniture and beautify the area, creating small collaboration spaces where groups and clubs can meet and work, and individuals can find a quiet space to read a book or work on homework. These extra beautifications and additions provided by PAC will help to create a welcoming and dynamic environment that fosters creativity, collaboration, and a love for learning.

Without the support and generosity of the PAC, this remarkable transformation would not have been possible. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to enriching the educational experiences of our students and for helping to create a space that will inspire learning for years to come.

Thank you once again for your invaluable support and we look forward to sharing our library transformation with you as we progress with the project.

Plans for Seycove's Library Learning Commons





Updates & Reminders

Year End Reminders - Fees/ Books / Uniforms

Are your school fees paid? Uniforms returned? Textbooks and Library books handed in at the Library?

If not, please log into your [School Cash Online](#) account to pay all outstanding school fees and return uniforms to the Main Office and books to the Library prior to June 21st.

To avoid disappointment on yearbook distribution day, please ensure all fees are paid and items returned.



Cell Phone Use in the Classroom

Students are instructed to store their cellphones (personal digital devices) at home, in their lockers, or either in their bags or in the designated pouches during class. If a student needs to leave the classroom during class time, they must ensure their phone remains in the classroom. Phones maybe used during break and lunchtime only.

Seycove has taken deliberate steps this year to promote responsible technology use, enhance concentration, and foster well-being. This includes our collective endeavour to regulate smartphone usage in class.

Like any behavior change initiative, we've encountered both successes and challenges. During grade assemblies and in classrooms, our staff have stressed the significance of keeping cellphones out of sight, unless a teacher has granted explicit permission or if they are being used as an educational tool. This is a joint effort aimed at refining student focus, fostering better learning outcomes, and supporting mental health through clearly defined boundaries and positive examples.

We kindly request that you reinforce this message at home as we close this academic year and prepare for the next. For further guidance, BC Children's Hospital offers a valuable resource for families. It serves as a starting point for discussions about the NVSD cellphone policy and a family's approach to safe and responsible technology use. You can find the resource ["Keeping Tech in Check" on the Kelty Mental Health website.](#)

Set Up Parental Controls
click the device for instructions

iPhone

Google Play

android



All About Artificial Intelligence

Why is everyone talking about artificial intelligence?

Artificial Intelligence, or AI, is becoming a more regular part of our daily lives, making many tasks easier and quicker. If you've been curious about what AI is, you're not alone. Think of AI as a computer program that learns from information it already has and uses that information to solve problems and create materials. Just like we learn from our experiences, AI learns from the information it's given and the questions (or prompts) it's asked.

Learn more! [FULL ARTICLE HERE](#)





Updates & Reminders

End of Year / Semester 2 - Review & Completion

- June 21: Last day of regular classes for school year
- June 24 & 25: End of Semester **Review & Completion Days**
Students & parents will be contacted by teacher if students are invited to attend R&C.
Only invited students should attend R&C.
- June 26: Final Learning Updates Published
- June 27: Yearbook Distribution - Gr 8-11 - Cafeteria
- June 28: Administrative Day - Students do not attend



Be sure to check out seycove.ca/calendar for all year end events and dates!

CANTOS!
an end-of-year concert
with Seycove Choirs

Friday, June 14 at 7 PM
Mt. Seymour United Church

\$10 cash admission
\$5 students/seniors

SEYCOVE MUSIC
2023-2024



Celebrations of Learning

PLP 8 - Oregon Field Study

The PLP 8 Cohort has returned from their year end field study down the Oregon Coast! The cohort is currently studying advertising, design, and the idea of "adventure", and what an adventure it was! Equipped with their driving question: How does language inspire adventure?, learners visited many different venues while exploring the concept of adventure. From the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum, the Hatfield Marine Science Centre, a Marine Discovery Boat Tour, and the treacherous mouth of the Columbia River!



While adventuring our way down the Oregon Coast, the PLP 8 cohort, along with Ms. Kadi, Mr. Hughes, and Ms. McWilliam, grew as a team with group dinners every night, a stop at Bullwinkles Family Fun Centre, and of course, zip-lining at High Life Adventures! Having returned, the learners are now preparing their advertising campaigns for the **PLP Spring Exhibition on Thursday, June 13** at 5PM in the Cafeteria. Mark your calendars, and see if the learners can convince YOU to take an adventure down the Oregon Coast! - Ms. McWilliam





Celebrations of Learning

PLP Adventure Tales: The Helping Hands of Warrenton, Oregon

Since 2014, barring the COVID-19 pause, PLP has committed time and effort for providing the fantastic learning experience of spending almost a full week on the Oregon Coast with all the PLP 8 learners on a field study: working with some of our field partners (like [Oregon State University](#)), exploring in the field (like the tide pools at [Yaquina Head](#)), and having fun (like zip lining with [High Life Adventures](#)).

In late May of 2023, we set off for what we expected to be our usual Oregon fantastic experience, in the trusty PAC bought and supported Seycove bus, with our amazing teacher/tour director/driver Bryan Hughes at the wheel. Little did we know how adventurous this particular field study would become for last year's group of PLP 8 learners and us!



Cece & Elsa with Mike and a gift bag to share with the employees and the Birdwells

Just before we pulled into our first night's resting stop, the [Astoria KOA](#), the bus ground to a shuddering halt. Ms. Willemse, Mr. Hughes, and a bus full of PLP 8 learners and gear were stranded on the side of the road with very little around us and about 5 km left to go.

As the chaperones left the bus and began to come to terms with the situation, a car pulled over. It turns out we could not have picked a better moment or place to break down. Out of the car came John, a resident of Warrenton and employee of [Astoria Ford](#). Not only did John have experience with rescues from his time as a member of Search and Rescue, he also had all the equipment in his car to help tow us and the contacts for a local tow truck.

In a short amount of time, with John steering the bus, we were all towed up the road to the Astoria KOA. They welcomed us by helping unload the bus and shuttling us on golf carts to our KOA Kabins for the night. The next day, as Ms. Willemse and the learners walked to Fort Stevens for our scheduled ranger tour and lunch, Mr. Hughes arranged a U-Haul rental for all the gear, while at home, Ms. McWilliam and Ms. Best found a rental bus.

There remained only one issue: how would the marooned learners make it all the way across town from the KOA to our zip line appointment in the afternoon with Highlife Adventures?

Cue our next set of helpers! When Mr. Hughes called High Life Adventures to share our issue, Katie Rummell, High Life Adventures' General Manager, wasted no time in appealing to the Warrenton/Astoria community for help via Facebook. The next thing we know, Scott and Cindy Birdwell, from Astoria Ford (completely unaware that it was their own employee John who had helped us from the roadside the night before) showed up in a limo and their personal vehicle to shuttle us to High Life Adventures (and home after!).

By the time Ms. McWilliam and Ms. Kadi arrived in the rental van and Seycove van the next morning, we were right back on schedule and finished the whole field study with the same learning and fun PLP has had in Oregon for 10 years now. Sadly, although Astoria Ford did a complete repair on the bus (and Mr. Hughes went back in the summer to transport it!), a further issue in the fall of 2023 led to the beloved Seycove bus failing inspection. However, that did not deter this year's PLP 8 Oregon field study!

As this year's PLP 8 learners prepared to leave last week, we knew we could not go to Oregon again without sending some Canadian thank you's to the Warrenton friends who helped us when we really were stuck! Along with our learners, and Mr. Hughes, Ms. Kadi, and Ms. McWilliam, we sent hearty thank you bags filled with Canadian snacks and Seycove swag for our friends at [High Life Adventures](#) and [Astoria Ford](#).

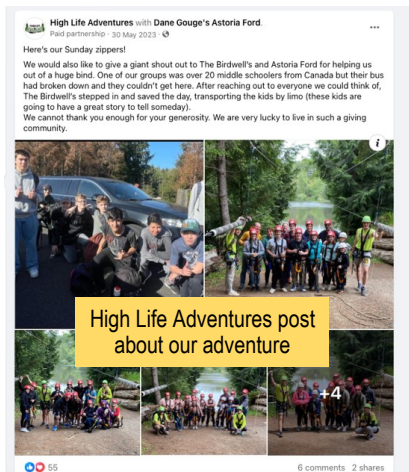


Katie & Jake Rummell of High Life Adventures



John, Astoria Ford & Nighttime Tow Hero

So if you too find yourself in Oregon this summer on your adventures, please do swing by and give your business to this amazing town and especially our favourite businesses - we cannot be more thankful to them!



High Life Adventures post about our adventure



Celebrations of Learning

French 11 Students: 123, on y va, on y va!

Seycove's French 11 students enjoyed learning outside the classroom last week when they attended at the Vancouver International Children's Festival on Granville island. According to teacher Ms. *Herrera Dominguez*, the highlight of the field trip was a concert by [Missy D](#), a hip hop, rap and soul artist who makes music (French & English) as a form of therapy.



The Other People Presentations - May 29

Seycove students were joined by grade sevens from our feeder schools last week to take part in a presentation by 'The Other People'. The group, led by Rabbi Emeritus Philip Bregman, is made up of a diverse group of people representing Indigenous, Black, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Christian, and Asian/Buddhist communities. The interactive assembly encouraged students to ask questions in order to learn more about people from different communities in Canada. The intent of the program is to address individual biases and help create meaningful interactions between the students and 'The Other People'.



Making a World of Difference



Celebrations of Learning

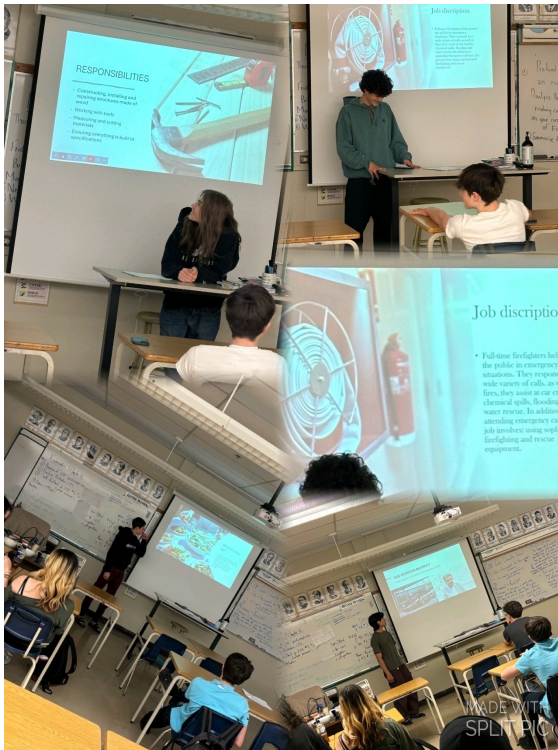
Socials 8 - Exploring the Renaissance Through Comics

Our Socials Eight students have taken a creative dive into the Renaissance! They stepped into the shoes of workers from that time and designed unique comics to showcase their learning. These imaginative and well-crafted comics bring history to life in a fun and engaging way. We are very proud of our Socials Eight students for their hard work and creativity. Check out these amazing comics displayed in room 207 Great job, Socials 8.

- Ms Rajan and the Class Managers



Careers 10 - Exploring Future Pathways



Our Careers class has been busy exploring various career pathways and gaining valuable real-world insights! Students conducted in-depth research on different professions and trades and had the opportunity to interview mentors from our community. They then shared their findings with the class through well-prepared presentations, utilizing PowerPoint to enhance their delivery.

Not only did they do an excellent job examining diverse career options, but they also practiced crucial skills in research, interviewing, and public speaking. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication. Keep up the great work, Careers class! Come check out their mini capstones at the end of June.

- Ms Rajan

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GRAD 2024



Important Upcoming Grad Dates & Events

- ⇒ June 13 - Grad Ceremony Rehearsal & Gown Pick Up
- ⇒ June 18 - Grad Ceremony
- ⇒ June 25 - Grad Banquet - Dinner & Dance

For the most up to date grad information, please visit
Seycove.ca: [Grad Information - Seycove Secondary](#)

SEYCOVE SECONDARY
CLASS OF 2024



Graduation
dinner & dance

JUNE 25, 2024
PINNACLE HOTEL AT THE PIER
NORTH VANCOUVER

Grad Variety Night

A wonderful time was had by all at this Grad Council sponsored event on May 29th. With 73 grads in attendance, it was a super fun time. Raymond Lima treated that grads with his fabulous karaoke performances with Max Pilon Fleming accompanying him and Dries Zuidervelt DJ'ing. Younger brothers Isaac Lima and Noah Liebert were on lighting crew. Raymond had all the grads up and dancing and even doing a mosh pit! To wrap up the event, Jack Morros treated the grads with a hilarious comedy act! - Ms. Yeo





Seycove Snapshots



Sophia's Indigenous Graduation in Whitehorse

Grade 12 student, Sophia Leas, recently attended the Yukon First Nations Graduation in Whitehorse. Sophia joined fellow Indigenous students from across the Yukon to celebrate their graduation from high school. Some of the Indigenous communities represented included the Selkirk, Kwanlin Dün, Kluane and Tlingit First Nations.

Sophia's Indigenous ancestry is very important to her; her mother is Dakota Cree and Kahkewistahaw from Saskatchewan, and her father is Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in from Dawson City, Yukon. "Being part of the graduation ceremony in the Yukon made me feel more connected to my culture," says Sophia, "it was nice to see all of my friends and family from my community." An added highlight from her trip was getting to view some of the abundant Yukon wildlife which included bear and caribou sightings.

For the ceremony, Sophia wore a traditional Indigenous dress made of deer hide and intricate beaded artwork, which was made for her by a family friend. Sophia's outstanding academic achievements were recognized at the ceremony where she received the "Venturous Award" for academic excellence. Congratulations, Sophia!





Seycove Snapshots



Bump. Set. Spike! Ace job to Seycove's Staff Volleyball Team for spiking it inside the court at the NVSD staff volleyball tournament last week. Our team served up a win against Blueridge but hit a bump with close sets against Windsor and Dorothy Lynas. Great job team - way to represent the Seyhawks!

From left: Angela, Mr. Harris, Mr. Ruben, Carla, Mr. Hansell, Mr. Cardle, Ms. Alam



Student Council ran an exciting and competitive futsal tournament last week. The teams of six played during lunch hours in a single elimination style contest. The final match was between grade 11s and 12s and was a physical and hard fought battle but the grade 11s came out ahead. Thanks to Jordan Lo for putting together the event and to Mr. Cardle for his support and supervision.

Winning Team - Photo Below Left: Max, Declan, Mateo, Sean, Max, Curtis, Santiago and Enzo.





Seycove Snapshots



The Greatest Show!

The CABARET in the COVE is Seycove's largest-scale production of the year! Jazz groups of all kinds unite for a one-night-only extravaganza—juniors and seniors, bands and choirs, solos and small groups, NO HOLDS BARRED! As pictured here, this year's theme—*The Greatest Show*—presented larger-than life circus/carnival decor and musical merriment beyond belief (as well as music from the titular film starring Hugh Jackman (!) although, sadly, he had a prior commitment that evening). Special thanks to the leading parent volunteers who blew everyone away with their handmade decor, Katie Mortimer and Sue Johnson, to our outstanding behind-the-scenes parents of grads, Suzanne Siemens and Isabelle Eaton, and to the excellent organizers of our catering and silent auction, Orla Robinson and Cathy Jefferson, respectively.





Seycove Seyhawks



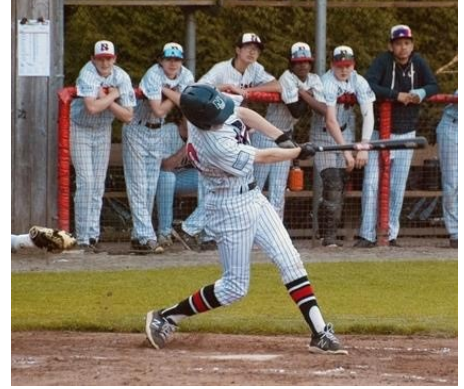
Emmett Barry - European Baseball Championship

Congratulations to Seycove grade eleven student, Emmett Barry, who is headed to the [European Baseball Championships](#) this July in Regensburg, Germany.

Emmett grew up playing in the Mount Seymour Little League and now plays for the North Shore Twins.

Emmett will be part of the team from Great Britain at the EBC along with two other north shore boys.

Knock it out the park at the championship, Emmett!



Elementary Basketball Camp

The Seycove girls basketball program just wrapped up its 10th annual Elementary School Camp this past week. Our players coached grade 4-7 girls from Cove Cliff, Sherwood Park and Dorothy Lynas over the past five weeks. The coaches introduced our enthusiastic future Seyhawks to all things basketball, including ball handling, shooting, passing, footwork, defense, teamwork and FUN!! Special thanks goes out to all of our player volunteers for their commitment and positive energy given to our community. - Mr. Russell



King of the Mountain - Keaton S



Another big win for Keaton who came in first place at the Provincials in Squamish last week. Keaton took first in the cross country race (despite crashing) and 10th place in the Enduro race. The combination gave him the title of "King of the Mountain" and Keaton represented Seycove for overall best rider in BC for his age group. Way to Go Keaton!





Seycove PAC

AGM PAC Meeting - 7pm, Wednesday June 12



Seycove Parents

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It takes a Village! Please Come and join us for the last PAC meeting of the year! We will be voting for 24/25 Exec and other positions - we need a 24/25 Grad Comittee, fundraiser guru, social media/comms person! Common you know you want to...



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