

**I. PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS:**

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are rapidly working our way through the first semester. We will shortly reach the mid-point and report cards will be issued next month. With that thought in mind it is important for all students to be "up to date" in completing any outstanding assignments, projects or tests. Students should be checking directly with their teachers or with the marks' spreadsheets on many classroom walls to ensure completion. I have had the opportunity to visit many classrooms in my first six weeks in the school and have been very impressed with the student work ethic and "on task" behaviour. I keenly await the first report cards and, based on my visitations, anticipate some terrific marks.

It is exciting to see the many extracurricular activities happening in the school. I would like to thank the many parents who have been actively involved in supporting these activities. I know that volunteer coaches and activity organizers appreciate any assistance that parents may be able to provide. So thanks again for your help.

In an effort to give parents and student's more time to review report cards, report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> with the students and interviews will be on November 26<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Please review this information with your sons/daughters so that you can have an informed conversation with your child's teacher. We look forward to seeing you at Parent\Teacher Interviews November 26<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-6:00, in the Dover Bay, gym.

The Dover Bay office will be moving to an automatic attendance system. This system will phone homes if there is a recorded absent or late from the classroom teacher. The system is also capable of sending announcements and school wide messages. We are hoping for full implementation for second semester although we will be beginning the conversion in November and December. This system will enhance our ability to communicate with the Dover Bay community. I thank you in advance for any inconvenience that may occur.

In closing, I would like to congratulate Dover Bay graduate Celeste Fang on receiving the Governor General's Award as our top academic grade 12 student from last year.

Sincerely,  
Mr. John Blain

**II. WELCOME:****NEW STAFF**

We welcome the following new staff to Dover Bay.

Mariah Bell	English
Pam Martina	E.A.
Drea Moffatt	Drama
John Pynn	E.A.
Barb Ranostay	French

**III. IMPORTANT DATES:**

Nov. 5	PAC Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Library
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day Holiday
Nov. 24	Report card distribution to students
Nov. 26	Parent/teacher conferences 3-6 pm Early dismissal 1:50 pm Newsletters home
Dec. 3	PAC Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Library
Dec. 10	Winter ball
Dec. 18	Last day of school before Winter Vacation
Jan. 4	School re-opens

**NANAIMO FIREWORKS BYLAW**Possession and discharge of Fireworks

No person shall possess, explode, light, activate, fire or discharge Fireworks within the boundaries of the City unless that person is a registered Fireworks Supervisor under the Explosives Act and holds a valid Fireworks Permit issued under the Bylaw.

Selling of Fireworks

No person shall offer for sale, sell, give or trade Fireworks within the boundaries of the City.

Penalties

Persons who violate the Bylaw will surrender the fireworks to a Fire, Police or Bylaw officer for disposal. Offenses for possession, discharge and sale of Fireworks is a \$200 fine.

**IV. STUDENT ACTIVITIES:****STUDENT COUNCIL: Mrs. Mazzarotto**

"Trick or Eat" - Dover Bay student are encouraged to go Trick or Treating this year and ask their friends and neighbours for cans for our annual Can Drive. This year, grades are challenging each other to see which grade can collect the most cans. Our Block 1 classes will be participating in our usual can drive contest as well

Door decorating for the holiday season will be taking place during Block 2.

Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection will be during Block 3 this year.

We will be officially kicking off our 2009-2010 Can Drive by hosting a Pancake Breakfast in the cafeteria on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 – 8:10 am. Admission will be \$2 or 4 cans. November 17<sup>th</sup> will also be Pyjama Day!

## DRAMA NEWS: Ms. Schwarze

### Bay Theatrix Productions - The Boy Friend

Well, you may have noticed teens breaking into song and dance of late, as we are two thirds of the way into rehearsals for this year's musical theatre production of Sandy Wilson's The Boy Friend, which runs December 2-5<sup>th</sup>.

The stage is really livening up at this point. Ms. Moffat's Stagecraft class has begun the build of the set for the show, a set which promises to be quite stylish. As for dancing, the crew breaks out into spontaneous applause each time Ms. Grovum's dance numbers are brought to the stage.

We still need a couple of articles for the show: a 1920's divan, and some 1920's style clothes and shoes (men's and ladies). If anyone has items he or she would wish to lend, it would be greatly appreciated. Also, producing a musical is extremely expensive, so we are always happy for business sponsorship.

### Performing Arts Classes

The Grade 9/10 PA class is delving deep into what they believe about the world and how that affects them as youths for their performance of their own student-written play which will take the stage January 14-16<sup>th</sup>. It is my pleasure to be a part of this group's creative process.

The Grade 8 Performing Arts class is alive with ideas and plans for the performance of Jonathon Dorf's Dear Chuck on January 21-23<sup>rd</sup>. This group of first year PA students are excited to be able to work with such a challenging and creative script, and I assure you, they are up to the task.

## LIBRARY

Now that most Grade 8 students have received Library Orientation, Gr. 8s are using the library much more regularly. Remember Knowledge is Power!



Watch for an upcoming contest "Dover Bay Best Sellers" for those who write a REVIEW of a favourite book.

We welcome student recommendations for future library purchases. Let us know what you like to read!

## HOMEWORK CLUB

Need Help with Homework? The Homework Club is available to help with homework on *Wednesday to Friday in the morning from 7:30-8:30* and *after school on Monday to Thursday, 3:05-4:00*. Come to the Learning Centre (D203) if you would like to use this service.

## CAFETERIA NEWS

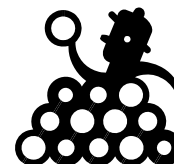
In trying to make cafeteria purchases more convenient for staff and students we are selling Meal Vouchers from the office for \$3.75. They are good for either the salad bar or the weekly sandwich special. There is no cash refund value but if you would rather purchase the short order or main dish you can add cash to the voucher. Vouchers are available in the office so that parents are able to send a cheque to the school and purchase a few at a time. This will ensure parents that their students are using their lunch money for "healthy choice" food in our cafeteria. Our school cafeteria is now designated as a "healthy school" with all food sold meeting the government's healthy school guidelines. Please make cheques out to SD#68. Our menu is posted on our website weekly.

## GRAD 2007: Mr. Lintott

Attention all Grade 12's! Graduation is actually closer than you think!! It will take many months of preparation from a number of people to prepare for your June 2010 graduation. Grad photos were done last weekend and we are in the process of ordering your cap and gown for the ceremony. Please come to the office to let us know your height so we can order the correct gown for you. You should have received your first email from the office. If not, please check to see if we have your correct email address. Grade 12 parents who would like to receive emails throughout the year to keep them informed on all the grad news are welcome to call the office to let us know their email addresses.

## SNOWBALL POLICY

- This policy deals with the throwing of snowballs and any other inappropriate action with snow, including bringing snow into the school with intention.
- Students will be reminded there is a snowball policy at Dover Bay Secondary.
- Students throwing snowballs outside on school grounds will be dealt with through the Code of Conduct which may result in suspension.
- Students caught throwing snowballs in the school will be suspended.



## V. PAC

The next PAC meeting will be held Thursday November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Library. The executive is still short some positions for the 2009/2010 school year. This poses a problem not just for this year but also next year, as almost all of the current executive will be retiring. Please consider getting involved.

At our last PAC meeting, we "soft" capped our budget at \$45,000 for the 2009/2010 school year. We have done this to allow for the next PAC executive to have a transition cushion, as the pressure on funding our budget will continue into next year.

I hope to see some new faces at the next meeting.

Paul Tidey  
PAC President

### District Parents Advisory Committee ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS District PAC Annual General Meeting October 29, 2009

Positions on the executive up for election as all positions are one year terms:

- President
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- BCCPAC District Associate/Director of PAC Liaison
- Members at Large (not more than 4)

If you are interested in becoming a member of the executive, know of someone that you would like to nominate, or have any questions in regards to the roles and regards to the nominations please contact the Kim Howland at 250-756-1247 or [kshowland@live.ca](mailto:kshowland@live.ca)

## VI. MISCELLANEOUS

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

### FRANCE-CANADA EXCHANGE

Summer exchange is one month in each country and school year exchange is 11 weeks in each country. Students must be 13-17 years old.

For more information go to the OSEF website, [www.osef.ca](http://www.osef.ca) or send an email to the director, Anne Louise McFarland, at [slmcfarland@shaw.ca](mailto:slmcfarland@shaw.ca)

### DRY GRAD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Dry Grad society is in need of some Enthusiastic Parents to help organize Dry Grad 2010. You do not have to be a Grad parent to volunteer. Our chair and a few other members of the executive are stepping down this year so we need parents to come forward and assume these important roles to make Dry Grad 2010 a success. It is time to get involved! For more information please call Gwen @758-1803. Dry Grad meetings are held on the last Thursday of every month at 7pm at Wellington School library. The AGM will be October 29<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome.

### CRAFT FAIR:

19<sup>th</sup> Annual Randerson Ridge  
Christmas Gift and Craft Fair  
Dover Bay Gymnasium, 6135 McGirr Road  
Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
For more info: Sharon @ 250-758-9598



### FLU SEASON

Flu season is upon us so please follow the guidelines of being scrupulous about hand washing and sneezing or coughing into handkerchiefs or the crook of your arm. If you feel sick stay home until you are better. Sick kids need to be at home and we will be asking parents to pick up students who feel ill. As H1N1 is the predominant flu this year there are likely to be cases in our community. If you have questions about Swine Flu call the Public Health Office. They are the ones that provide public information and announcements.

### 32 Weeks to Being Emergency Prepared!

Week 1: Get portable containers for each family member: a plastic bucket, a backpack, a suitcase, a box etc. Plan for a means of transporting, if necessary: a wagon, luggage cart, grocery cart, etc. Select an accessible location for the containers and inform all family members where they will be kept.

Week 2: Post emergency phone numbers near each telephone. Teach each family member these numbers including the number of a relative or friend who lives in another province and can be a contact person for your family. Put in each container: 1 6oz can of tuna or chicken and eating utensils (knife, fork and spoon).

Week 3: Plan and practice family evacuation drills using 2 different escape routes from each room and meeting outside at an appointed place. Put in each container: 1 small can opener (army style), 1 canned meat or other, and 1 box of raisins or other dried fruits.

Week 4: Put in each container: 3 granola bars, 3-8oz. cans of fruit juice (apple/orange/tomato).

Week 5: Put in each container: 2 large (30-40 gal) plastic bags (to be used as a poncho or ground cover or blanket), 6 medium (13 gal) plastic bags, a plastic cup and dish, and 6-10 small paper plates.

Week 6: Put in each container: 1 small package Kleenex, 1 can nuts (almonds, peanuts, cashew, sunflower seeds, etc.) small container of nut butter and honey.

Week 7: Add 1 change of clothing for each person: underwear, socks, shirt, pants, sweater, hat, work gloves (for those who would be helping with cleanup), jacket, sturdy shoes.

Week 8: Water—1.5 to 3 gallons per person. You might want to consider a separate means of transporting the water for the whole family.

Week 9: 1/2 pound instant powdered milk, and 1 envelope powdered juice drink (tang, etc.) in each kit.

Week 10: Put in each container: 3 sticks jerky, 3-8oz. cans fruit (applesauce, peaches, pears, etc).

Week 11: Put in each container: 1/2 pound trail mix, 3 vitamin-mineral supplement tablets.

Week 12: Put in each container: bedding. This could be a sleeping bag or 1 blanket, 1 cloth sheet, and 1 plastic sheet for a ground cover, instead. In practicing your family evacuation drill, train family members to quickly roll up sheet and blankets together as they get out of bed and bring these with them as they leave their rooms.

