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Newsletter

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The school newsletter will be available to students and parents on-line only. A telephone message will notify you that it has been posted on the Dover Bay website www.doverbay.ca. If you do not have access to a computer there will be some copies available in the office for you or your child to pick up.

I. PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have now completed the first term of semester one, reports were sent home Tuesday. We have been informed by the Nanaimo District Teachers' Association that as part of the current job action, teachers will not fill in report cards. However, under the *School Act* and as mandated by the Ministry of Education, schools are required to produce report cards. As a result, when you receive your child's report card there will be no marks or comments from teachers. The report card will include your child's attendance information and if your child is taught one or more subjects by a principal or vice-principal, there will be marks for those subjects.

We want to assure you that even though there will not be any marks or comments from teachers on the report cards, teachers are still assessing the progress of students and have information to share with parents. You are encouraged to contact teachers directly to obtain information about your child's progress. If you do not know how to reach a teacher directly, you can leave a message at the school office (250-756-4595).

If you sense any uncertainty I would ask you to contact the appropriate teacher or attempt to see them during Thursday, Nov. 24 early dismissal from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

In addition, if your child is in Grade 12 and requires marks at this time for post-secondary or scholarship applications, he or she can contact their teachers or counselor to obtain the marks.

We were very pleased with the Remembrance Day assemblies. Students and staff took some time to

honor our soldiers that risked their lives for our futures. Nick Tang and Maryah Allen were excellent organizer's, Mr. Irving and his band along with the many other student presenters were outstanding and are to be commended on their fine work.

The fall athletic seasons are coming to closure. Student athletes have competed at some of the highest levels of competition and have responded extremely well. All student athletes are to be commended on the high level of sportsmanship that they have displayed while representing Dover Bay Secondary School.

The Musical Theater and Performing Arts have an upcoming production of West Side Story that is coming on Dec 7 to 10 at the Dover Bay Theatre.

A reminder to parents that if schools are closed due to snow, or any other problems such as power outages or bad weather, announcements will be on local radio stations (WOLF 106.9 FM and WAVE 102.3 FM) by 7 a.m. on the day of the closure. Please do not call the radio station --- tune in and listen for the announcements, which will be made on a regular basis.

Sincerely
John Blain, Principal



II. IMPORTANT DATES:

Nov. 24	Early Dismissal – 1:50 Parent/Teacher contact from 2–3pm
Dec. 1	PAC Meeting – 7pm – Library
Dec. 2	Gr. 10/11 Education & Career Fair
Dec. 6	PSI Day – AM
Dec. 7-10	Musical Theatre – West Side Story
Dec. 16	Last Day of Classes – Christmas Break
Jan. 3	Back to School

Note: Pro-D-Day is April 23, 2012 NOT 16th as stated in previous correspondence.



SNOWBALL POLICY

- This policy dealing with the throwing of snowballs and any other inappropriate action with snow, including bringing snow into the school with intent will be included in the student/parent handbook.
- Students will be reminded there is a snowball policy at Dover Bay Secondary over the P.A. system
- 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 may be suspended.

STUDENT DROP-OFF & PICK-UP: Mr. Lintott

A reminder to parents that the roundabout in front of the school is not to be used for dropping off and picking up students. Access to the roundabout is for school buses and emergency vehicles only between 7:45 AM to 3:45 PM. The main gates will be closed to general traffic throughout the day. Please use the designated drop off zone in the main parking lot before and after school. Parents are also reminded to recognize the handicap parking spaces in front of the portables, and to leave those spots available for vehicles with proper handicap identification. Please do not use those spots for dropping off or picking up your child.

IV. STUDENT ACTIVITIES:

COUNSELING – Mr. Christianson

Grade 12 PSI Day December 6th Periods 3 and 4
Post Secondary Institute Day will be on Tuesday December 6th; Grade 12's will be given the opportunity to meet with representatives from colleges and

university to help assist in their planning for post secondary. Students will first attend a mini-fair for 20 minutes where each post secondary institution will have a display set up; students will be able to talk one on one with representatives at this time. Students will then attend two more in depth 35 minute post-secondary presentations of their choice.

This year there will be representatives from: Vancouver Island University, University of Victoria, Camosun College, BC Institute of Technology, Simon Fraser University, Thompson Rivers University, Trinity Western University, Royal Military College/Armed Forces, North Island College, and Nicola Valley Institute of Technology.

See your counselor for more information.

Career Explorations 12

The career explorations booklet has been given out to all grade 12 students that have chosen the 4 credit course for first semester. Just a reminder to those students that your completed booklet is due January 9, 2012.

Graduation Transitions Standards Grade 12's

Grade 12's, please ensure you have met with your GTS advisor before winter break. **GTS is required for graduation; once you have completed the three components of your GTS package, you must set up an interview with your GTS advisor.** Once this has been completed you will receive credit for GTS. **Once again, you cannot graduate without completing GTS.**

Post Secondary Applications

Most post secondary colleges and universities are now accepting applications for the 2011-2012 year. Visit their websites for additional information. In particular, VIU started taking applications on November 15th. VIU bases their registration dates according to the date they receive applications, so it is advantageous to get applications in early.

DRAMA NEWS - Ms. Schwarze

West Side Story is one of the most well-loved and often-performed musicals of our time. Set in gang territory in the 50's New York City, the base of the story is Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* with the Capulets replaced by the Sharks and the Montagues by the Jets. Love inspires Tony and Maria to bravely scale long-set racial and cultural walls. But is their love enough to bring the walls down? This show features realistic stage combat, passionate singing, and energy-charged dancing. The band shines with a difficult score, and the

set is fabulous. **West Side** is currently on Broadway, **Glee**, and on **December 7-10, the Dover Bay stage! Tickets are \$8.00 for students and seniors, \$10.00 for adults**, and will be available in the school office and at More than Movies. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. each night, and show starts at 7:00 p.m.

Robert Munsch Story Theatre

Ms. Schwarze's grade 9/10 Drama class created wonderful story theatre to entertain primary students at Dover's feeder schools. Munsch's *Mud Puddle*, *I Have to Go*, *Moir's Birthday*, *The Paper Bag Princess*, *Jonathan Cleaned Up...*, and *I'm So Embarrassed* delighted young audiences at this month.

Performing Arts 9/10

The 9/10 class is creating a fascinating journey into dreams. Jungian theory abounds in this intense and funny slice of life drama. Their show will be performed on the Dover Bay stage shortly after Christmas and also at the North Island Regional Drama Festival.

Recently retired Dover Bay teacher Hugh Anderson was awarded the ***Distinguished Service Award***. This award is for an individual who is an advocate for Drama in B.C. schools and whose work reflects the policies and goals of ABCDE. This award could go to administrators, university instructors and community members. Please join us in congratulating Hugh Anderson for his commitment to Drama in BC and for receiving this award.

PROM 2012 UPDATE – Mr. Lintott

Parent volunteers wanted. Please check the Dover Bay website for the next parent volunteer meeting. All volunteers welcome.

DOVER BAY ME TO WE – Annie La

Dover Bay's Me to We has been off to a great start this year! Our goals for this school year are to raise funds in order to build a school in Sierra Leone and a well for people living without access to clean water. On top of our goals for this year we are also involved deeply in our community; can drives for the homeless and the Adopt-a-Family food hamper project are two points of major involvement. The students of Dover Bay have supported us strongly in the past and continue to do so in many of our efforts, such as our bi-weekly bake sales,

and more recently our bottle drive. However, our latest fund raising effort needs the help of the community beyond our school. We have now opened an account at the Mostar Rd. Bottle Depot and are reaching out to our school community for your support. Please help us in our endeavour to better the lives of people around the world by bringing your bottles and cans throughout the school year and simply ask for your return amount to be added to the "Dover Bay Me To We Youth Group" account. We want to invite everybody out to E204, Ms. McDonald's room, for our general meetings held on Wednesdays at lunch. We hope to see you there! Thank You!!

Dr. Horrible's Sing Along Blog

Come support the Me to We by watching Dr. Horrible's Sing Along Blog on Dec. 14th, 15th, 16th & 17th. Admission is FREE. There will be a concession with all proceeds benefitting Me to We. Doors open 6:30 pm, shows start at 7pm. Hope to see you there!

OUTDOOR CLUB ACTIVITIES – J. Young 2011-2012 (tentative schedule)

Relay Practice and Romper Room Climbing

It costs \$11 for climbing, not including shoe rental (\$5). I do have some pairs of shoes to lend.

- Friday, Nov. 25, Dec. 2, Dec. 9th – belay practise after school; meet in room E-203(no charge)
- Friday, Dec. 16th – go to the Romper Room for the belay test
- Jan. 6 & 20 – climbing at the Romper Room, if there's enough interest shown
- Students may arrange their own climbing after that

Snowshoeing – Strathcona Park – from Mt. Washington -- \$10 (please bring money on the morning of the outing)

- Dec. 3, Jan. 14, March 31, April 14

Snow Camp – Garibaldi Park, Red Heather Hut (near Squamish), or Lake Helen Mackenzie, near Mt. Washington – April 27-29 – cost to be determined

Day Hikes (training for Keeha Bay and Cape Scott) – no fee

- May 12, 19, 26, and June 16

Keeha Bay Backpack (near Bamfield) - \$30 (est.) June 2-3

Cape Scott – June 23-27 - \$95

Nootka Island Backpack – July 3-7 – Cape Scott vets only - \$270 for transportation (float plane and boat)

STUDENTS' COUNCIL – M. Mazzarotto

The Student Council is participating in the annual Christmas Hamper Can Drive! Dover has always held a high reputation for donating a large volume of cans and boxed foods to our homeless and those in need. Students, PLEASE remember to bring that extra can of food from your cupboard, and parents please remind your children to support this wonderful cause! Your generosity is appreciated!

The Christmas Shoe Box Program is also currently running within our school and it's nice to see students and their family and friends participating in this event, the receiving children are very thankful for those boxes. Stay tuned for more Student Council news in our next school newsletter!

EDUCATION AND CAREER FAIR – Ms. Marshall

This year Dover Bay will be taking the first semester grade 10 planning students and all of our grade 11 students to the Nanaimo Conference Centre on December 2, 2011 to participate in an Education and Career Fair. Permission slips (handed out on Wed. Nov. 23) must be returned **by Monday, Nov. 28**. Grade 10's will be participating in the career fair in the morning, grade 11's in the afternoon of Dec. 2/11.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS:

UVIC ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE 2011-2012 ACADEMIC YEAR

Evan Earp-Jones

Alyssa Eby

Christopher Erickson

Kailey Laidlaw

Lindsay Shaw

Iain Wilson

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarships, \$1000

Lane Foster

Michelle Manhas

Come to Campus Grant, \$500

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarships, \$2000

Robert Kroeker

Come to Campus Grant, \$500

University of Victoria Excellence Scholarship, \$4000

Ariel Mishkin

Black Press Business Scholarships-Entrance, \$5000

Come To Campus Grant, \$500

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarships, \$2000

Jacob Nagrocki

Come to Campus Grant, \$500

President's Entrance Scholarship, \$3000

Nishan Prashar

Come to Campus Grant, \$500

Ethel Dorothy McConnell Scholarship, \$2000

Megan Spencer

University of Victoria Transfer Scholarship, \$2000

OSEF FRANCE-CANADA SUMMER/9 & 11 WEEKS EXCHANGE

For Students 13 to 17 years old

Summer Dates – Canadian Students – July 2012

French Students – August 2012

9 & 11 Week Exchange Dates – Canadian Students are in France from the beginning of February to the end of April 2013

French Students are in Canada from mid-August to the beginning of November 2012.

Registration for both exchanges starts September 1, 2011 Summer applications are accepted until April 30, 2012, 9 & 11 Week applications are accepted until May 30, 2012

Cost for both programs is \$3,800.00

More information is available at www.osef.ca

Or email almcfarland@shaw.ca

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- 5/8 Flooring
- 2 x 4 Framing
- Smart Plank Siding
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- Double Doors with Lockable Hardware
- Ready for Painting



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Office of the District Principal of Student Support Services

November 30, 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is to inform you of an opportunity for *all* parents/guardians to complete a survey regarding Student Support Services in School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith). It may be the case that you do not have children with special needs; however, some questions are designed for you to provide your general feedback. This is your chance to offer valuable input to improve supports and services for children and families in our school district.

School District 68 is committed to informed decision-making and recognizes that potential changes to student supports and services may have far-reaching impact; therefore, the district is seeking your feedback as part of the future planning process.

In 2002 the BCTF conducted a study of special education, English as a Second Language and the role of the school support teacher (special education, learning assistance, ESL, etc.). In 2003/04 SD68 hired a contractor to gather data relating to a range of additional issues in the delivery of supports for students. That data became part of a comprehensive review of Student Support Services resulting in 28 recommendations which have been fully implemented over the past 7 years.

At this time, the district is asking for your feedback regarding the current Student Support Services delivery model as the district enters into discussions regarding future planning.

As part of the planning process the district will collect feedback from parents/guardians, employee groups and various partner groups. You can provide your feedback by completing the online parent/guardian survey at www.sd68.bc.ca.

If you would prefer, you can ask your school principal for a hard-copy which can be returned to the school or put into an envelope and dropped off at the School Board Office (395 Wakesiah Avenue) attention Bob Eslinger.

Please note that this survey will be available online until Monday, January 16th, 2012.

I hope that you will be able to find the time to contribute by completing the survey.

Thank you.

Bob Eslinger,
District Principal, Student Support Services