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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,

I would like to start this newsletter off with welcoming back all the families of the Dover Bay community. Each school opening always has its own identity and this year is no different. While school opening went very smoothly with more than the projected number of students, 1340, and the many start-up challenges, we also have the BCTF Job action. While the BCTF are in phase one of the job action there will be continuous changes which may have an effect at Dover Bay this year. For example: Meet the Teacher evening is cancelled, many of the fundraising activities are not being done, all international and out-of-province trips have been postponed, and parents must communicate directly with teachers to mention a few. I remind you that we will continue to communicate to parents by newsletters, the Dover Bay Web Site and Synrevoice. Please stay tuned and involved with your child this year.

We are rapidly working our way through the first semester. We will shortly reach the mid-point and in phase one of job action, report card's will not 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 and communicating with their teachers directly. Students/parents should be checking directly with their teachers or with the marks' spreadsheets on many classroom walls to ensure your ability to support your sons/daughters school work.

For those parents that are new to Dover Bay, the Dover Bay office has an automatic phone call out system. This system will phone homes if there is an unexcused recorded absent or late from the classroom teacher.

Unexcused is when a note or phone call to the school has not been received. The system is also capable of sending announcements and school wide messages, which enhances our ability to communicate with the Dover Bay families.

In closing, I would like to congratulate Dover Bay graduate Jason Wang on receiving the Governor General's Award as our top grade 12 academic student from last year. Jason's combined percentage of grades for grade 11 and 12 is 97.875% for 16 courses.

Sincerely
John Blain, Principal

Optional Exams:

Please read the following information carefully.

The Ministry of Education has come out with two major changes for this year that parents need to understand. We will begin communicating with grade 10 – 12 students on the new Provincial Scholarship Program and the cancellation of all optional grade 12 exams. I suggest that you make yourself aware and ask questions of your sons and daughters on these upcoming changes. Please read the back of this bulletin for the descriptions of the Ministry changes, and if you require further clarification, please contact the school administration or counseling department.

As of September 1, 2011, Optional Provincial Exams will not be written

The following courses are no longer provincially examinable:

Applications of Math 12, Principles of Math 12, English Literature 12, History 12, Geography 12, Geology 12, Physics 12, Chemistry 12, Biology 12, French 12, Spanish 12, German 12, Mandarin 12, Japanese 12 and Punjabi 12.

The revised examination schedule is posted at:
www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/handbook/schedules.htm

Qualifying for a Grade 12 Graduation Program Exam Scholarship (2010-2011 School Year)

As a result of the cancellation of optional provincial examinations, the Provincial Scholarship Program has been revised. A student graduating on or after September 1, 2011, will receive a \$1000 Examinations Scholarship if:

- student achieves at least a “B” (73% or above) final mark (provincial exam and school mark combined) in one of the Language Arts 12 (Communications 12, English 12, Francais langue premiere 12, or English 12 First Peoples).
- student must achieve at least one “A” (86% or higher) and three “B”s (73% or higher) on four of his or her best provincial exams (can include the Language Arts 12 provincial exam).

Note:

- The examination rewrite rule will be relaxed for one year (September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2012) to allow students to rewrite a required exam to improve their score
- AP and most IB scores will no longer count towards scholarship.
- For students graduating on or before August 31, 2011, grade 12 optional exams are counted towards scholarship eligibility.

A student will receive a \$2500 Exam Scholarship Award if he or she:

- Qualifies to receive an award (above)
- Ranks among the top twenty scholarship students (based on his or her percentage score)

Any student who achieves a perfect score (100%) in each of three Grade 10-12 provincial exams will also be awarded an Academic Medal of Excellence.

When a student has two different percent scores for the same Grade 10-12 provincial exam, the higher percent score will be used. Scholarship scores do not have to be earned in one school year.

MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS

Due to the large number of students we have at Dover Bay it is impossible for the office staff to be constantly relaying messages to students. Only **emergency** messages will be forwarded.

If you are organizing medical/dental appointments for your child, please have them use the pay phones in the school to check in with you. Students are **not permitted** to use the office phones, except if they have to contact parents due to illness.

II. WELCOME:

We welcome the following new staff to Dover Bay.

Ward Norcutt – Drama/Performing Arts
Margaret Parsons – Jr. Learning Alternatives
Bill Plant – Woodwork (temporary)
Randy White – Info Tech/Photo
Janis Uvanile – Art
Kuldeep Basi – Math/Science/Planning
Bill McWhinnie – English/Planning
Ryoko MacColl – ESL
Loa Richardson - ESL
Anna Mohit – Receptionist
Simon Burn – E.A.
Mark McGonigle – E.A.
Lindsay Purkis – E.A.
Karen Larson – Ab. Ed. E.A.



III. IMPORTANT DATES:

Oct. 6	Interim Reports – Early Dismissal
Oct. 6	PAC Meeting– 7pm
Oct. 10	Thanksgiving Holiday – NO SCHOOL
Oct. 11	Pro-D Day – NO SCHOOL
Oct. 14	School Photos – Retake Day
Oct. 21	District Pro-D Day – NO SCHOOL
Nov 1-8	Grad Photos – (Including Saturday)
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL
Nov. 22	Report Cards Issued (Pending)
Nov. 24	Parent-Teacher Conferences (Pending)

STUDENT PHOTOS:

Student Photos were taken on Thursday, September 15th. All students in attendance had their photo taken. Proofs and order packages are expected back early October. Proof packages will be sent home with students with instructions for placing orders. Re-takes are scheduled for Friday, October 14th (if you don't have an order package they will be available in the office).

STUDENT INJURIES

Dover Bay has an elevator with restricted access to students. In the event that your child has an injury or a medical reason that requires use of the elevator, we have keys available with a \$10 deposit.

STUDENT FORMS/FEEES

Student Information and Student Fee forms were sent home with students during the first week of school. These forms are now due back. If you haven't received either of these forms, please have your child come to the office and pick up one up.

INTERIM REPORTS/EARLY DISMISSAL: Mr. Blain

Students will be dismissed at **1:50 pm on October 6th**. Some students may receive Interim Report Cards. Teachers will be available, in their classrooms, between 2:00 – 3:00 pm to meet with parents. In the event the teacher is not available to meet with, please call the school to set up an appointment.

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.



CAFETERIA MEAL VOUCHERS: Chef MacNeill

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 the salad bar, the weekly sandwich special, the short order or main dish. The short order and main dishes sell for \$4.00 so there is a small discount in purchasing vouchers. There is no cash refund value for vouchers purchased. Vouchers are available in the office so that parents may 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 payable to SD#68. Our menu is posted weekly on our website.

IV. STUDENT ACTIVITIES:

AB. ED. NEWS: E. Moody

Dover Bay has three Aboriginal staff working in Aboriginal Education this year. If you have questions or concerns throughout the year, please contact us at the school at 756-4595. The following outlines our roles and support for Aboriginal students:

<u>Erin Moody</u>	Aboriginal Education Teacher
<u>Karen Larsen:</u>	Aboriginal Education Assistant
<u>Grant Begley:</u>	Aboriginal Tutor

We are available to:

- provide academic support.
- liaise between families/communities and teachers/school personnel.
- assist students in course selection
- provide information on post-secondary options and career opportunities.
- help students to find and apply for scholarships.
- organize cultural activities and events.
- provide updates on your child's progress and attendance at your request.

The following programs are opportunities for Aboriginal students at Dover Bay (all students welcome):

Aboriginal Youth Leadership Group- This leadership committee meets at lunch every second week to plan and implement a variety of activities and events throughout the year. Go to **D206** to sign up.

Aboriginal Cultural Group – This group will meet regularly to participate in cultural activities. The activities will take place in **D206** at lunch.

Lunchtime Homework Room- A place for students to receive assistance with schoolwork, eat lunch and socialize with friends. Takes place in room **D206** at lunch **Monday - Friday**.

Notice / Information Board – Watch the bulletin board in **upper D Wing** for notices about upcoming activities, programs and services, scholarship information, and fieldtrip information.

Scholarships and Bursaries for Grades 9 – 12:

The Foundation for the Advancement of Aboriginal

Youth (FAAY) is offering scholarships and bursaries to Aboriginal students in grades 9 -12. The foundation gives out numerous awards each year in the amounts of \$750 and \$2,500. Six Dover Bay students have won these awards in the past three years so **APPLY NOW!!** Applications are available online at www.ccab.com/faay/ and can also be found on the information board in **upper D wing**. See Ms. Moody for more information. Applications are due by **October 15, 2011**.

Cultural Group Volunteers:

We will be running a youth cultural group again this year. If you, or someone you know (community member, Elder etc.), would like to run an activity, teach a traditional skill, tell a story, share a song etc., please let us know. We welcome you into Dover Bay and look forward to seeing you. Please contact Erin Moody or Karen Larsen, at 751-3424, if you are interested.

COUNSELING – Mr. Christianson & Ms. Smith

Counseling Case Loads

We would like to welcome Ms. Lesley Domino to our counseling department.

The case loads for our counselors are alphabetical across all grades. The breakdown is as follows:

A-E Ms. Michelle Smith
F-L Ms. Lisa Sunde
M-Q Mr. Scott Christianson
R-Z Ms. Lesley Domino

Making Appointments with Counselors

Students are able to make appointments with their counselor. Students can drop in before or after school or at lunch, or if their counselor is busy or unavailable, you can fill out an appointment request form in the Counseling Centre (B101) and leave it in your counselor's mailbox. You will then be called down when the counselor is available.

Scholarship Information Night

This is an important invitation to all Grade 11 and 12 students interested in applying for Scholarships. The Counseling Department will be hosting a Scholarship Information night next Monday, October 3 at 6:30pm in the Multi-purpose Room. Parents are welcome to attend.

Grade 12's Guide to Scholarships 2011-2012

Timeline:

September Submit your email to the main office
Thurs. Oct. 13 Scholarship Resume Building (Lunchtime)
Mid-Jan. 2012 Nanaimo Ladysmith School Foundation
Local Scholarship booklet and application available online at www.nlsf.ca

External Awards Places to Look

- Local Scholarships in your community
- Your employer or your Parent's Employer
- Professional Organizations/Affiliations
- Industry

Internet Databases

- www.studentscholarships.org
- www.bcsholarships.ca
- www.ammsa.com
- www.nursingscholarships.ca
- www.nupge.ca/scholarships
- www.engineeringscholarships.ca
- www.listofschoalrships.ca
- www.bced.gov.bc.ca/awards/

Dogwood District/Authority Awards

Recognizes excellence for graduates who excel in the areas of fine arts, applied skill, physical activity, or second languages.

- \$500.00 cheque, and \$500.00 voucher for use towards post-secondary education

Passport to Education

Passport to Education recognizes student achievement in Grade 10-12.

Grade 10	\$250.00
Grade 11	\$250.00
Grade 12	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total	1000.00

Secondary School Apprenticeship

The Secondary School Apprenticeship program allows students to earn high school credits for trades-related work. It requires students to be sponsored by a certified trade person at a registered WCB worksite. Many students may already be in a position to benefit from this program – they are referred to as “hidden” apprentices. Students in this program can earn four courses at the grade 11/12 level; one course for each 120 hours worked. Upon successful completion of the SSA program students may earn a \$1000.00 scholarship. For more info contact Rick McDonough at 250-740-2013. www.bced.gov.bc.ca/careers/ssa/application.

Entrance Scholarships

Many universities offer Entrance scholarships to attract the brightest students to their campuses. You must have applied to the institution to be eligible. Sometimes students are automatically considered for entrance awards when they are admitted, and other times require a separate application. Check out the following sites...

UVIC www.uvic.ca

VIU www.viu.ca

UBC www.ubc.ca

SFU www.sfu.ca

BC and Canada Student Loan Guide

<http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc/>

Dover Bay Scholarship Contacts:

L. Domino (Block 1/E104) , L. Sunde (Counseling), M. Smith (Counseling)

DRAMA NEWS - Ms. Schwarze and Mr. Norcutt

Farewell Mr. Anderson

As you may know, master teacher Mr. Hugh Anderson retired at the end of June, 2011. From all of us at Dover, thank you for all you have done for students over all of your many years of service. He is, and will be missed at Dover, and drama students and staff alike wish him all the best in his new life outside of the drama room. Enjoy life with your family --and without bells, Mr. Anderson!

Welcome Mr. Norcutt

Ms. Schwarze remains in Mr. Anderson's old chair and is very happy to welcome to Dover Bay's busy Drama department a very fine drama teacher, the highly talented and accomplished, Mr. Ward Norcutt, most recently from Cedar Secondary. Mr. Norcutt is already in full gear teaching drama and shaking things up by re-organizing and reworking storage in the department with his Stagecraft class whose next task is designing and building the set for this year's musical, **West Side Story**. Get ready, folks, Mr. Norcutt's sets are always fabulous!

Musical Theatre - Ms. Schwarze

Well-loved musical **West Side Story** is set to run during the last week of November/first week of December. The two gangs, the Jets and the Sharks will vie for power in their fifties' world as you might expect, and Tony and Maria are destined to fall in love, but they will have a more modern dance style than what you might have seen in the movie version, and definitely a more

contemporary take than that of their counterparts in the original Shakespearean play, **Romeo and Juliet**, from which this play takes its story.

Mr. Irving's band is already rehearsing some of the most memorable, jazzy musical numbers known, and Ms. Schwarze's cast is busy learning lines, songs, dances, characters, and stage blocking. The whole production promises to be a real crowd pleaser!

Variety Night - October 28th

Our annual talent showcase, Variety Night, is set for the end of October. Dover Bay is blessed with an incredible number of talented students, and there is already a buzz in the drama room about who will be auditioning what for this year's show. If you have a skit, a song, a dance, or something completely different, start rehearsing now to be ready to audition within the first two weeks of October.

Bay Theatrix always uses Variety Night's gate to subsidize the extremely expensive musical (performance rights alone are \$3,000.00), so that we can keep ticket prices for that show low. This year, job action may prohibit that practice. Please be sure to read next month's Drama News for an update as to whether we can run Variety Night this year. At this point, we are planning a curtain time of 7:00 p.m. on October the 28th. Variety Night is always a smash hit, and generally seats fill early, so do mark your calendars now.

DOVER BAY ECO CLUB - Mari K, Cassandra E, and Amy H <http://www.eco.doverbay.ca/>

Looking for ways to help the environment? Dover Bay Eco Club is our school's environmental organization. Some of the things that we do in the school and around the community include initiating zero waste programs, organizing Earth Week events, and working with local biologists in habitat restoration.

Last year our most notable accomplishment was in winning a national contest and making Dover Bay recognized as the Greenest School in Canada! On top of that, we received \$50,000 worth of more energy efficient technology from Staples Canada! This new school year, we have again planned lots of interesting and fun environmental projects for students at Dover Bay. Our meetings are Mondays at lunch in Room D104. New members are always welcome!

Get some volunteer hours on your record!

Over the years, doing these activities has given our members tremendous opportunities. This summer, one of our club members was able to travel to the Arctic after winning a scholarship worth over \$10 000 for her role in the Eco Club and her passion for the environment. Another member got an extraordinary job for the summer working to preserve the Purple Martin population in the area. Members also got hired to work on the Millstone River.

Upcoming opportunity!!

Eco Club/Outdoors Club Event: September 24th, 2011
Saving Native Trees by Removing Invasive English Ivy

The Dover Bay Eco and Outdoors Club members, along with Charles Thirkill, Field Coordinator for the Friends of the Millstone River, are planning to get together on Saturday, September 24 in Bowen Park. We'll be looking over the salmon spawning gravel we laid over the summer and the changes made near the side channel. In the morning, we'll also be setting some fry traps in the ponds and that afternoon we'll recover the traps and count the fry. There is also blackberry to cut and ivy to pull. It will be a fun and eventful day. We will meet at the duck pond at 9AM and will finish up about 3PM. If you are interested in coming out, please contact Charles Thirkill at thirkill@telus.net.

DOVER BAY WEIGHT ROOM

The weight room will be open Monday through Friday from 7 – 8 am. All students are welcome to attend. Mr. Norcutt will be supervising.

PROM: Mr. Lintott

Dover Bay is very excited to be hosting Prom once again this year for our Grade 12 students. Last year's event celebrated a Grande Voyage theme and was an overwhelming success. Our scheduled date for the 2012 Prom is Saturday, May 12th. In order to make this a memorable occasion for our grads, we need the support of our parents and community. We were fortunate to have a very strong Prom Organizing Committee last year, and hope we can assemble a similar group for this year. At this time, we are looking for interested parents to meet and lead the organizing efforts for Prom 2012. Please check the Dover Bay website for information regarding scheduled parent volunteer meetings.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL – M. Mazzarotto

Students are invited to get involved in this year's students council. Meet new people, plan fun events, take part in various worthwhile projects. We meet every **Tuesday at lunchtime in room E207**.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS:

HOMESTAY PLACEMENTS NEEDED

The International Student Education Program of the Nanaimo-Ladysmith School District requires homestay placements for secondary school students for the 2011-12 school year. Our students come from a number European, Asian and South American countries.

Caring and supportive families who wish to share their home with a student from another culture should contact Iva Jarvis, Homestay Coordinator at 616-9851 or e-mail ijarvis@sd68.bc.ca

Families receive a daily honorarium for hosting

For more information about the district's International Student Education program, please call 751-0197.

PARTICIPATE IN A RECIPROCAL EXCHANGE IN FRANCE

Host your French partner, live with a French family and attend school the following year.

JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM 13 TO 17 YEARS OLD
Applications close on May 15, 2012

INDIVIDUAL RECIPROCAL EXCHANGES FOR 4 AND 11 WEEKS

The **French** students are in Canada from August to October or November (depending on the arrival date). The **Canadians** students are in France from February to May (depending on the arrival date). For the one month program, Canadian students are in France for July and return at the end of July with their exchange partner to spend August in Canada.

Students attend an orientation session during a week-end in May or June in order to prepare for successful exchange.

The program includes 2 days of visits and orientation in Paris (the Eiffel Tower, a boat ride on the Seine River, Notre Dame and the Champs Elysées avenue, and accommodation in a hotel).

September/October: the French students attend their partner's school and at the end of the exchange students receive a school report from their Junior or Senior High school.

The partners and their families are selected according to interest, age, and personal activities. The students are covered by a health and repatriation insurance with Europ Assistance.

The principal's permission is compulsory to take part in the 9 or 11 week exchange.

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