

I. PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are about to start semester two; where has the time gone. The counselors our completing timetable changes for students although semester two classes are very full and there is not a lot of room to change courses. Students will also be receiving new course outlines. Be sure to review these with your children. School teaching staff will also be changing and there are new teachers assigned to the building.

Unfortunately for Dover Bay we have three staff members retiring this year. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours:

Mr. Kim Slater	English Teacher
Mrs. Trudy Parsons	Counsellor
Mrs. Lynda Burnett	Head Secretary

Thank you to the following teachers who have completed their assignments at Dover Bay. Your contributions to our school are most appreciated and we wish you the best in your next teaching assignments:

Ms. Kim Burnett	Social Studies/Aboriginal Studies
Ms. Maryah Bell	English
Mr. Mike Gray	Math/Social Studies
Ms. Lisa Aristou	English
Mr. Satbinder Bhatti	Health and Career Education
Ms. Barbara Ranostay	French
Ms. Joanne Chisholm	E.A.
Ms. Elizabeth Nasserden	E.A.

A welcome to the following new staff members joining us for the second semester:

Mr. David Fraser	Technology Education/Band
Mrs. Colleen Gale	Head Secretary

School counselors are now working on the course selection process for the 2010-2011 school year and will be finish by the end of February. Please work with your children in carefully selecting their courses for next year and the future. This will be an ongoing process during this semester, please stay tuned.

Dover Bay Secondary School is fortunate to host a group of Japanese students from Yokohama, Soei. We will be hosting them from February 25 until the morning of Saturday, March 6th. Our visitors will be attending classes here at Dover Bay each day from 8:30 until 3:00, taking part in cultural activities, sporting events, and English Second Language (ESL). This is a new opportunity for Dover Bay and we are looking forward to the experiences and rewards they will bring to our community.

Dover Bay is looking for host families for one or two of our Japanese visitors. Financial remuneration is available and if you would like to share in the exciting experience contact Mr. Brian Lennox at Dover Bay. 250-756-4595 or e-mail blennox@sd68.bc.ca.

Sincerely
John Blain, Principal.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER THANK YOU: Mrs. McLean

Our school and community managed to raise over \$2300. to support eleven families with Christmas Hampers this past December. We would like to gratefully acknowledge the support of the following organizations: Quality Foods, Superstore, Thrifty's, McGirr PAC, Dover Bay Staff and Parents, as well as some anonymous donors. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this a success.

II. IMPORTANT DATES:

Jan. 25-29	Semester 1 exams. See schedule in this newsletter
Feb. 1	Semester 2 begins Pizza sale at lunch
Feb. 3	Pizza Sale at lunch
Feb. 4	PAC Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Library
Feb. 11	Report Cards sent home
Feb. 22	Pro.D. – No students in attendance
Feb. 23	Pro.D. – No students in attendance
Feb. 25	Newsletter home
Mar. 4	Interim reports – Early Dismissal PAC Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Library
Mar. 5	Last day of classes before Spring Break
Mar. 15	First day of classes after Spring Break

III. STUDENT ACTIVITIES:**CHILD FITNESS TAX CREDIT FORMS: Mrs. Burnett**

If your child has paid fees to participate on an extra curricular team last year (January - December, 2009) you will be getting a tax credit form for Income Tax purposes according to the amount the coach has submitted to me. These are available in the office now or will be attached to your child's report card which will be sent home February 11th, 2010.

JANUARY 2010 EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

Monday, January 25

School Based 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
EN 8, 9, 11; COM 11
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
BI 11
Provincial 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
GEOG 12
12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
BI 12 (e-only)

Tuesday, January 26

School Based 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
SC 8, 9; PHYS 11
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
MA 8, 9; PMA 11; EMA 11
Provincial 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
PHYS 12; COM 12
12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
PMA 12

Wednesday, January 27

School Based 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
CH 11; ESC 11
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
SS 8, 9, 10
Provincial 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
EN 12
12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
SS 11; LIT 12 (e-only); GEOL 12

Thursday, January 28

Provincial 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
EN 10; BCFNS 12 (e-only); FR 12
12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
PMA 10; EMA 10; App. MA 10;
App. MA 12; HIST 12 (e-only)

Friday, January 29

Provincial 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
SCI 10
12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
CH 12

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: Ms. Stigings

Goodbyes go out to Marie Strauch, Victoria Hofig, Yasmin Silva, Felipe Duzzi Barretto, Hyun Jo, Vitor Mello, Lukas Windeln, Sebastian Kuehn, Vitor Martins, Laura Schoett, Charlotte Neuhauser, Carolina Cata-Preta, Maximilian Schmidt and Dorothy Mok as they head back to their home countries. We wish them a safe return and hope that they are leaving with fond memories of their time here at Dover Bay. We will miss you all.

Hello's go out to our new international students who will be attending Dover Bay second semester.

Jun Wha Chung, S. Korea	Sinje Clausen, Germany
Leticia Da Costa Barros, Brazil	Jonas Droegemueller, Ger.
Jessica Faiad, Brazil	Carolina Honda, Brazil
Anna Sophie Lottermoser, Ger.	Leon Meier, Germany
Bruna Melo Cavalcante De Barros Aguiar, Brazil	
Sae Oba, Japan	Juliana Pereira, Brazil
Daniel Salvador, Brazil	Theresa Schmidt, Ger.
Sonia Schroeder Briones, Mex.	Michelle Gonzales, Brazil

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION: Mrs. Barton

As the semester is nearing its end, you may be feeling the pressure of final exams. If you need any extra help, come to D206 during exam week for extra help – the room will be open all day this week.

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.

COURSE SELECTION FOR 2010-2011: Mr. Christianson

The course selection process for the 2010-2011 school year will begin in January. Please make note of the following important date:

February 9th-17th: Course selection for all students in *second semester* Elective Package 8, Health and Career 9/half semester elective 9, and Planning 10 classes.

Please note: Students will be bringing their course selection form home for parental approval. This should be returned to the counselling centre with a parent’s signature. We will also have students fill out and hand in a second course selection form in their session. If we do not receive the signed copy back from parents, we will use the second course selection form to enter courses into the computer. If you have any questions, please contact your child’s counselor.

MATH DEPARTMENT CONTEST INFORMATION: Mr. Tamm

The Waterloo math contests are happening soon! The Pascal (grade 9), Cayley (grade 10) and Fermat (grade 11) contests will be written on Thursday, February 25th. The Euclid contest (grade 12) will be written on Wednesday, April 7th. The grade 8 Gauss contest is Wednesday, May 12th. Other contests of interest include the American Mathematics Contest on Tuesday, February 9th. Students in grades 8, 9 and 10 are eligible to write the AMC 10 while grades 11 and 12 are eligible to write the AMC 12. The preliminary round of the BC Colleges High School Contest will be written in March with the final round taking place at Vancouver Island University (VIU) in early May (Dates have yet to be announced). Students wishing to participate should see Mr. Tamm.

STUDENT COUNCIL: Mrs. Mazzarotto

DOVER BAY CAN DRIVE

Congratulations Dover Bay!! Once again we have collected an impressive 12,318 cans for the Nanaimo Food Bank. This year, 1st place was awarded to Mr. Nicks with 5,219 cans. 2nd place went to Mr. Tamm with 2,850 cans, followed by Mr. Eby in 3rd place with 936 cans, and Miss Berkey took 4th place with 809 cans. Thank you to everyone for their hard work and support!

VALENTINE’S DAY

Matchmakers will be sold in the atrium for one dollar. Be sure to fill them out and bring them back to a volunteer at the purchasing table. Valogram orders will also be taken, but get your order in fast! There are 250 Valograms being made for this year, don’t miss the opportunity to send your sweetheart or friend a rose made of Hershey’s chocolate kisses!

VARIETY CLUB PINS

This year we will be selling the Variety Club gold heart pins. Cost is three dollars each and this year the engraved picture on the pins is Kermit the Frog. All proceeds go to the Variety Club.

DRAMA NEWS: MS. SCHWARZE AND MR. ANDERSON

Dear Chuck

During the second week of January, many of you were able to come out and enjoy Jonathan Dorf's ***Dear Chuck*** which was skillfully presented by this year's Grade 8 Performing Arts Academy. This script dealt with some very powerful and intense issues, and our first year Dover Academy students did the writing proud. I'm sure those of you who saw the show will agree that we have much to look forward to watching these talented actors in years to come. They are nothing short of amazing!

The Boyfriend

It's already 2010! Last year's musical, Sandy Wilson's ***The Boyfriend***, turned out to be a great success. What a pleasure it was to work with this group. Dover Bay's students proved once again that they are more than capable of putting on an excellent show. Hats off to all of the actors: they created wonderful, fun characters, and this time performed far more dances, and more complex dances at that! Our thanks go out to our new dance teacher Miss Grovum. And many thanks to the other teachers who made this show great: Mr. Irving, Mr. Anderson, Ms. Moffatt, and Ms. McDonald. Also, a special thank you to the band and of course to all of the tremendous backstage crew who did a wonderful job of making the actors look so good.

Next Fall

I look forward to next year's show, Arthur Laurent's ***West Side Story***, inspired by *Romeo and Juliet*. Students interested in auditioning should be checking the call board outside of the drama room for pertinent notices.

***Almost Perfect*—**

Almost Perfect, which performed Jan21-23 was created by the PA 9/10 students to bring attention to the fact that everyone wants world peace—as long as everyone else believes the same things they do. The process of building the show meant that the students had to look outside of their own lives at the larger world and connect the dots. Polishing meant script writing, learning choral techniques and choreography as well as the refinement of acting techniques—a lot of skills to support their performance goals.

North Island Regional Drama Festival

Now we enter festival season. The North Island Regional Drama festival is in Comox this year at the end of February, and the program will take an as yet untitled ensemble creation based on Slam poetry and short dialogues written by the cast. Also in rehearsal at the moment is our Youthwrite entry written by Andrew Pye to feature his work as a magician in a story based on the myth of Pygmalion. Both shows will be presented to a public audience in late February.

ECO CLUB: Grace Chang

Message in the Bottles - "Is Dover really recycling?"

In December a very special display was set up in Dover's atrium as part of the Eco Club's "Message in the Bottles" Project. Two Christmas trees were built out of a week's worth of recycled plastic bottles – or more specifically, one was built out of properly-recycled bottles and the other out of improperly disposed bottles, such as those found on the floor and in the garbage cans.

The objectives of this project were to visually answer the question "Is Dover really recycling?" and to see how much plastic bottles are being used by Dover weekly.

Over a week,
740 juice boxes,
726 plastic bottles and
551 pop cans
were properly disposed.

114 juice boxes,
149 plastic bottles and
50 pop cans
were improperly disposed.

17% of all bottles were not recycled. If we continue to improperly dispose this amount of recyclables, Dover will be throwing away \$813 a year!

Dover can do better! The Eco Club would like to remind all students of Dover Bay to recycle their juice boxes, bottles and cans in the coming months. Let's recycle and make our environment greener. Remember, every little action counts.

Battery Recycling

All staff and students of Dover are encouraged to bring used batteries from home to school and to put them in any of the battery jars placed in individual classrooms. The Eco Club aims to divert harmful chemicals from the landfill. Used batteries contain harmful substances that should be carefully handled and recycled. All batteries collected will be sent to the Nanaimo Recycling Exchange.

Mason Bee House Sales

Mason Bee Houses that were ordered on the last parent-teacher conference night are ready to be picked up! Please see Mr. Graham to arrange for a time to pick up or email dbecoclub@gmail.com

If you are interested in Mason Bee Houses, stay tuned for our next Bee House Sale!

Help local, harmless pollinators by providing them with a home! Less aggressive than the honey bee, mason bees make perfect garden 'pets'. Mason bee houses are only \$15. Every purchase comes with detailed instructions on how to care for your mason bees. Bee houses are made by the Woodworking 8 class. Buy one today to help the decreasing population of mason bees native to Nanaimo.

The Eco Club meets every Tuesday at Lunch in D104. New members always welcome!

WRESTLING CLUB: Mr. Tuck

Your Dover Bay Wrestling team members are continuing to develop a variety of skills both on and off the mats. The sport is about so much more than wrestling. We now have six students who are certified referees! The bowling party, video review session, and bottle drives have been well attended and highly productive.

Other coaches around BC are taking note of the quality of the Dover Wrestlers, in particular their maturity and their fitness are often complimented.

We have six athletes who are vying for seeding points leading up to the provincials and at the SFU Elite tournament on December 18th both Grace Tuck and Jackie Wong earned 4th place while competing up one weight class each!

Our next big challenge will have passed as you read this; the team went to Kamloops for the Western Canadian Age Class Championships January 15 and 16th. Last year we had one medallist in Katie van Hest, perhaps this year there will be more?

New athletes are always welcome, and the crop of young and small students in the wrestling room this year promises great things in the future.

If you are thinking about coming out please ask any wrestler at Dover about how much fun they are having!

PROM 2010 UPDATE – “Bright Lights, Big Dreams”

Committees have been busy over Christmas, and Prom 2010 is starting to take shape. Promotional materials have been created, a budget has been established, a caterer has been booked, a DJ and dance floor have been confirmed and decorations, student and fundraising committees have been very productive as well.

Student input is being actively solicited for many areas of the evening, including entertainment, decorations and after-Prom events. Volunteer time spent on these planning committees can be used towards Career Explorations requirements.

Adult volunteers are still needed for Fundraising, Security and Clean-up teams. To get involved contact DoverProm2010@shaw.ca

Tickets will be available approximately March 1.

IV: PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS

A small but enthusiastic group met on Thursday, January 7th at the library. A few budget items were passed and a tremendous amount of information was shared by Mr. Blain and the PAC executive with respect to events and issues that effect all Dover Bay students and stakeholders. Thankfully, a lot of this information is uploaded to the PAC website www.doverbaypac.ca so that people who are unable to attend the meetings can at least review the sessions.

I encourage all parents to review the District 68 DRAFT Facilities framework which outlines the plans for capital expenditures for new construction and renovations of schools. There is a feedback form available online through the District website www.sd68.bc.ca. There is an opportunity to discuss the plans with trustees on Saturday, January 16th at McGirr Elementary between 10 am and 12 noon. The BIG news is the current plan ignores Dover Bay completely. This is the "public" consultation opportunity, so please check these out and respond as you see fit. I would also like to stress that contrary to urban myth, all of the PAC executive are not: overwhelmed, overstressed, overworked, and otherwise over involved in the school. On the contrary, I see dedicated and caring parents giving up a few hours a week to help support the administration, teachers, staff, coaches, students and various committees that make the school the dynamic learning and social centre that it is. We will be having a change of the guard within a few months of certain key positions...that could clearly be co-chaired and mentored until the retirement of the these individuals. Every meeting is a learning opportunity and the workloads are bearable and rewarding...especially with a few more bodies...as Grandma always said, "many hands make light work".

Finally, our next PAC meeting is set for Thursday, February 4th at 7:00 pm in the Library when we will have a guest speaker, Mr. Bob Eslinger, the District Principal of Support Services. He will be discussing the District policy around funding and supporting of services to Dover Bay students, especially those with special needs. The admission price is only your time. Bob will be the first person on the agenda and the business will meet after his presentation. I plan to keep it short and within our 1 to 1.5 hour norm. I hope to see you there.

Paul Tidey
PAC President

V: MISCELLANEOUS

JAPANESE STUDENTS:

Looking For a New Adventure?

Host a Japanese Student!

Share what it means to be Canadian
Learn foreign customs
Create lifelong friendships
Have Fun!!!

We are currently looking for host families for the I Yokohama Soei Homestay Program (Junior High School from Japan) that will take place at **Dover Bay High School – Feb 25-March 6th, 2010.**

Compensation provided.
Single and double placements needed

To learn how to become a host family and get involved in your community, please contact:

Lynn Smith
Homestay Coordinator
MLI Homestay Inc.
Tel: (250) 760-0332 Cell: (250) 619-8171
Email: lsmith@mliesl.com
Website: www.mliesl.com

TRIPLE P GROUP TEEN AT NDSS

For parents with children 12 to 15

(Workshop in the new year; if you have questions, please contact your child's counselor.)

Where: NDSS, Meeting Room B
Day & Time: Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
When: Group sessions,
January 28th to March 18th, 2010

Session 1 January 28th
What is Positive Parenting?

Session 2 February 4th
Promoting Children's Development

Session 3 February 11th
Managing Misbehaviour Part 1

Session 4 February 18th
Managing Misbehaviour Part 2

Session 5 February 25th
Planning Ahead – Parenting Routines

Session 6 March 4th
Individual Support

Session 7 March 15/16th
Individual Telephone Support

Session 8 March 18th
Program Close

Sessions 1 to 5 are group formats; Sessions 6 & 7 individual support; Session 8 last group format

Please contact Donna Damsgaard, 250-740-2031 or Camilla McGuire, 250-713-6631 for registration by Jan. 21st.

COMMUNITY EVENT

Family Time Connections is proud to present a **FREE** community event called The Roots - A Family Reconnect Experience, at John Barsby Community School on February 13th from 12:30 - 4:30, which will provide information about services, miniature workshops, entertainment, door prizes, and refreshments. **For more info call (250) 716-8888 or familytimeconnections@telus.net Fun for the whole family!**



Mr. Durvin
250-751-3401
bdurvin@sd68.bc.ca
PM only
Tu/Th @ lunchtime

Mr. Dendes
250-751-3419
edendes@sd68.bc.ca
Blocks 1 & 2

Mrs. Monaghan
250-751-3420
lmonaghan@sd68.bc.ca
Counselling Office



The local Scholarships and Bursaries booklet will be available @ lunch on February 8 at the Gr. 12 Assembly in the Library. **Deadline is Feb. 19/09. (January Grads take note!)**
Scholarship Booklet online: www.sd68.bc.ca

VIU – Jan 15 Scholarship Application

This application has been changed and the new one will be available mid-February. A notice will be coming out to the students when it becomes available.

Upcoming Program Information Sessions at V.I.U. All sessions begin at 7:30pm

Feb 1 - Building 180, Room 134
Child & Youth, Diploma & Degree

Feb. 2 – Building 250, Room 125
Tourism, Recreation & Sport Management

Feb. 3 – Building 250, Room 308
Masters in Business Administration (MBA)

Feb. 3 – Building 180, Room 134
Early Childhood Education & Care

Feb. 4 – Building 180, Room 134
Power Sport & Marine Technician Program

Feb. 8 – Building 315, Room 216
BSc (Computing Science, Math, Physics, Engineering)

Feb. 8 – Building 180, Room 134
Automotive Service Technician

Feb. 9 – Building 250, Room 125
Hospitality Management

Feb.10 – Building 180, Room 134
Dental Hygiene

Feb.11 – Building 356, Room 111
Education Programs

Feb 15 – Building 180, Room 134
School & Community Support Worker Program

Feb.16 - Building 200, Room203
Bachelor of Arts (Social Sciences & Humanities)

Feb.17 – Building 180, Room 134
Green Building & Renewable Energy Diploma

Feb.22 – Building 320, Room 105
Music Programs (Classical & Jazz)

**Feb.23 – Building 300, Royal Arbutus Room
Parents' Night on Admissions, Scholarships,
Financial Aid.**

Feb.24 – Building 180, Room 134
Social Services Diploma

Opportunities

Work/Volunteer Year Abroad - Gap Lattitudes

Gap Lattitudes is accepting applications to their international volunteering programs for Fall 2010. They have started interviewing; if you would like to apply you should do so soon. www.Lattitudecanada.org

BC Cancer Agency High School Internship Program

The High School Internship Program is designed to provide 4 **grade 11 students** (must be 16) each summer the opportunity to explore cancer research from the front lines by spending 8 weeks through the summer at the Deeley Research Centre. The successful interns are given a specific project to undertake during the summer in coordination with current research being done as well as independent tasks in the lab. Upon completion of the internship the students are awarded a \$3,000 bursary, provided by the BC Cancer Foundation. More info: www.bccrc.ca/drc/highschoolinternship.html

New Scholarships Available in the Graduation Centre:

1. BCGEU Scholarship-due Feb. 26/10
2. B.C. Health Care Bursary-March 31/10.
3. B.C. Hydro Power Pioneers-March 31/10.
4. B.C. Soccer Association-March 31/10.
5. Certified General accountants-CGA-April 12/10.
6. Certified Management Accountants
7. David C. Lam/Teal-ESL Scholarship-Jan. 31/10.
8. DuPont Challenge Science Essay-Jan. 31/10.
9. First Citizens Fund student Bursary-May 28/10.
10. Future Aces-Jan.31/10.
11. Girl Guides-April 1/10.
12. Gowling-Biotechnology Essay-May 30/10.
13. Jack Farley Youth Sports Achievement award-March 1/10.
14. Life Saving Society-Jan. 31/10.
15. Miller Thomson Foundation-March 15/10.
16. Pacific Leaders-April 30/10.
17. RBC Aboriginal Student Awards-Feb. 28/10.
18. REMAX-Quest for Excellence-March 5/10.
19. Scouts Canada-April 1/10.
20. Terry Fox Humanitarian Award-Feb. 1/10.
21. Top 20 Under 20-Jan.22/10.
22. 2010 Toyota Earthday-feb.28/10.
23. Trevor Linden Community Spirit-April 30/10.
24. UVIC Entrance Scholarships – March 31/10
25. UVIC Engineering – www.engr.uvic.ca/awards.html
26. Nanaimo Arts Council – March 15, 2010



GTS Graduation Transitions Standards Program

Grade 12:

If you have not already done so, please make an appointment to see your GTS advisor, Mr. Dendes or Mr. Durvin, ASAP. Interview times are available during the exam break.

Grades 10 and 11:

The Graduation standards require students to engage in at least 150 minutes per week of moderate to vigorous physical activity. Pick up a log sheet from C100 to keep track in the semesters you do not take a P.E. class. It's good for your body, brain and spirit! Take your evidence to the Graduation Centre for safekeeping at the end of each semester.