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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/](http://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,

Once again welcome to Dover Bay Secondary School's 2010-11 school year! The hectic pace of opening week has subsided and students should now have settled into regular school routines. Please be certain to check with your child's counselor regarding any questions about their program of courses for the school year.

A particular welcome to those students and parents new to the Dover Bay community. We hope that you will find your experience at Dover Bay to be a special and rewarding one.

On Opening Day all students received a Student and Parent Handbook . A great deal of information about the school is included in the Handbook including the school's Code of Conduct. Please review with your son or daughter the information in the Handbook and encourage them to make effective use of the handbook as an information resource.

Members of the administration have met with students at individual grade assemblies. At the assemblies we emphasized that Dover Bay is a safe, caring and orderly school. We spoke to students about displaying a positive attitude; attending all classes and being on time; achieving one's learning potential. We also spoke about conducting oneself in a socially responsible manner both at school and in the community. In particular we stressed that students are accountable for the school's Code of Conduct as outlined in the Student and Parent Handbook. We would appreciate parents reinforcing with their daughter or son how they can contribute to making Dover Bay a safe, orderly, caring school.

Again, welcome to the 2010-11 school year and we look forward to meeting you at this evening's "Meet the Teacher Night" scheduled for 7:00 pm.

Sincerely  
Dan Ryan, Acting Principal.

## CALENDAR CHANGE/UPDATE:

Please note that the Pro-D Day in May will be on **Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011** (not May 16<sup>th</sup> as stated in the Student Handbook and Student Planner). Please update your calendar accordingly.



## MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS

Due to the large number of students we have at Dover Bay and the number of portables on site, 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.

Ms. Lisa Sunde – Counselling  
 Mr. Jim Pascoe – Learn @ Home  
 Mrs. Lynn Brown - English  
 Mrs. Evelyn Matthews – Counselling  
 Ms. Dana Brown – Learning Assistance  
 Mrs. Tina Roberts – Dance/PE  
 Ms. Olivia Mark – Junior Learning Alternatives  
 Ms. Chantelle Huynh – Math  
 Mrs. Joanne Smith – Education Assistant  
 Mr. Grant Begley – Aboriginal Tutor  
**And returning back to Dover with a new assignment:**  
 Mr. Bill McWhinnie – English, Socials, PE



## III. IMPORTANT DATES:

Sept. 23	Meet the Teacher Night – 7pm
Sept. 27	Pro-D Day – NO SCHOOL
Oct. 7	Interim Reports – Early Dismissal
Oct. 7	PAC Meeting (Budget) – 7pm
Oct. 11	Thanksgiving Holiday – NO SCHOOL
Oct. 22	District Pro-D Day – NO SCHOOL
Oct. 22/23	Grad Photos – Friday and Saturday

### STUDENT PHOTOS:

Student Photos were taken on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. All students in attendance had their photo taken. Proofs and order packages are expected back during the week of the 27th. Packages will be sent home with students with instructions for placing orders.

### 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.

### SCHOOL FEES: Mrs. Gale

School Fees for the 2010/2011 school year have been coming in. Thank you to those who have already paid, a reminder to those who haven't, they are due by **Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**.

### INTERIM REPORTS: Mr. Ryan

Students will be dismissed at 1:50 p.m. on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Some students may receive Interim Report Cards. Teachers will be available, in their classrooms, between 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. to meet with parents if parents should wish to.

### 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 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 payable to SD#68. Our menu is posted on our website weekly.

### VOLUNTEERS: Mrs. Marshall

We will be looking for parent volunteers toward the end of the month for the morning, to help supervise with the grade nine inoculations. If you are available or able

to volunteer three hours during the morning, please give the office a call and ask to speak to Mrs. Marshall for more information.

Thank-you.

## IV. STUDENT ACTIVITIES:

### STUDENTS' COUNCIL – M. Mazzarotto

Executive meetings: every Monday at 11:30 in E211

General meetings: every Tuesday at 7:30 in the multipurpose room. Everyone welcome!

Terry Fox run: Thursday Sept 23 at 10am (block 3)

Donations gratefully accepted for cancer research

Camp Qwanoes annual students council leadership retreat Oct 7-8.

For more information please see one of the advisors (Ms. Mazzarotto, Ms. Berkey, Ms. McWhinnie, Mr. Dendes) or a students council executive member:

Byron Miller President

Maryah Allen Vice President

Aly Eby Secretary/Treasurer

Tara Bradley Events Committee Coordinator

Emma Hsueh Global Actions Committee Coordinator

Hailey Fielden Spirit Leader

Taylor Wright, Colin Thomas, Steven Bamford, Hantao

Yuan and Chris Yoon Sports Committee

Grade Reps: (several more TBA)

Gr 12 Matthew Walker, Lauren White, Victoria Fraser

Gr 11 Nicole Tang, Becca Patterson, Annie La

Gr 10 Lauren Shaw, Dainka Binng

Gr 9 Megan Winkel, Clara Kim

Gr 8 TBA

### 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 was the first at Dover Bay in several years and was an overwhelming success. Our scheduled date for the 2011 Prom is May 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 2011. Please check the Dover Bay website for information regarding scheduled parent volunteer meetings.

### 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 the ways that we can support Aboriginal students:

Erin Moody

**Aboriginal Education Teacher**

Wendy Beaton:

**Aboriginal Education Assistant**

Grant Begley :

**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.

**Programs:** The following 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/](http://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, 2010**.

**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 Wendy Beaton, at 756-4595, if you are interested.

**Me to We Leadership**

The Aboriginal students who participated in the Me to We leadership training course last year are invited to attend the annual **"We Day"** at GM Place in Vancouver on October 15. Erin Moody and Wendy Beaton will be chaperones. Students interested in signing up for the leadership training course this year should see us for details ASAP.

**V. PAC:**

**PAC NEWS: P. Tidey**

The first PAC meeting of the year has come and gone and we now have some new Executive members and members at large for the 2010-2011 school year.

Next week at the Meet the Teacher night (Thursday Sept 23rd at 7:00pm) please drop by the Pac table to

meet and talk with the new PAC Executive, they want to hear from you!

We are still waiting for a Treasurer to step forward and to be coached by our retiring Treasurer over the course of this year.

**PAC Executive for 2010-2011**

Glynis O'Shea & Theresa Silk	Co-Presidents
Helen Fearn	Vice President
Karen Richardson	Secretary
Kathy Obad	Acting Treasurer

The 1st PAC Budget night is set for the next meeting on **Thursday October 7th in the Library at 7:00pm**.

Best Wishes to the new Executive!  
Paul Tidey  
Dover Bay Pac, Past President

**VI. MISCELLANEOUS:**

**CANADA/FRANCE EXCHANGE 2011/2012**

Information meeting on Monday November 1st at 6pm in the Dover Bay library. Parents and students welcome. Come and find out about the OSEF one month summer exchange (summer of 2011) or three month reciprocal school year exchange (2011-2012 school year). Hear from the program coordinator and students that have participated in the exchange.

[www.osef.ca](http://www.osef.ca)  
[cdnmcfarland@shaw.ca](mailto:cdnmcfarland@shaw.ca) (summer program)  
[almcfarland@shaw.ca](mailto:almcfarland@shaw.ca) (school year program)

**TRIPLE P GROUP FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN 11 TO 14 YEARS OF AGE**

Raising teenagers can be challenging but this task can be less stressful if parents don't have to do it all on their own. Getting support in a Triple P Group Course can be very reassuring as well as provide positive strategies to help you promote your teenager's development.

In a Group Triple P course you'll learn about:

- providing a home that guides and supports teenagers as they strive to become independent, well-adjusted young adults
- helping teens to become skilled at making good personal decisions
- negotiating rules, responsibilities and privileges
- staying calm when inevitable conflicts arise
- being realistic – every teen and every parent will make mistakes. Most mistakes are minor and parents learn as they go along
- taking care of yourself as a parent

A Triple P group is free of charge and is for parents of children 11 – 14 years. Next group begins: Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm Oct. 13, 2010. To register or gain more information, please contact Louise McArter at 250-713-6089, or Denise at 250-713-6102. More information about other groups and seminars can be found at [www.triplep.net](http://www.triplep.net)