

I. PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS:

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Student and Staff have had a tremendous start to the 2009/2010 school year. I believe we have had one of the smoothest start-ups that I have observed; I hope that it has been the case for you. Student timetables should now all be finalized as teachers are well into your children's new courses. Grade assemblies have been completed for all students with school policies and procedures being reviewed. Students have completed their pictures and we have had a successful "Meet the Teacher Night".

Dover Bay has a total of 44 International Students from different parts of the world including Germany, Italy, Brazil, Hong Kong, Japan, and Korea. Welcome to Dover Bay Secondary School. We would also like to thank the host families.

Some students will be bringing home an Interim report containing current information on how your son/daughter is doing in class on October 8th. It is hoped that this interim information will give you a snapshot on how your son/daughter is progressing to date. There will be an opportunity to speak with the teachers during the early dismissal on Thursday, October 8th from 1:50 – 3:00 pm.

I have fielded a number of questions regarding this year's Prom. There are two major activities normally associated with the graduating class; Dry Grad and Commencement. Each of these activities is sponsored by a different group. The local community sponsors Dry Grad on the last school day in June and the school sponsors the Commencement exercise on the same day. The challenge for the school and indeed the school district has become the liability associated with the school connection to the Prom event. The school administration and staff will have nothing to do with any Prom event.

Sincerely,
Mr. John Blain

II. WELCOME:**NEW STAFF**

We welcome the following new staff to Dover Bay.

Mr. Michael Gray, SS/Math
Ms. Lisa Aristou, English
Mrs. Fiona Hutton, Library Clerk

MATH CONTEST CLUB: C. Tamm

Do you enjoy math puzzles and solving problems? If the answer is yes then the Dover Bay Math contest club is for you! We meet at lunch on Wednesdays in room D204. We have monthly lunch time contests and you also can participate in the Waterloo Math contests, American Mathematics competitions as well as the annual VIU math competition.

Come join us. Bring your lunch and feed your brain.

III. IMPORTANT DATES:

Oct. 1	PAC Meeting – 7:00 pm Library
Oct. 8	Interims – Early Dismissal
Oct. 12	Thanksgiving Day – No school
Oct. 14	Photo Retakes
Oct. 23-24	Grad Photos
Oct. 23	Pro.D. Day – No school for students
Nov. 5	PAC Meeting – 7:00 pm Library
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day – No School
Nov. 24	Report Cards sent home
Nov. 26	Parent/Teacher interviews – early Dismissal
Dec. 3	PAC Meeting – 7:00 pm Library
Dec. 18	Last day of Classes
Jan. 4	School reopens

IV. STUDENT ACTIVITIES:**H1N1 INFORMATION:**

The following H1N1 information for parents and students is on our own District Website now and is also available at the B.C. government website at www.gov.bc.ca/swineflu under the heading, "Information for Parents, Students and Schools":

Information for parents and all staff:

[Protecting your kids from the H1N1 flu virus](#)

[If you think your child has the H1N1 flu virus](#)

[Talking to kids about the H1N1 flu virus](#)

[Q&A for parents about the H1N1 flu virus](#)

[Helping children cope with H1N1-related stress](#)

[Helping adults cope with H1N1-related stress](#)

Information for students:

[Q&A for students around the H1N1 flu virus](#)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

The Pro.D. Day that was scheduled for November 16th is now Tuesday, February 23rd.

STUDENT COUNCIL: Ms. Mazzarotto

Another year has started for Dover Bay, as well as its student council! This year the student council president is 12th grader Michael Henriksen. Congratulations to Michael and all the other executive members. New members are always welcome! Meetings are at 7:30am Tuesday mornings in the multipurpose room. Come out and have some fun!

Terry Fox

The Terry Fox run was held on September 25th and this year, students from local elementary schools ran with Dover Bay students to raise awareness and money for cancer research. Good job to all those who participated!

Floor Hockey

A reminder to all hockey lovers that floor hockey will be starting up again soon this year! Listen to announcements for more details regarding the games. Any questions can be brought to Mr. Linton or Scott Stennes.

Halloween

The annual Halloween festivities will be held on Friday October 30th. Be sure to dress up to flaunt your costume and have a chance at winning the grand prize at the yearly costume parade!

CAFETERIA NEWS:

In trying to make cafeteria purchases more convenient for staff and students we will now be selling Meal Vouchers from the office for \$3.75. This will be 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. These would be available in the office so that parents, if they so wish, would be able to send a cheque to the school to 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.

REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION:

Report cards will be sent home with students on Tuesday, November 24th. On Thursday, November 26th will be able to meet with the teachers in the gym from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Students will be dismissed at 1:50 p.m. Parents are asked to please bring their child(ren)'s report card(s) with them.

All report cards that have not been picked up at this time will be available for students to pick up at 1:30 on Friday, November 27th.

ATHLETICS: Mr. Nelson

The fall season is up and running, with several teams already seeing game and tournament action. Thanks to all the coaches and parents who are volunteering their time and energy so far this year.

Fundraising Opportunities

Recycling - Dover Bay Athletics has an account at the Recycle Depot on Mostar Road. You can take in your bottles and donate the proceeds to help buy equipment, uniforms, and other necessities to run our programs!

Gymnasium Signage - if you or someone you know is interested in donating to our program, there may be room for a 4' x 8' company sign in our gymnasium! Please contact Dave Nelson for more information. dnelson@sd68.bc.ca

DRAMA NEWS: Mr. Anderson and Ms. Schwarze

Ah, the wonders of being a theatre teacher...

Another year, another talented group of young actors. I'm pleased to say that this year's Performing Arts Academy 8 class is surpassing my expectations. They are presently auditioning with monologues for parts in their upcoming play. You'll want to mark your calendars: Dear Chuck by Jonathan Dorf will run at the end of this semester, on January 14th, 15th, and 16th of 2010. This piece is both comic and touching as it deals with the teen search for the ever-illusive sense of belonging and confidence to which we all can relate.

Don't put your calendar away yet. Right now, Mr. Anderson's Performing Arts Academy 9/10 class is doing intensive scene work to improve the students' understanding and portrayal of character relationships and objectives. Out of this work will arise a student-created work which will run January 21st, 22nd, and 23rd.

The new fine arts grade 8 rotation seems to be working well. Ms. Grovum's dance class is hopping and Mr. Anderson's Drama 8's are actually learning to stand still and quiet, telling tableaux stories in 10 frozen pictures.

Musical Theatre

This year's December 2-5th play is Sandy Wilson's The Boy Friend, a fast-paced spoof of 1920's musicals complete with the abundance of song, dance, romance and comedy typical of that era. In order to create a really "natty" show, we are looking for assistance with period costuming and set pieces. Please call the drama room at 250.751-3408 or write an email to Ms. Schwarze if you are able to help (pschwarze@sd68.bc.ca).

Variety Night

But all of that is to come...

You may have noticed your son or daughter working up a scene, song or dance for Variety Night, Friday, October 16, 2009. Auditions begin October 5, and Variety Night always sells out, so get here early to ensure a good seat. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the show starts at 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be on sale for \$5.00 at the door.

GRAD 2010

It is still very early in the school year, but we are already preparing for Grad 2010! All students graduating in June are reminded to make sure they have submitted their grad fees to the office. *Grad Photos* are scheduled for *October 23/24* in the Dover multi-purpose room. We will have more information for you regarding how to sign up for your grad photo sitting. Please see Mr. Lintott if you have any questions.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION: Mrs. Moody and Mrs. Beaton

Aboriginal Mural Project

Students will be designing and painting an Aboriginal mural on the wall in upper D-wing. We would like the mural to represent northwest coast FN design, Metis design, and Inuit design. Many students have showed an interest in being involved in this project. If you haven't already signed up, please see Ms. Moody or Wendy Beaton to do so.

Aboriginal Me to We Leadership Celebration

Congratulations to Justin Beaton, Colleen Bob, Marisa Bob, Clayton Burgoyne, and Nick Smith for participating in the Me to We Aboriginal Leadership Training sessions. As a celebration, this group attended the **Vancouver Peace Summit: Nobel Laureates in Dialogue** on September 29 at which the **Dalai Lama** spoke to and inspired the students. Way to go! Keep up the excellent work!

Welcome Event at Snaw-naw-as

Thank you to the Snaw-naw-as community for welcoming Dover Bay staff to the community for a dessert potluck on October 1. It was nice to meet parents and celebrate the start of a new school year together.

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 and listen to the announcements for our next meeting.

Aboriginal Cultural Group – This group will meet once weekly to participate in cultural activities. The activities will take place in **D206** at lunch on **Tuesdays**. Activities for the month of October include making bannock, and making dreamcatchers. Come to D206 on Wed. if interested.

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 every day. Receive pudding for doing 20 minutes of homework/study on **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**. Yum!

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 amount of \$750. Several Dover Bay students have won these awards in the

past few 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, 2009**.

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.

V. PAC

Welcome back everyone to another exciting year. I hope everyone had a great summer.

On Sept 17, we had our first PAC meeting of the year and our next one is set for Oct.1 at 7pm in the library. This meeting is of great significance because we will be having our annual budget meeting as well as elections for PAC and School Planning Council. So, if you were ever planning to attend a PAC meeting, this is the one. Since the government has greatly reduced PAC funding, this has a direct impact on the support the PAC provides to the students.

In the past, PAC has supported a variety of areas such as athletic transportation, tournament costs, band and drama trips, library books, The Grand Wazoo, Multicultural week, Drive `09, dry grad, guest speakers and author visits, technical equipment and many other items. As you can see, the PAC is involved in many areas that you might not realize. With the current budget reduction, you can expect to see a major impact in these areas. Will funding in these areas be reduced or even eliminated? Could be. Will it impact you? Probably. Which areas will be affected? That is up to you. Come on out to our next meeting and help us decide. It's time to get involved.

This year has been a busy one and due to other responsibilities and commitments outside the PAC, I must announce that I will be resigning my position as your PAC president. I had a great time last year and I would like to send my greatest thank-you's to all the volunteer parents and school staff. Your time and understanding was greatly appreciated. Thank-you! With that said, PAC positions that will require filling are: president, assistant treasurer and members at large. If these positions are not filled by volunteer parents we stand to lose tens of thousands of dollars. I urge any parents who feel they may be able to contribute to the PAC to attend our October meeting.

I hope to see you there. Thank-you,
Walter Price, PAC President

COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT: Mr. Christianson

The 2009/2010 Language Challenge Information is available from your School Counsellor. The Delta School District on behalf of the Coast-Metro Consortium is again offering Language Challenge Exams for Grade 11 and 12 Language Courses. This year Language Challenge Exams are available for the following courses: French 11/12, German 12, Japanese 11/12, Korean 11/12, Mandarin 11/12, Punjabi 11/12 and Spanish 12. The purpose of Challenge is to permit students to obtain credit for a Grade 11 or 12 course who have already acquired the appropriate learning elsewhere.

Student applications for the Language Challenge are available in the Dover Bay Counselling Department and are due October 23rd. This includes fee and endorsed recent school photo. November 20 is the last day for cancellation, withdrawal, or changes. Requests must be made in writing. January 23, 24, 30 and 31, 2010 Language Challenge examination dates (see your counsellor for exam schedule). The results are mailed to students and to schools in March 2010. Any questions or concerns see your School Counsellor.

LIBRARY NEWS

TEACHER LIBRARIAN
Mrs. L. Irvine

LIBRARY CLERK
Mrs. F. Hutton

PARENT VOLUNTEERS
Mrs. M. Hedch

LIBRARY/STUDENT CARDS

This year all students will receive a student card, showing their 6 digit student number. **Your student card is your library card.** Please bring your card to the library when you want to sign out books.

THE LIBRARY OFFERS (in addition to great books)

Video and still cameras for student projects
Email access for students wanting to send or pick-up homework. However, email is for homework purposes only and **permission must be requested** before accessing email.

Library Webpage Links

(find the Library link on the Dover Bay home page (<http://schools.sd68.bc.ca/dove>)

full Encyclopedia Britannica online: use the version through the library portal as the public internet version gives only a brief version. The username is **dover** and the password is **bay**.

Ebcsc: a database of hundreds of newspaper and magazine articles. Username: SD68-BC and the password is sd68dover

There is lots of new fiction and non-fiction in the library right now. Check it out!

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

DRY GRAD NEWS:

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. Everyone is welcome.

WHAT IS THE BC HEALTHY KIDS PROGRAM?

The BC Healthy Kids Program helps low income families with the costs of basic dental care and prescription eyewear for their children. Eligible clients include dependent children under 19 years of age who receive Medical Services Plan (MSP) premium assistance through the Ministry of Education.

For information on how to apply for MSP, contact the Ministry of Health at: 604-683-7151 or toll free at: 1-800-663-7100. Information is also available from the Health Insurance BC website at www.HIBC.gov.bc.ca

OSEF FRANCE-CANADA EXCHANGE

Students at Dover Bay will have an opportunity to participate in this unique cultural and linguistic opportunity once again in 2010-2011. The summer exchange will be in July/August 2010. The School year exchange is an 11 week exchange: French students will be here from mid-August til Nov 2010. Canadian students will be in France from Feb 2011 til April 2011. There will be an informational meeting for interested students in room E211 at 2pm on Wednesday October 7th. For more information please contact Ms Mazzarotto at the school, go to www.osef.ca or e-mail the BC coordinator Anne Louise McFarland at almcfarland@shaw.ca