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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,

Students and Staff have had a tremendous start to the 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. We continue to work with the Job Action in an effort that students and the daily operation of Dover Bay is not affected. As time moves along there will be continual adjustments and changes in activities and calendars. We appreciate your continued support and understanding. Please watch the Dover Bay Web site for new information concerning your child's education program. Future information will be shared with parents as it is implemented will include Remembrance Day, Report Cards, and Exam schedules, along with daily shifts and changes of activity schedules.

Dover Bay has a total of 52 International Students from different parts of the world including Germany, Italy, Brazil, Hong Kong, Japan, China, Mexico, and Korea. Welcome to Dover Bay Secondary and thank-you to the host families.

Recently we were hosting another Japanese exchange. The students and staff of Dover Bay would like to thank all home stay parents for hosting our Japanese exchange students last week. It was a tremendously positive experience for the school and our students, as 33 grade 9 and 10 students from Yokohama Soei high school participated in ESL lessons, class integrations and athletic activities.

A special thank you to our organizers, Mr. Dave Nelson and Mr. Iain Baird, as well as our ESL teachers, Mrs. Lesley Kroeker, Mrs. Laurie Sieber and Mr. Neil Holmes.

The Staff submitted the 2011/12 School Plan to the district. The plan has two goals:

Goal #1: *To continue to support and emphasize transition rates for all students attending Dover Bay Secondary School.*

OBJECTIVE: *Dover Bay Secondary School has consistently maintained a high level of academic excellence within School District 68, Vancouver Island and Province. The demographic make-up of students in the geographic catchment area of Dover Bay is changing requiring the school to investigate the factors. This goal is to both support academic expectations, and to ensure that all students have opportunities to succeed.*

Goal #2: *To continue to develop and support student input and communication with staff and administration.*

OBJECTIVE: *To increase the opportunities for students to have input into school issues for discussion with staff and administration.*

All school goals have been endorsed by both the staff and School Planning Council.

Sincerely
John Blain, Principal

II. IMPORTANT DATES:

Nov. 1	Prom Meeting – 7pm M/P Room
Nov. 1-8	Grad Photos – (Including Saturday)
Nov. 3	PAC Meeting – 7pm Library
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day Holiday-NO SCHOOL
Nov. 22	Report Cards Issued
Nov. 24	Early Dismissal – 1:50

Parent/Teacher contact from 2–3pm

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

HALLOWEEN COSTUMES – Ms. Marshall

Just a reminder to all students and parents that Halloween falls on a Monday this year and the student council will be hosting a costume parade for those that wish to get involved with this activity. Within the school and on the property we ask that all students respect the safety of others and the school by not wearing facial masks of any kind. For self-explanatory reasons we wish to see all of our students faces throughout the day. Any masks being worn within the school will be removed and kept till the end of the day. Thank-you for respecting the safety of all our school community.

Firecrackers/Fireworks: With regards to the safety of our school - students in possession of, selling or igniting fireworks on school property will be suspended. All fireworks will be confiscated, and parents will be notified.

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:

AB. ED. NEWS: E. Moody

Aboriginal Cultural Group – This group meets at lunch to participate in cultural activities. The activities take place in **D206**. We will be finishing our button blanket over the course of this semester. Please come to D206 if you are interested in sewing buttons! Our goal is to have every Aboriginal student at Dover sew at least one button! Everyone welcome.

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 everyday. Receive treats for doing 20 minutes of homework/study.

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. Small honorariums can be provided.

COUNSELING – Mr. Christianson

Homework Club Counseling Department

Are you needing extra help in your classes? Our homework club is the answer. Come to room D207 from 3-4 PM on Monday through Thursday and get free tutoring from grade 12 students. Help is available in all subject areas; tutors will be able to help you with assignments, proofread your work and help prepare for tests. If you have any questions, please see your counselor.

Language Challenge Exams Counseling Department

Grade 10-12 students who are proficient in a second language are eligible to write Language Challenge Exams to gain credit for graduation. These tests require you to go to Delta in January (dates are on weekends) to write the exam, and there is an application that needs to be filled out along with a \$50 deposit that is refunded when you show up for the test. The Language Challenge is offered in the following languages: French 11/12, German 11/12, Japanese 11/12, Korean 11/12, Mandarin 11/12, Punjabi 11/12 and Spanish 11/12. If you are interested in this opportunity, please see your counselor. Deadline for the application is October 28th; if you miss it this year, it is available each year. See your counselor for more information.

Post Secondary Institute Day Counseling Department

On December 6th we will have a number of representatives from B.C. post-secondary institutions here at Dover Bay. Grade 12 students will be given the opportunity to go to an information fair for all of the schools, and then choose two schools to attend more in-depth sessions. There will be more information and a list of the attending institutions in November's newsletter.

DRAMA NEWS - Ms. Schwarze

Further to last month's newsletter, please be advised that *Variety Night* is cancelled for this year.

Musical Theatre is in full rehearsal mode: the stage is full of romance, music, and a fair bit of violence sure to have you on the edge of your seat. Mark your calendars for the **sixth through the tenth of December** as Bay Theatix presents *West Side Story*, one of the greatest musicals of all time, playing currently at the Orpheum in Vancouver as well as being rehearsed weekly by the cast of *Glee*.

Academy classes are putting together their own shows which will be produced in January of 2011.

Also, our very own comedian Caitlin Langelier is directing a version of *Dr. Horrible's Sing-along Blog*, which promises to be a great deal of fun.

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

We had a great beginning to the school year with two ongoing projects. A new project in Pioneer Park forest has proven to be a great deal of fun. We are thinning the trees there in order to give wildlife room to pass through and the trees space to grow. World Wildlife Fund grant applications have been submitted for further projects that include a Canada wide environmental network and helping out Walley Creek, a local stream. Most Thursdays after school we will be meeting for paper recycling in D104. Our meetings are Mondays at lunch in Room D104 and we will have speakers come in and give talks about the outdoors and the environment. New members are always welcomed!

Upcoming opportunities for Volunteer Hours!!

Eco Club Event: November 12th, 2011

Pioneer Park: Forest Thinning

The Dover Bay Eco members (anyone is welcome), along with Michael Geselbracht on Saturday, November 12th, come for a 'Forest Thinning' party at Pioneer Park Forest from 9:30am to 4:30pm (people can come anytime and stay as long as you wish). **The permission forms are available in Room D104 and must be signed and brought with you. Please bring work clothes (e.g. boots, gloves, warm and layered clothes, wet weather clothes).** Tools will be provided but feel free to bring any tools of your own such as axes or traditional wood working tools etc. Please label your own tools. We will be meeting at the parking lot in Pioneer Park. This park is down Dover Road about a block or two past Dickinson Rd. The number 2 bus will

drop students very close to this park beside the Rugby Club (6700 Dover Rd). If you are late then walk down Dickenson Road to the base of the football fields and you can meet us there.

In efforts to rehabilitate the forest area, selected trees will be removed to enable both the remaining trees to thrive as well as to permit light to penetrate to the forest floor. For other questions and concerns, contact

Michael Geselbracht at

Michael.Geselbracht@gmail.com or by phone [250-390-3047](tel:250-390-3047), [250-580-1014](tel:250-580-1014). School contact is Gordon Graham in Room D104.

Eco Club Event: November 19th, 2011

Bowen Park: Health of the Millstone River

The Dover Bay Eco members (anyone is welcome), along with Charles Thirkill, Field Coordinator for the Friends of the Millstone River, are planning to get together on Saturday, November 19 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 and/or Mr. Graham in Room D104.

GRAD 2012: Mr. Lintott

Attention all Grade 12's! Graduation is much closer than you think!! It will take many months of preparation from a number of people to prepare for your June 2012 graduation. Grad photos will be taken November 1-8 (sign-up at www.mjmstudios.net). We are in the process of reserving your cap and gown for the grad ceremony. Please come to the office to let us know your height so we can ensure the correct gown for you. You should have received your first email from the office. If not, please check to see if we have your correct email address. Grade 12 parents who would like to receive emails throughout the year to keep them informed on all the grad news are welcome to call the office to let us know their email addresses.

Please continue to check the school website www.doverbay.ca for graduation information.

PROM 2012 UPDATE – Mr. Lintott

We are just beginning the Prom planning process for 2012 and we are looking for **PARENT VOLUNTEERS**. Prom has been scheduled for May 12th, 2012 at Dover Bay Secondary. Committees will be formed consisting of dedicated parent volunteers and graduating students. The school, parents and students are all committed to making this a wonderful and memorable event. Our first scheduled Prom meeting for parents and students will be **Tuesday, November 1st at 7pm** in the Multi-Purpose Room.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL – M. Mazzarotto

Another great start to Student's Council for the year of 2011-2012. The 2011 Terry Fox Run showed to be a great success, raising over \$200.00. Thank you to all students and staff that participated. We will never forget you Mr. Leuke! Upcoming events include our annual **Halloween parade on Monday, October 31st** in the Multipurpose Room. Show off your costume and you may win a prize!

Look for information about International Luncheon, Change for Change in the next newsletter.

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE NOVEMBER 2011

New Scholarship Information/Provincial Exams

The Ministry of Education has recently announced eligibility changes to the Provincial Scholarship Program. Students who earn three B's (73% or higher) and one A (86% or higher) on Grade 10 Provincial exams **and** a blended mark of a B or higher in Grade 12 English (course mark blended with Provincial exam mark) will be eligible to receive a Ministry scholarship. As a result, Current grade 12 students will be granted a one year exemption and will be permitted to re-write grade 10 Provincial exams during this school year. Grade 11 students have one year from the date of the first time they wrote the exam to rewrite.

The first scheduled date for rewrites is November 7/8. Students can sign up outside of Mr. Lintott's office.

Students can check their exam results at:

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/>

More information is available at:

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/awards/>

BC School Sports Commission Scholarships

www.bcschoolsports.ca (Awards for Aquatics, Basketball, Football, and Gymnastics)

- Click on Scholarship and Awards
- Click on Sport and Commission

University of Toronto – National Scholarship Program

www.adm.utoronto.ca/ns

Deadline: November 11, 2011

See your counselor if you are interested.

PEO Star Scholarship \$2500 due November 30, 2011

Females who are 20 years of age and under who are excellent in academics, leadership, extra-curricular activities, and community service.

www.peointernational.org/peo-projectsphilanthropies

Wendy's Classic Achiever

www.wendysclassicachiever.ca

34 Student scholarships

Well-rounded Canadian high school students who excel in scholastic achievement, extra-curricular activities, and community involvement.

Remembrance Poster, Essay, and Poetry Contest

www.bcyuk.legion.ca

Poster Grade 10, 11, 12

	Color	Black and White
1 st Prize	500.00	500.00
2 nd Prize	200.00	200.00

Essay Grade 10, 11, 12

	Essay	Poem
1 st Prize	500.00	500.00
2 nd Prize	200.00	200.00

House of Commons Page Program

Apply online by Dec. 22, 2011 at www.parl.gc.ca

Shad Valley www.shad.ca

Every July for four weeks, top students with high academics and passion for Math and Sciences are chosen to do research at different university campuses across Canada. Two intakes December 7, 2011 and January 18, 2012. If chosen a scholarship is awarded to cover most costs but there is a fee involved.

Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation

The NLSF Scholarship/Awards Book and General Application Form will online on the www.nlsf.ca and school district website this

January 16, 2012.

BC Government and Service Employees' Union

2012 BCGEU Student Scholarships

Members, relatives of BCGEU members or staff in good standing or relatives of deceased or retired members

are eligible to apply. Criteria available in the counseling area. **Deadline: Wednesday, February 29, 2012.**

Vancouver Island University

Incoming Outstanding Student Initiative provides full access to classes for the strongest applicants who are entering post-secondary studies for the first time. If you qualify, you do not want to miss this opportunity to be awarded the highest priority for a registration appointment, which should ensure access to all first year courses. You must show a minimum of three "A" grades and one "B" grade (in English 11, plus three other Grade 11 courses) See list of courses in Counseling area.

How to apply: Please send a letter requesting consideration and an official transcript verifying that you meet the requirements outlined above.

Apply by April 13, 2012. Successful applicants will be notified by the end of May 2012.

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. Please watch for permission slips coming home with further information regarding times and transportation.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS:

CAREER TECHNICAL CENTER and SSA (Secondary School Apprenticeship) PROGRAMS

For one Nanaimo family the CTC/SSA has been a mainstay of education and occupational support unlike any other. The CTC (Career Technical Centre) and SSA (Secondary School Apprenticeship) programs offered by School District 68 were the first choice for a family of 4 out of 5 boys! The Nanaimo youths were enthusiastic students in NDSS's shop programs under the encouraging tutelage of their auto, metalwork and woodwork teachers. Once the boys had discovered that they enjoyed working with their hands and mind, the introduction of the CTC and SSA programs were a natural. Darby, the oldest, was not able to take advantage of the programs, however he wishes he had. It took the next 4 years and a lot of hard work to become a ticketed Level 4 carpenter.

Learning from Darby's experience, second in line, Philip showed interest in welding and through the guidance of his CTC advisor, was shown that the Trades were not

only an "alternative pathway" but a tremendous career opportunity. Philip in Grade 11 did a few volunteer hours and then secured employment with a welding company during which time he logged hours towards his apprenticeship. In his grade 12 year he completed his Level "C" Welding ticket at VIU being supported by the CTC program. He worked at the company long enough to get his "B" Level hours and technical training and is now welding full time in Montreal.

Third in line was Ezra who went through the CTC welding program as well and attained his high "A" Level certification as well as his Inspector's certificate. He is working full time in welding in Nanaimo

Fourth in line was Silas who is taking his Gr 12 year through the CTC and the NIC (North Island College) campus in Campbell River to earn credit and skills devoted to the Plumbing and Pipe Fitter Trade. Local business has already employed Silas as a plumber's helper and this will lead into Silas' apprenticeship.

Last and certainly not least, the youngest of this formidable team of skilled workers, Titus, is applying to CTC in order to enroll in the Electrician program at VIU. His ambitions to become a master electrician will round out the Rae Family's devotion to the Trades and speaks volumes of the value to be had by enrolling in these programs. Besides having their first year foundation course tuition being paid for, the boys made connections to the world of work through their association with SD 68 Coordinators and other staff involved. It's a great way for students who are interested in shop courses to find rewarding, and interesting employment plus possible apprenticeships.

To find out more, contact the CTC office:

School District #68 Career Technical Centre
Debbie Churchill-Secretary 250 740 2032
SSA Coordinator for SD#68- Ken Holland

Dover Bay Photography Class is looking for donations of 35mm SLR film cameras, these can be dropped off at the school office. Please contact Janis Uvanile for additional information.