



Bulkley Valley Christian School Secondary Campus Newsletter

October 28, 2010

From the Principal

Today and tomorrow we will have opportunity for parents and teachers to meet and discuss the student's progress. As a principal I have the privilege of reading every report card before it goes out. In reading comments and seeing grades it again strikes me how blessed we are at BVCS. The students are doing well. There is on the whole a good level of academic achievement and positive involvement in school. The teachers are working hard to help the students grow academically, socially and spiritually. This is evident from the comments on the report cards, from their interactions with students and their willingness to support student success inside and outside the classroom.

Such level of achievement and general contentment is a special gift to us as community and to our students individually. We realize all too well how easily things can interfere with work and relationships that threaten success and unity. In continuing our work we treasure your support and prayers. There are, no doubt, times that we do not do as well as we could. It is then that we need to be able to work together and communicate.

During the last two months staff has been engaged in a number of meetings in regards to the best possible classroom allocations for our amalgamated campus. The choices basically came down to which grade levels would best function in the modular buildings. This week we came to a conclusion that we think will serve our students well for the years to come.

We envision that the primary grades will be downstairs in what used to be the Middle School wing. Preschool, Kindergarten, and grades 1 - 6 can form a community of classrooms all within close vicinity to each other. Grades 7 - 9 will have most of their classes in the modular building. Highschool classes will be mostly in the upstairs of the main building with some of the specialty subjects happening in the modular building as well. We are continuing our conversations regarding further details, especially as it pertains to any remodeling that would need to take place.

At an earlier occasion we have requested parents to consider volunteering some time for lunch hour hallway and field supervision. So far we have one dad who is here for two lunch times a week. We would welcome and appreciate any other parent who could join in with that as well.

"Giving Smarts 101 – An Introduction to Planned Giving"

Are your financial gifts doing as much as they could be? What if the same dollars you are currently giving could do even more for the organizations you care about?

Financial planners will tell you that there are numerous ways to support those charitable organizations that are dear to our hearts. Often we don't find out about these ways because we don't have access to a financial planner, or we think that it will be too complicated. As a result, we continue to write out cheques or make cash donations to our charities of choice without ever realizing the full benefits of our gifts.

If you would like to know more about "smarter gifting", Bulkley Valley Christian School will be hosting an information evening on Wednesday, November 10 to explain further. Details of the evening are as follows:

Time: 7:30
Location: Multi-purpose Room at the secondary campus of BVCS
Presenter: Debra Moffatt of Investors Group Financial Services
Topic: "Giving Smarts 101 – An Introduction to Planned Giving"
Sponsored by: Kelly Jones and Trevor Bruintjes of Investors Group
Format: One-hour presentation followed by opportunity to ask questions
Cost: It's free of charge
Refreshments will be provided
Door prize for one "lucky" attendee

Damage Deposits

This is a reminder to all new students to BVCS in grade 9-12 and also all grade 8 students that a damage deposit of \$50 is past due. If you have not done so yet, please submit a cheque to the secondary campus office for \$50 payable to BVCS. All grade 8 students must also pay a \$12 art and classroom sports equipment fee. Thanks.

Standing Graduation committee

The standing graduation committee currently has a position open for a parent volunteer for this upcoming grad year. If you are interested in being involved in this rewarding committee please contact Kim Van Veen, Janice Jaarsma or Julie Monn.

Upcoming Event

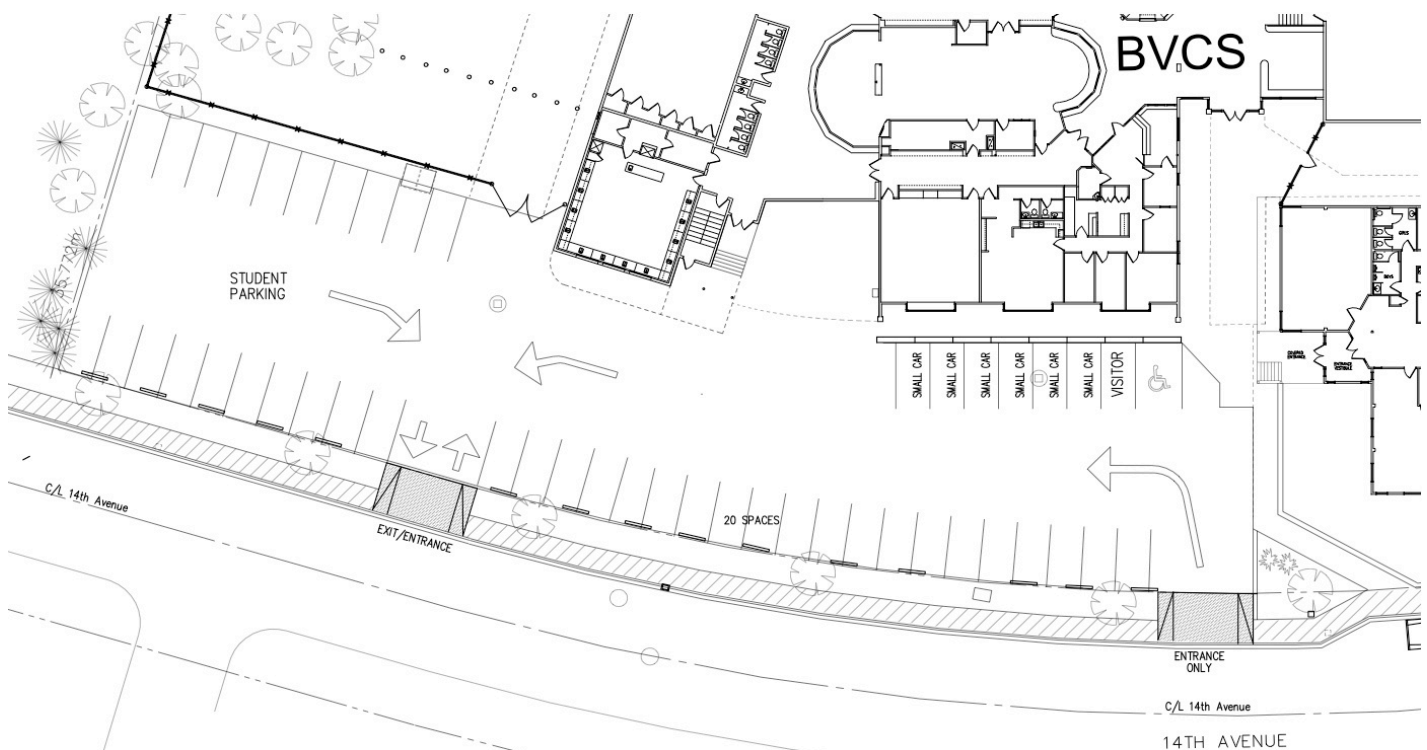
On Friday, November 26 and Saturday, November 27, Bulkley Valley Christian School will be hosting two fundraising dinners. These two evenings will include: a delicious meal, student music, a "guest" speaker, a door prize, and some very special entertainment featuring many members of the staff both past and present. Doors will open at 6:30; supper will begin at 6:45. This dinner is intended for those who are 18 years of age or older. To reserve a seat for this event, please call either campus by Tuesday, November 23. (This will likely be the last time BVCS will host a dinner in the elementary campus gymnasium because of the upcoming amalgamation of its two campuses, so we encourage you to join us for this very special occasion.)

Help Needed

There will be a lot of kitchen help required for these two fundraising dinners. If you are willing to be of assistance, please contact John Buikema @ 847-4238 / 847-0277 or Netty Lubbers @ 847-3869.

Parking Lot

Please note changes to traffic flow direction and parking in the diagram below.



Bead For Life Fundraiser

Great Christmas and Birthday Gifts!! Bead for life is an organization that helps women and their families in Uganda escape extreme poverty by making beautiful beads out of recycled paper and learning how to market their products.

Students at BVCS are learning about what it means to live in poverty and how these women are learning to develop and run their own cottage industry which enables them to provide shelter, food and an education for their children.

We can help these women and send 100 youth in Uganda to primary, secondary, or vocational training school by purchasing the beaded jewelry they have made. All funds raised go to the women in Uganda.

We will be hosting a display and offering products for sale during the parent/teacher interviews today, October 28th and tomorrow, October 29th at both campuses. Come and support this worthwhile project.

For more information visit www.beadforlife.org or contact Kim Van Veen or Jacquie Lester

