



Bulkley Valley Christian School Secondary Campus Newsletter October 15, 2010

From the Principal

You know that school is in full swing when students are still around after school to practice on their sports teams and when Saturdays are booked with games and tournaments. It is good to see the buzz of activity everyday, with student coming and going for their classes, study blocks, works experience arrangements, class trips, etc.

Staff tries to be stewardly and practical with the time that the seasons allow us for out-of-school trips. It is for that reason that quite a few of those events happen in the first and last months of the school year. The Bard on the Beach trip for grade 12 was very successful, as were the grade 8 Silver King outing, the BCFN 12 outing to K'san and the Sustainable Resources class trips into our northern forests. We are thankful for these opportunities for learning.

Staffs from both campuses have been coming together for meetings to discuss and plan for the coming year when we will learn and work together on a new amalgamated campus. We are involved in conversations about the structures and allocations of classes that can best serve the educational needs of the students.

Upon our return from the Professional Development days and Thanksgiving weekend we found the parking lot completely redone with new blacktop. We are very grateful for the work done during those days. We have considerably more space for parking. The intent of the redesign is to create traffic flow that does not require students to pass through traffic when they arrive and leave school. The entrance and exits locations have slightly changed and student parking will be designated toward the end of the property. Entry will again be near the school front entrance and exit from the parking lot will be near Fulton Avenue. These things will become more clear as soon as we have signs up for traffic direction, handicapped parking, side walks etc. While we await completion of this project please show caution while you are on our parking lot.



October 31 Security Watch

The school Building and Grounds Committee is looking for volunteers to take security shifts at either campus on the evening of October 31st. If you would be

willing to take either a one or two hour shift, please call either campus as soon as possible to sign up. Parents – this can be done with a student to earn service hours. (ALL students MUST be accompanied by their parent to do security).

An Event You Don't Want to Miss

Do you remember the fundraising dinners that were held in February of 2009? Do you remember the delicious meal, the motivational guest speaker, and the humorous dinner theatre that occurred on those evenings? If you have fond memories, we have good news for you – we will be holding two similar evenings on Friday, November 26 and Saturday, November 27. If you were not a part of these dinners in 2009, we hope that you are able to participate this time around. Please mark your calendars, and as the dates for this event draw closer, we will continue to provide additional detail.

The Capital Development Committee

“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. Thank you.

Photo Retake Day

Next Tuesday, October 19 is photo retake day.



Chapel

This morning during our chapel time, John Wason from YWAM gave a dramatic retelling of John 2 & 7. Rick Apperson retold the story of David and Goliath to remind us that God is with us in our battles. John Wason will be in the Telkwa Christian Reformed Church this evening at 7:00. Everyone is welcome to attend. Admission is canned food items for the Salvation Army.

Library

The library is a need of a volunteer for every Wednesday afternoon. If you feel you could help out with this, please call the school and speak to Mrs. Penner.

Check This Out

Two young students from northern British Columbia joined MP Nathan Cullen in Ottawa on September 27th to ask parliamentarians to consider tax incentives the students say will make Canada a safer and more caring country.

Junior Category Winner, Emily Hobley McCosker, submitted a proposal for a voluntary 'humanitarian tax', which would allow Canadians to donate a portion of their income to the Canadian Red Cross when filing taxes.

Senior Winner, **Justin Steenhof**, submitted a proposal for the mandatory use of protective helmets on ski and snowboard hills to reduce serious head injuries. The proposed federal

legislation would create an incentive to encourage ski hill operators to implement mandatory helmet policies on their hills.

Cullen launched Create Your Canada last year to challenge students in Grades 5-12 to write a piece of federal legislation to improve Canada. Winners are flown to Ottawa to watch Cullen introduce their bills in Parliament. MPs in Victoria, Vancouver, Winnipeg and Ottawa also ran contests.

Tune in to Cable Public Affairs Channel (CPAC) *On the Bright Side* this Sunday at 5:30 p.m. to see their story!

For more information about the Create Your Canada Contest please visit <http://skeenabulkley.createyourcanada.ca>.

Report Cards and P/T Interviews

Report cards for semestered courses will be coming out on October 28 for grades 10-12 as well as interim comments for linear courses in grades 8-12. Please fill out the attached parent/teacher interview form and return it to the school on Monday, October 18.

Beads For Life Fundraiser

Great Christmas and Birthday Gifts!! Beads 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 on Thursday, October 28th and Friday, 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.





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Parent/Teacher Interviews (Grades K-12)

Parent teacher interviews are scheduled for **October 28 and 29, 2010**. The staff will be available to meet with you to discuss your child(ren's) progress. We hope that these times will allow for you to meet with your child's homeroom teacher and for high school students, the opportunity to meet with two teachers of your choice. Please also indicate below which of the three time slots would best suit you. Thursday evenings are intended for families who cannot make the interviews during the day.

Family Name (please print): _____

Elementary Campus (Grades K-7)

Child's Name	Grade	Homeroom teacher	Other teacher

Other teachers at elementary campus

Mrs. C. Boyes (Thursday only)

Mr. K. Kort

Secondary Campus (Grades 8-12)

Child's Name	Teacher	#1, and #2 choice
	Mr. Jonathan Boone	
	Mrs. Crystal Boyes (Friday only)	
	Mr. Shawn Boyes	
	Mr. John Buikema	
	Mrs. Jennifer de Boer	
	Mrs. Julie Monn	
	Mrs. Elaine Nanninga	
	Mr. Chris Steenhof	
	Mr. Hugo VanderHoek	
	Mr. Ron VanDriel	
	Mr. John Vis	

We would prefer the circled time slot:	Thursday	Thursday	Friday
	Afternoon	Evening	Morning
	2:30-5:30	6:30-8:15	9:00-12:00

Please ensure your forms are back by **Monday, October 18, 2010**.
Forms can be returned to either campus office.