



Bulkley Valley Christian School Secondary Campus Newsletter November 26 2010

From the Principal

Last week, during a conversation about next year's amalgamated campus, someone instead used the word 'unified' campus. That is quite a good word to describe the current process of transition as well as the final goal. The teachers are involved in a process that brings both staffs together to discuss the shared spaces and activities in a school where we will function as 'one'. This process of planning together is in its early stages and going well. The opportunity for involvement is increasing the sense of excitement about next year.

- Staff was happy to hear that the school board has adopted the Education Committee's proposal regarding class structures for next year. The class divisions and projected enrolment look like this: K-10: 1/2-15; 2/3-14; 4/5-21; 5/6-21; 7/8-23; 8/9-25; 10-27; 11-30; 12-27.
- Staff has continued the conversations regarding classroom allocations within the new amalgamated campus. Small groups of teachers have since come together to prepare lists of suggestions for renovations and changes to be passed on to the Amalgamation Committee. They regard suggestions about renovations in the modular building, primary grades classrooms, future Special Needs spaces throughout the building, changes to the library to accommodate grades K - 12, computer technology needs, etc.
- The Amalgamation Committee is working on a timeline that would best accommodate the renovation activities and the moving of classes. We are anticipating that the elementary classes will make the actual move during the end of June rather than in the summer. There are a number of reasons for this. The elementary staff is certainly very excited about the time it would allow them during the summer to set up classes and the potential it has to help students to transition into a new reality. In order to accomplish a June move we expect that there will be a sequence of small moves over the next months that will allow for renovation and construction to take place in sections of the school that are vacated.

Short Society Meeting

Much is happening currently as the board continues working through the process of combining our two campuses into a single pre-school to grade 12 campus. As part of this process we are currently dealing with our options regarding the real estate of our elementary campus. The board feels it is necessary to call a short society meeting for December 13th at 7:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room at the secondary campus to bring information to the society regarding these options and possible "listing" of the elementary campus facility. Please plan to join us for this important meeting and stay informed and involved as we move through this time of transition together.

It's Not Too Late

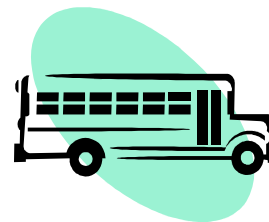
Even though the deadline for signing up for this weekend's fundraising dinners has come and gone, we will still happily accommodate an extra person, or two, or maybe even three. If you would still like to attend, please call John Buikema @ 847-4238 or 847-0277 so that we can add your name to our guest list.

"Life After Grade 12"

During the last two months, I have sat down with a number of Grade 12 students to assist them in making plans for "life after Grade 12". If there are any other Grade 12 students (and/or their parents) who would like to have assistance in these matters, please call me to set up an appointment (Mr. Buikema).

Bus Fees

Last week an invoice was sent to all bus users for the annual bus rider fees. Please submit payment to the Business Administrator's office at the secondary campus.



Grade 12 Graduation

The date of the grade 12 graduation ceremony has been changed to Friday, June 24th. Please mark this on your calendar.

Volleyball Provincials

The Sr. Boys are playing volleyball in Duncan at provincials. Check out their web site for updates on scores.

<http://vball2010.duncanchristianschool.ca/games.php>



Upcoming Events

Nov. 26 & 27	Fundraising Dinners
Nov. 25 - 27	Sr. Boys Volleyball Provincials
Dec. 8	Grade 9 girls' immunizations
Dec. 9	Christmas concert @ Della Herman Theatre
Dec 13	Short Society Meeting
Dec. 17	Christmas assembly (11:05 a.m.)
Dec 17	Last day of class before Christmas Break
Jan 4	First day of classes for 2011



Poinsettias Sales

The band and choir students are selling poinsettias to raise money for their tour in the spring. There are still quite a few left for sale so if you would like to buy one or more, please call the secondary campus. We have red, white, and pink ones for sale. Thank you.

Grocery Vouchers

Please remember our grocery voucher for sale at either campus. We have vouchers for Extra Foods, Safeway, and BV Wholesale. Call either campus for more information or fill out an order form attached to the latest *Grapevine* and send it along with your child to school. We will be sure you get them. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.



Cookbooks

If you're looking for a Christmas gift, we have a few cookbooks left from 2008. Cost is \$10 each and they are available from either campus.