

Bulkley Valley Christian School Secondary Campus Newsletter

April 8, 2011



50th Anniversary Celebrations

Tickets

Tickets for the dinner at Hudson Bay Lodge on Thursday, May 26, are available in the offices at either campus. The cost for the dinner and evening entertainment is \$40 per person. This is not a fund raising event, just an evening of fun. Come and join us and reminisce with others.

How can you help with the 50th Anniversary celebrations?

Plans are well underway to host a fun family evening on Friday, May 27, as part of the school's 50th anniversary celebrations. The committee would like the school society to help out in a few ways. If you have been involved with BVCS for quite a few years, you may remember our soup suppers and bazaars. During these events we would offer games and contests such as: Hammer the Spike, Mystery Jars, Fish Pond, Face Painting, and more. The committee is asking for your support and help by donating the following items:

- Mystery Jars – what we need are about 250 jars filled with many different sorts of items. These don't need to be extravagant! Simply re-use a glass jar (cheez whiz, mason, etc.) and fill it with items such as: a one-of-a-kind hockey card, bath salts, crayons, clothespins, jellybeans, packages of garden seeds – use your imagination! The elementary campus has been asked to have each class come up with 8-10 jars for this event, but we will also need you to help with this.
- Fish Pond Items – the fish pond has been a long time event for kids to enjoy! Again, we are looking for donations of small toys, etc. suitable for children ages 3-9. They do not need to be expensive – value of under \$1 preferred – but we would ask that they not be used. We will need at least 300 items for this event. PLEASE do not wrap your items. They will be wrapped and labeled BOY or GIRL or UNISEX by members of our committee.
- Cake Walk – Another long-time favourite! We will need an assortment of cakes to offer for this event. If you are able to donate a cake to this – we would certainly appreciate your culinary efforts! It needn't be extremely fancy – or you can purchase one from local bakeries if you like.

To donate or help with these events – please contact M. Henderson or I. Bakker for more information – or drop your items off at either campus. We would

appreciate your help with this, and will need these items by MAY 23. Thanks!!

Announcement Re: Support Staff

Appointments 2011 / 2012

As the board works through the process of campus unification we would like to inform the society of some decisions regarding support staff for the new campus.

The new campus will have a full time administrative assistant and a part-time receptionist. We are pleased to announce that Wilma Numan and Kathrine VanWeerhuizen have accepted postings into these positions respectively.

We will also be running a single K-12 library beginning September 2011. Eunice Penner will be providing assistance to students and staff four days a week and Sandi Franken will do so one day a week.

The board would also like to thank Jenny Hartman and Alice Tromp for their many years of dedicated service to the school. Their personal and professional contributions have been of great value to the school community. We wish them God's blessing in the future.

The Board of the Christian School Society
of Smithers and Telkwa.

Host Families for International Students or Exchange Students

Hosting foreign students is a wonderful opportunity to develop a friendship with someone of a totally different culture. The friendship grows from an understanding and acceptance of two different cultures that the student and family introduce to each other.

International students come to our school with the expectation that they will complete three years of education in our system in order to obtain their BC Dogwood Diploma. It is not uncommon that they arrive with only very basic English skills. Exchange students are in our school for shorter periods of time, either a year or half a year. Their goal is simply to have an international, cultural experience. They are expected to be very proficient in the English language.

Our experiences with International students and Exchange students over the last years have been very positive. We are very thankful for the long lasting friendships that have developed and the blessings that were received through the meeting of cultures.

We hope that we will be able to enroll some new foreign students next year. Our ability to do so depends on the availability of host families. We require that all foreign students live with families that are member of our school society and, as such, represent

the background and culture that reflects our school communities' standards.

Our expectations of host families include the following:

- Provide a safe, secure, Christian home environment for the student.
- Provide adequate sleeping quarters and nutritional, well-balanced meals.
- Provide consistency between the home and school.
- In as much as is possible, ensure that the student abides by the school's Code of Conduct.
- Ensure that the student develops a relationship with a local church and its programs.
- To involve the student in the regular devotional time.
- Household members are proficient in English and speak English when student is present.
- All household members agree to host a student.
- All members of the host family who are over the age of 18 will submit to a Criminal Record Check at their own expense.

International students pay \$750/month, Exchange students pay \$300/month. If you are in a position to consider hosting a foreign student, please contact Mr. VanderHoek: hvanderhoek@bvcs.ca

Attention Parents of Graduates

The Ministry of Education assists each graduating student planning to pursue post-secondary education by sending a copy of his or her transcript data at the end of July to post-secondary institutions indicated on the online Post-Secondary Institution (PSI) Selections Forms.

The PSI Selections Form is designed to allow graduating students to select which post-secondary institutions will receive copies of their interim marks in May and/or their transcripts at the end of July.

Each graduate received information on how to do this from Mr. Buikema. Please ask your graduate for this information.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

This past Wednesday, students in grades 10-12 were given interview request forms. Next Thursday, April 14th, you will have opportunity to speak to your child(ren)'s teachers. Please return this form my Monday, April 11 so a schedule can be made in time.

Professional Development Day

Next Friday, April 15, our staff will be attending the Christian Teacher's Association of BC Professional Development Day at Houston Christian School. There will not be any classes for K-12 on that day. Have a great day off.

Grandparents' Day

Grandparents' Day is coming! We will be inviting grandparents and senior friends of BVCS to come to school for a morning of coffee, snacks and a wonderful play: *A Tale of Three Trees*. We are looking for **volunteers** to help set up and serve the morning of Thursday, April 28th, as well as offers of baking, clean up help, and parking attendants. If you are available to help that morning in any way, please call Irene Bakker (846-9577) as soon as possible. Together we'll make it a special day for our seniors!

Calendar of Events

April 14	P/T Interviews
April 15	Professional Development Day (no classes K-12)
April 15-21	Band/Choir Tour
May 26-28	50 th Anniversary celebrations
June 24	Graduation ceremony

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sparrow's Christian Housing

Once again Sparrow's Christian Housing is planning a Spring Fundraising Concert set for April 15 at 7:30 at the Smithers Canadian Reformed Church. Come out and enjoy an evening of entertainment from a variety of local talent, we have a couple surprises for you this year including bagpipes and more. We will also be serving delicious pies and refreshments during intermission. Please plan to attend, the program has been shortened this year- thank you for your support.

The Drama Club of Ebenezer

Canadian Reformed School Presents

The Fiddler on the Roof Junior

Tickets \$7.50 available in Houston at
Tower Communications

in Smithers at **SpeeDee/Interior Stationery** and
Ebenezer Canadian Reformed School Office

Two showings: Thursday, April 28, 2011

Friday, April 29, 2011

Shows start at 7:30 p.m.

doors open at 7:10 p.m.

at the Della Herman Theatre
Smithers, BC

Rough Acres Bible Camp Fundraiser

Come on out to this family friendly evening on Saturday, April 9, at the Bulkley Valley Christian School elementary gymnasium (4035 Walnut Dr.). The doors open at 6:30 p.m. for silent auction viewing, and the fun begins at 7 p.m.

A complimentary dessert and coffee/tea is included. You will be entertained by "minute to win it", "price is right" games, local musical talent, and of course our grand door prize of a Free Week of Summer Camp!