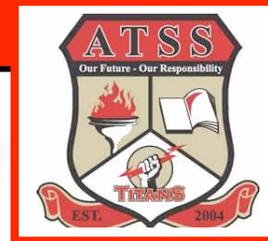


# ABBOTSFORD TRADITIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

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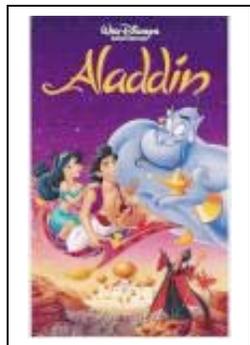
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## Students Not in Session on Friday

As you have heard, the British Columbia Teachers Federation has announced that teachers will be commencing strike action starting Friday, October 7, 2005. While school facilities will remain open under the supervision of administrators, we will not be able to provide instruction or appropriate supervision for the duration of the job action.

For safety reasons, we therefore are requesting that students stay home for as long as teachers are on strike. We are hoping that this dispute will be concluded quickly, but in the meantime stay tuned to our local radio stations Star FM 107.1, CKNW 98, and CKWX 1130 for updates. Our School District will also be posting updates: [www.sd34.bc.ca](http://www.sd34.bc.ca)



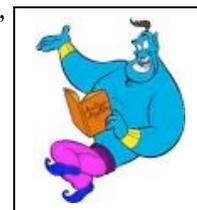
# Aladdin

OUR MUSICAL THEATRE CLASS, CHOIR AND BAND CLASSES ARE ALL under way including the MUSICAL THEATRE PRODUCTION OF ALADDIN. THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF EXCITEMENT AS WE WORK ON THE SONGS AND DANCES FROM THIS EXCITING SHOW.



WE WILL BE PRESENTING MATINEES ON JANUARY 17, 18, 19 AND 20, AND EVENING PERFORMANCES ON JANUARY 19 AND 20. WE ARE HOPING TO PRESENT OUR VERY POPULAR DINNER THEATRE AND SILENT AUCTION ON JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP.

IF YOU CAN HELP OUT WITH COSTUMES, PROPS, OR ORGANIZING THE DINNER THEATRE AND AUCTION, PLEASE CONTACT MRS. McDONOUGH OR MRS. GIACOMETTI IN THE OFFICE.



# Thank You to My Parents

Dr Laura:

I am a 20 year-old college student and an avid listener of your program. I heard a call where a man was questioning the consequences his son should receive upon sneaking out. Your comments and advice reminded me of my parents, and I wanted to acknowledge them publicly.

To give you some background, I have one older brother (who is now 22) and one twin sister. Growing up, my mother says we were "delightfully easy" as we got along well and never had any attention problems that many kids face today. When the middle school years hit, my sister and brother stayed on the "good kid" track... while I veered off the road to say the least. My mother worked hard sheltering us from the bad in the world. We were allowed to watch no TV as children, and in middle school it was 1 program a night, and the three of us had to compromise. As frustrating as it was then, I now understand the critical importance of guidance at a young age.

To give you an example of my attitude in middle school, I remember coming home from Washington with my mother and sister. My mother turned your program on and I threatened to jump out of the car... on the highway. I was not about to listen to you. She kept it on, pretending to not here my crying. She was a tough cookie. I also remember that I was a door-slammer.

When things didn't go my way, I walked upstairs and slammed my door. I remember the last time I ever did that, because 3 minutes later up came Mom and Dad, one to restrain me from fighting them, and the other to remove the door from its hinges.... providing me with NO privacy... a major killer in seventh grade. I never slammed my door again (when I got it back 2 weeks later.)

I am now a junior in college and have come a long way. I never thought I would have as close of a relationship with my mother as I do now. We went through a lot together, but most of all... she taught me how to parent. I will never be my daughter's best friend... ever. I will be her Mother. Like mine was to me. I can honestly say that I am a commendable person because of my mother's hardheaded ways, and her never giving up on me. There is a light at the end of the tunnel. I cannot believe the way I treated my mother... and I pray my children will never do that to me, but if they do, I will know how to respond. I'm ready for it.

You give amazing advice, never stop doing what you do. You're making a difference in the world, and I can honestly say you helped shape my character through my mother listening to your advice and staying strong. Thank you Dr. Laura for all that you do.

Stephanie



## Springtime in Europe



Ms Fergusson,  
Humanities and Spanish



Mrs. Wedel, French

**Attention all students in Grades 10 to 12:** this Spring Break, join Mrs. Wedel & Ms. Fergusson on a European Adventure to **France** and **Spain**! This amazing trip of a lifetime will whet your appetite for the rich cultural influences that have shaped history around the globe *plus* provide innumerable opportunities to practice and learn French & Spanish.

The **10-day** trip (March 13 to 22, 2006) begins in the beautiful city of lights, **Paris**, France, where we'll explore as many of the numerous cathedrals, museums, chateaux (castles) and tourist sites that the city and area has to offer. Then, we head south by train to the Pyrenees Mountains, stopping at **Toulouse** and the historic medieval city of **Carcassonne**, France, where we'll tour Europe's largest and most complete fortress – the former home to many knights and princesses! Continuing on to **Barcelona**, Spain, we will take in the stunning city and architecture and enjoy an amazing evening of Flamenco Dancing. **Madrid**, Spain is the grand finale of the trip, where we will tour the incredible Palacio Real (Royal Palace), Prado Museum and much more before returning home to Vancouver.

Included in the Trip fees (\$2 870 *plus additional costs and spending money*) are: return air fare from Vancouver, Euro-rail tickets, all hotels, all breakfasts and dinners during the tour, experienced tour guides in each city, entrance fees to museums, cathedrals, castles and other destinations and an evening of Flamenco Dancing – great value for your money!

There is a student and parent meetings coming up in the near future – watch the website for details and times!

### Scholarship and Bursary Help Needed.

Parents, we need help supporting our first and future graduating classes at ATSS! We are looking for people who may be interested in offering scholarships or bursaries to support our graduates in their post secondary studies. If you would like to make a donation or establish an ongoing scholarship or if you know someone who may be interested in doing this, please call Mr. Testa at the school.



### Grad Committee

Each of our grade 12 parents is a member of the Grad Committee of the Whole. We hope all of our parents will be involved in planning the special events for this very important year – it is time to start planning for the NOW! Mr. Testa will be sending information home with grade 12 students in the near future. The information package will include an initial meeting date for the parent organizing committee. We hope to see all of your parents at the meeting.



## For the Health of Our Kids – Stand Up to Bullies

**Saturday, October 15, 2005  
The Fairmont Waterfront  
Vancouver, BC**



Our keynote speaker – renowned author and educator, **Barbara Coloroso** will help parents and educators to break the cycle of violence in our homes, schools and communities. This process involves more than merely identifying and stopping the bully. It requires that that we examine the why and the how a child becomes a bully or the target of a bully (and sometimes both), as well as the role the bystanders play in perpetuating the cycle. Together we will identify the characteristics of the child being bullied. How we can effectively intervene to help kids regain their self-esteem and confidence. How to guide kids to handle the situation and stop being a victim. She will also address the characteristics of the bully. Who is this child and why do they bully others? This is key as most bullying is done “under the radar” of teachers and parents.

Following her presentation, delegates will have the opportunity to interact with a local panel of experts. This is your opportunity to learn about local and provincial resources available to you. Our goal is to offer relevant information and proactive tools and strategies to take home to your families, schools and communities.

Our Community Discussion Panel Includes:

<p><b>Lorine Scott RN BScN</b> Nurse Clinician/Coordinator BC Children’s Hospital Cleft Palate/Craniofacial Program</p>	<p><b>Dr. Shelly Hymel</b> Researcher, Aggression and Bullying National Program on Conflict Resolution</p>
<p><b>Joyce Ternes, Ph.D., R.Psych.</b> Director, Dept. of Psychology Children’s and Women’s Health Centre of B.C.</p>	<p><b>Lisa Pedrini</b> Manager, Social Responsibility and Diversity Vancouver School Board</p>

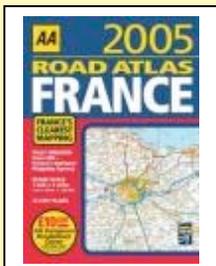
**For Further Program Details and To Register**

Visit [www.aboutfacesymposium.com](http://www.aboutfacesymposium.com)  
Or Call Cindy at 1-800-665-FACE, EXT. 21

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Please check our website and newsletters for news about information meetings for our trip to Europe.



## For The Health of Our Kids – AboutFace Symposium

### Strategies for Creating Safe, Happy Schools

With the new school year underway parents, teachers and kids are once again facing the issues of teasing, bullying and violence.

Recent studies indicate the prevalence of this issue in Canadian schools:

- Bullying occurs in school playgrounds every 7 minutes in Canada
- Bullying and taunting occurs every 25 minutes in the classroom
- 85% of bullying episodes occur in peer group settings
- 54% of cases report that bullying is reinforced by peer group observation/simply watching
- 83% of students report that watching bullying makes them uncomfortable
- 75% of kids do not help the victim because they don't know what to do
- Parents report that they feel helpless, and lack relevant information and tools to address the issue with their child
- Educators regularly contact AboutFace to ask for additional resources and guidance on how to address taunting and bullying issues

For 20 years, AboutFace has worked with children in the classroom teaching them about diversity, differences and acceptance. During this time, we have experienced a growing demand from parents and educators for guidance on how to handle the escalating cycle of teasing, bullying and violence in schools.

Common Concerns of parents and teachers:

- What signs do I look for in my child?
- To whom do I speak to if I suspect that my child is being bullied?
- What local resources are available to help me change the behaviour in my classroom or schoolyard?
- What are others doing to stop the violence in our schools and communities?
- What if the bullying is happening outside of school property?
- Who is responsible for the safety of my child?

Therefore for our Fall 2005 School Campaign, we are organizing a half-day symposium for parents, educators and mental health professionals. Together we will address issues vital to developing and maintaining safe environments for elementary school children.

The fee for the symposium is \$30 per person and it includes a continental breakfast, workshop handouts and access to important experts in your community.

## ATSS YEARBOOK

OUR FIRST ATSS YEARBOOK HAS ARRIVED AND IT IS OUTSTANDING – TERRIFIC WORK MR. ENNIS AND THE YEARBOOK CLUB – YOU DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB!

WE ORDERED 100 BOOKS AND MOST OF THESE HAVE BEEN SOLD. DON'T MISS OUT – IF YOU DIDN'T ORDER A YEARBOOK, YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO GET ONE OF THESE TERRIFIC KEPSAKES. WE HAVE A FEW COPIES OF OUR YEARBOOK AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME – FIRST SERVED BASIS – PURCHASE YOUR COPY FROM MR. ENNIS TODAY!

## P.A.C. BUILDING SUCCESSFUL BRIDGES TO ADULTHOOD

FOR LEARNERS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

**EXCLUSIVE VANCOUVER PRESENTATION BY  
DR. PETER GERHARDT**

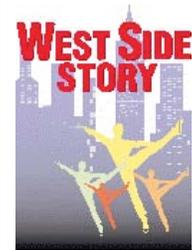
**WHEN:** OCTOBER 14, 2005 9am-4 pm  
**LOCATION:** UBC, STUDENT UNION BLDG. BALLROOM  
**COST:** \$125.00 BEFORE October 1, 2005

**CONTENT:**

- What constitutes Quality of Life?
- Solutions to challenges experienced by parents, caregivers, educators and policy makers
- Practical strategies for future planning
- Expanded session on sexuality

**FOR MORE INFORMATION and REGISTRATION FORMS SEE [**  
<http://www.arbutuscoast.com/> ][www.arbutuscoast.com](http://www.arbutuscoast.com) or call (250) 655-4999.

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Yale Secondary School Musical Theatre presents

### **WEST SIDE STORY**

BROADWAY'S FAMOUS MUSICAL ADAPTATION OF ROMEO AND JULIET  
By Leonard Bernstein, Stephen Sondheim and Arthur Laurents.

Public Performances:  
February 12 (2.30 p.m.), 16, 17 and 18 (7.30 p.m.), 2006

Special Schools Only Matinees (10.30 a.m. curtain)  
February 13 and 14, 2006  
Abbey Arts Centre

### ABBOTSFORD SCHOOL BOARD – SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS SEPTEMBER 2005 TO DECEMBER 2005

All public meetings will commence at 7:30 p.m.

MEETING	DATE	LOCATION
Regular Board Meeting	September 26, 2005 (Monday)	School Board Office
Regular Board Meeting	October 3, 2005 (Monday)	School Board Office
Regular Board Meeting	October 24, 2005 (Monday)	Dave Kandal Elementary
Regular Board Meeting	November 7, 2005 (Monday)	School Board Office
Inaugural Board Meeting	December 6, 2005 (Tuesday)	School Board Office
Regular Board Meeting	December 12, 2005 (Monday)	School Board Office

#### Dress Code Wanted

ATSS Uniform Items  
'Nearly new' or 'gently used' girl's items sizes – small & medium.  
Phone Katie @ (604) 854-4277

## **PAC Meeting - Oct 13 @ 7:00pm**

WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING PARENTS. YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND A SPECIAL EVENING MEETING OF THE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL, OCTOBER 13, 2005 @ 7:00 IN THE MAIN HALL.