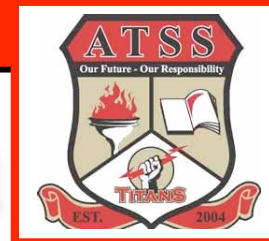


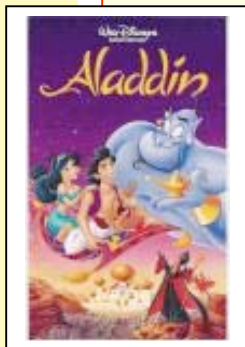
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Students Back in Session

Classes are back to normal today with all programs at full speed....

- * Our School Photos should be arriving this week
 - * **Friday, October 28th is Photo Retake Day – for students who were away for our last photo day and for students who are not happy with their photo packages (ID cards don't count). Students should return packages they are not happy with or bring money if you wish to purchase photo packages on FRIDAY.**
 - * **Monday, October 31st is "Come as a Famous Person" Day** (or students may wear their regular dress code). Suggestions: Zorro, Charles Dickens, Mickey Mouse etc.
 - * Wednesday, November 9th is our Remembrance Day Assembly
 - * January 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th - Aladdin matinees and dinner theatre
- We are also planning a PAC – 'Getting to Know You' evening – watch for the announcement on our website and on your student's e-mail.

Aladdin

WE WILL BE PRESENTING MATINEES ON JANUARY 17, 18, 19 AND 20, AND EVENING PERFORMANCES ON JANUARY 19 AND 20. IN ADDITION, WE WILL BE PRESENTING OUR VERY POPULAR DINNER THEATRE AND SILENT AUCTION ON JANUARY 20TH. WE NEED YOUR HELP.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PARENT HELPERS TO HELP WITH COSTUMES, PROPS, OR ORGANIZING THE DINNER THEATRE AND AUCTION,

IF YOU HAVE SOME TIME AND WOULD LIKE TO BE PART OF THIS EXCITING PROJECT, PLEASE CONTACT MRS. SALSTROM, MRS. MCDONOUGH OR MRS. GIACOMETTI IN THE OFFICE.

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	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

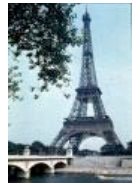
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Ms Fergusson,
Humanities and Spanish



Springtime in Europe



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 **Carcassone**, 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!

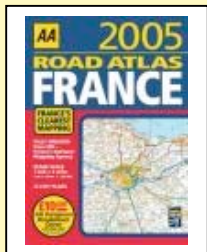


Mrs. Wedel, French

Europe
Trip
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Meetings

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



National Institute on Media and the Family

National Institute on Media and the Family Evidence Linking Violent Video Games to Aggression Builds

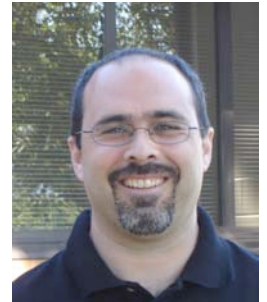
The National Institute on Media and the Family has been a leading voice linking video game violence to real world aggression in youth. The research evidence grew significantly stronger this week with the release of a brain based study showing that the brain activity caused by playing violent video games is similar to the pattern typical in real world aggression. The study was conducted at several American and German universities. Rene Weber of Michigan State University, a member of the research team said, "Violent video games frequently have been criticized for enhancing aggressive reactions such as aggressive cognitions, aggressive affects or aggressive behavior. On a neurobiological level we have shown the link exists."

The National Institute on Media and the Family president Dr. David Walsh commented, "This latest study is a another strong link in the chain of evidence supporting our work to alert parents, educators, and other leaders about the dangers of children and youth playing violent video games."

The 10th annual video game report card will be released by the Institute next month. For more information on video games and other media's effects on children and youth go to www.mediawise.org.

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.




Mr. Testa, Vice-Principal

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.






Parents Make a Difference

Mark your calendar!

Sessions take place Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm

Yale Secondary Theatre
34620 Old Yale Road
Abbotsford, B. C.



October 25
"Drug Awareness"
Kevin Murray - Abbotsford Police

November 29
"Raising Successful Students"
District 34 Staff

January 24
"Internet Safety"
Merlyn Horton

April 4
"Boys and Girls Learn Differently!"
Bruce Ivany

For more information contact Jolene Davies at 604-851-4580

DRESS CODE REMINDER

Orders that were sent in the first week of school have all arrived at the school and been handed out to students. Considering this order and the items available in our Dress Code and Consignment Store, all students should have enough dress code items so that they can be in dress code.

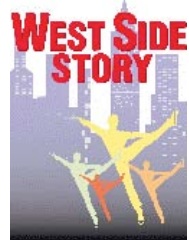
Students who are not in dress code (without a valid reason) will work in the office for the day.

Parents – please support the school dress code – remind your student to put dress code items in the wash so that they will be ready for school the following day.

Action in Our Communities.....

Like our other programs and services, the Prevention Strategy will come to life in the Fraser Valley Region through the work we do in communities. *The Canadian Cancer Society, BC and Yukon Division, (CCS)* is committed to reducing the incidence of preventable cancers through a population health approach that will make healthy choices the easier choices for everyone!

Check out page 2 to see what our Community Action Coordinators are working on.....



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

Dress Code

Wanted

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

Fraser Valley News

Did you know that at least 50% of cancers are preventable?

Want to learn how to reduce your risk?

Need help identifying healthier options at school, workplace or community?

The Canadian Cancer Society is proud to introduce **InterACTION** – an interactive workshop series that helps participants to identify barriers to healthy behaviours & create Action Plans to over-come barriers. The Canadian Cancer Society knows cancer prevention but we do not know what each and every Canadian faces in their day. For people to be empowered and use information, they need to make it relevant to them and their circumstances. The **interACTION** workshop utilizes this concept completely as each activity in the workshop is meant to help them from leading healthy lifestyles.

For more information, contact **Natasha Raey**, Public Education Coordinator 604.533.1668 Ext. 319 or nraey@bc.cancer.ca.

CALENDAR – SEMESTER ONE

THERE MAY BE SOME CHANGES IN THIS CALENDAR RELATED TO THE END OF SEMESTER DATES

Remembrance Day	November 11, 2005
Compensation Days	November 10 & 14, 2005
Winter Vacation	December 19 to 30, 2005
School Reopens	January 3, 2006
Aladdin	January 17, 18, 19 & 20
Semester Turnaround	February 1, 2006
Compensation Days	February 2 and 3, 2006
District-wide Non-Instructional Day	February 17, 2006
Spring Vacation	March 13 – 17, 2006



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 KEEPSAKES. WE HAVE A FEW COPIES OF OUR YEARBOOK AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME – FIRST SERVED BASIS – PURCHASE YOUR COPY FROM MRS. GIACOMETTI IN THE OFFICE TODAY!

Perspective.....If we could shrink the earth's population to precisely 100 people, and maintain current existing human ratios.....

This is how our world would look:

There would be:

- 57 Asians
- 21 Europeans
- 14 from the Western Hemisphere, both north and south
- 8 would be Africans
- 52 would be female

- 48 would be male
- 30 would be white
- 70 would be non-white
- 70 would be non-Christian
- 30 would be Christian
- 89 would be heterosexual
- 11 would be homosexual
- 6 people would possess 59% of the entire world's wealth and all 6 would be from the USA.

- 80 would live in substandard housing
- 70 would be unable to read
- 50 would suffer from malnutrition
- 1 would be near death
- 1 would be near birth

1 (yes, only 1) would have a college education

1 (yes, only 1) would own computer.

When one considers our world from such a compressed perspective, we realize the need for acceptance, understanding and education.

So therefore . . .

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If you can read this message you are more blessed than the over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

As you read this and are reminded how life is in the rest of the world, remember just how blessed you really are!

Community ACTION in the Fraser Valley

We want to make healthier choices the easy choices in our communities. This is accomplished by linking with community partners, including schools, parks & recreation, health authorities and local government on community initiatives. With the addition of a second Community Action Coordinator we will be able to take action in new community initiatives addressing physical activity, nutrition, tobacco control, UV radiation and environmental toxins.

Some of the community action priorities that we are currently involved in include the following:

FRASER WEST

- Surrey Parks & Recreation – Sun Protection Practices in daycamps
- Surrey Food Policy
- White Rock South Surrey Food Bank Access to Healthy foods

For more information, contact **Mike Glass**, Community Action Coordinator at 604.533.1668 Ext. 316 or mglass@bc.cancer.ca.

FRASER EAST

- Abbotsford *in motion* Strategy – Child & Youth Committee
- Hope Healthy Communities Committee – reducing barriers to health
- Abbotsford School Nutrition Policy
- Langley School Nutrition Policy

For more information, contact **Siobhan deBad**, Community Action Coordinator at 604.533.1260 or sdebad@bc.cancer.ca