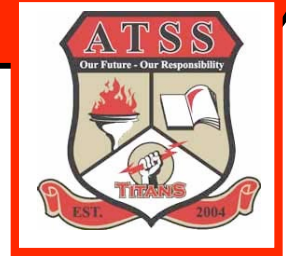


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Laptop Information

Parent Laptop Information Meeting:

In a continuing attempt to keep you as parents informed or to help you become informed regarding the laptop program, we held an information meeting for parents with district personnel. In addition to some of the comments I had in the last newsletter, here is a summary of the main points of the information shared:

- I shared a few references to research done on the role "one to one" laptop programs contribute to overall student achievement.
- Mr. Ennis shared some of the professional development being done currently with the teachers and some of the accomplishments of our students.
- Mr Ivany, Dist Asst. Superintendent explained how the District hired the work of an objective consultant to take a look at the program. They came back with strong support for the program but made 10 recommendations for improvement.
- Mr. Murray the District Secretary Treasurer shared some information regarding the costs of the program and school fees.
 - Actual cost to district of Acer computers incl. warranty, carry bags, software, (Office Pro Upgrade), taxes and financing is \$1650.
It is important to note that this does not cover the cost of additional software installed.
 - Ministry Start up grant \$250,000
Costs/spent so far, \$199,000
Wireless setup both old and current school sites, engineering.
Assessment as to why there were major problems initially, one teacher FTE tech. support at school level, research study to assess existing program.
 - Additional tech, support from district not covered, approx. \$20,000 to set up laptops over summer.
 - Mr. Murray explained that the court decision re: school fees did not specifically challenge the Board approved fees charged by school districts contrary to media suggestions. It will take time to determine the extent of its implication. At this point our lease program is not challenged. The District expects further decisions to come which will provide further clarification. This may or may not have an impact on our laptop program. Should it be interpreted in a "black and white" sense, many school programs would be discontinued at the school level including our laptop program.

We are working towards finding answers for a variety of questions that were raised at the meeting. If you have any further questions please forward it to me.

Mrs. Strukoff, our PAC chairperson, offered to start up a "task force" of stake holders, to take a more detailed look at the program and to set up a process for engaging parents' input. We will keep you informed of this as we go.

Mr. Glen Hildebrand



Campus Tidbits

Uniform News

JTB SERVICES POLICIES

ALL ORDERS MUST INCLUDE PAYMENT TO J.T.B. SERVICES. COMPLETED ORDER FORMS MAY BE DROPPED OFF IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

ORDERS WILL BE PICKED UP TWICE MONTHLY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DECEMBER WHEN JTB IS CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

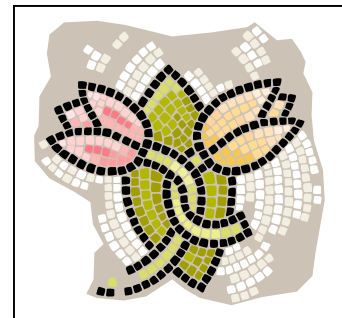
- ❖ THE NEXT ORDER PICK UP DATE IS NOV 17/06. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS THE LAST ORDER PICK UP UNTIL JANUARY 2007

LOGOED ITEMS WILL NOT BE RETURNED OR EXCHANGED UNLESS THE ITEM IS DAMAGED. ALL DAMAGED ITEMS MUST BE RETURNED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF PURCHASE WITH RECEIPT.



DRESS CODE:

NOVEMBER 16TH IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO PLACE AN ORDER UNTIL JAN 2007. PLEASE DROP ORDER FORMS WITH PAYMENT ATTACHED TO THE OFFICE BEFORE NOVEMBER 16TH.



School Timetable

8:10	Warning bell
8:10 - 8:40	START
8:45 - 9:40	Class one
9:45 - 10:40	Class two
10:45 - 11:43	Class three
11:43 - 12:25	Lunch
12:25 - 1:25	Class four
1:30-2:30	Class five



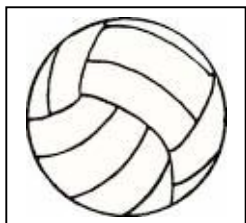
Punctuality

We would like to communicate a polite reminder to parents and students that classes begin promptly at 8:10. Please provide ample time to arrive so that students are in class before the bell.
Mr. Parker

SPORTS NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ATSS SWIM TEAM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING JOB AT THE UPPER FRASER VALLEY SWIM MEET LAST THURSDAY, NOV. 2ND. SWIMMERS SET NEW PERSONAL BEST TIMES IN NEARLY EVERY INDIVIDUAL & TEAM RELAY EVENT THEY WERE IN.
SPECIAL CONGRATS TO APRIL MILLER & BRIAN GERBRANDT
FOR ADVANCING TO THE FRASER VALLEY ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS THIS THURSDAY NOV. 9. CHEER THEM ON AS THEY REPRESENT ATSS!!!!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SR. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL!! THEY PLACED 5TH LAST WEEKEND IN A CHILLIWACK TOURNAMENT OUT OF 8 TEAMS.
WAY TO GO GIRLS.

Dates to Remember

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY	NOV 9 TH
PRO D-DAY	NOV 10 TH
REMEMBRANCE DAY HOLIDAY	NOV 13 TH
REPORT CARDS SENT HOME	NOV 17 TH
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS	NOV 23 RD
PRO D-DAY	DEC 1 ST
MUSIC CONCERT	DEC 5 TH
SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR & MUSIC PERFORMANCE	DEC 14 TH
CHRISTMAS BANQUET	DEC 18 TH
LAST DAY BEFORE WINTER VACATION	DEC 22 ND



Musical Theatre Update
ABBOTSFORD TRADITIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL PRESENTS:

"Seussical: The Musical"

"Seussical" isn't just a musical. It's a lose-your bluesical, loosey-gooseical lollapaloozical show!

This magical musical includes a brilliantly conceived story using a host of Seuss characters and a musical score that is one magical and entertaining number after another. Kids and parents who grew up on these stories will find it appealing. Seussical belts out one delightful song after another, along with the whimsical set, colorful costumes, and unflappable energy. Kids are riveted by the nonstop action, antics, and fun – and there's even a little subtle humor for parents – so don't miss this one!

This year's production, "Seussical the Musical" will run for four matinees and two evening performances at the Abbey Arts Centre. The show will run for 75 minutes. Matinee tickets will be \$4 per person, and evening tickets will be \$8 per person. Tickets will go on sale at the end of November (advance sales will be available for cast and crew).

Tuesday January 9 (afternoon show 12.30 p.m.)
Wednesday January 10 (morning show 10.30 a.m.)
Thursday January 11 (afternoon show 12.30 p.m.)
Thursday January 11 (evening show 7.30 p.m.)
Friday January 12 (morning show 10.30 a.m.)
Friday January 12 (evening show 7.30 p.m.)



Special Thanks to Mrs. Sherry Strukoff, David Ennis, Val Neufeldt, Elizabeth VanDalfsen, Tracey Wedel, the Senior Choir and student leaders who dedicated their time and effort to make this year's Remembrance Day Ceremony a memorable event.

Abbotsford School District Gang Information Forum

Abbey Arts Centre
2329 Crescent Way Abbotsford, B.C.
Tuesday November 28, 2006
7:00pm - 9:30 pm
Presentations by:
Yale Secondary Drama Students
B.C. Integrated Gang Task Force
• Supt. John Robin & Sgt. Shinder Kirk
Abbotsford School District
• Mr. Franke Roffel
Integrated Border Enforcement Team
• Cst. Maitland Smith
Everyone welcome to attend.
Free admission.

