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Mr. Abernethy local: 1107

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David Ennis local: 1120

Remembrance Day



I would like to take this opportunity to invite our parent group and surrounding community to our upcoming Remembrance Day Ceremony on **Thursday, November 8th from 10:15 to 11:30** in our gymnasium.

Every Remembrance Day is a very special occasion indeed. This year however, we are hoping to host our most memorable Remembrance Day Ceremony to date. This is fitting, given that on site we share our facility with military personnel from the 192 Airfield Engineering Flight, as well as, staff and students from the middle school.

Our entire student population Grades 6 to 12, as well as, teachers from both schools, will be present at the ceremony – some 850 attendees. Likewise, we have the pleasure of receiving a significant number of Abbotsford School District trustees, district personnel and distinguished military personnel and the media.

We would be very honoured if you could also join us for a portion of the morning to pause in a silent moment of remembrance for the men and women who have served, and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace.

Mr. Parker



ATMS/ATSS
Remembrance Day Ceremony
10:15 to 11:30
ATSS Gym
Thursday, November 8th, 2007

Members of the greater community, district personnel, veterans, active members of the Canadian Forces and parents of all Traditional Schools are invited to attend our upcoming Traditional School's Remembrance Day Ceremony to be held in the Abbotsford Traditional Secondary Gym.

Come join our staff, parents, and students from Grades 6 to 12 to pause in a silent moment of remembrance for the men and women who have served, and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace.

Please RSVP your attendance to: christine_dahl@sd34.bc.ca

Important Date

Parent In-service Laptop Safety and Accountability

At the next PAC meeting evening Tues. Nov. 20 beginning at 6:30 pm in the Library there will be a 45 minute workshop for parents about laptops dealing with safety, security and student accountability. It is our intent to assist parents as much as possible in helping to understand some of the concerns around the use of laptops at ATSS. This workshop will deal with areas parents need to be aware of in terms of internet use etc. and how to do checks on your child's laptop to ensure their use is as safe and appropriate as possible. You don't want to miss this one. Mark Nov. 20 on your calendar and plan to be here for this important workshop.



Smart Youth Power Assembly



Faculty:

Dept Heads:	<u>Local</u>
Mr. Fedyna Math/Science	#3256
Mrs. Neufeldt Humanities	#3137
Mr. Ennis Perf Arts/Tech	#1120
Mr. Laity PE	#5107
Mr. Abernethy/Student/Ldrshp	#1107

Teaching Staff

Mr. Barden	#1103
Mr. Currie	#3252
Mrs. Faber	#3256
Ms. Flagg	#3140
Mr. Friesen	#3138
Ms. Hunt	#5107
Mrs. Kehoe	#3134
Mr. Lane	#3248
Mr. Macphail	#5173
Mrs. Mihalech	#3240
Mrs. Myers	#3235
Ms. Vandalfsen	#3136
Mrs. VanKleeck	#3237

Learning Assistance

Mrs. Collins	#3135
Mrs. Hiebert	
Mrs. Silzer	
Mrs. Botkin	

Library

Ms. Malmas	#3152
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On November 23 students in Grades 10, 11 and 12 will have the opportunity to see Norbert Georget's Smart Youth Power Assembly. This is a powerful 60-75 minute presentation on teenage drinking and driving, substance abuse, and peer pressure. Norbert's Smart Youth Power Assembly has been delivered to over one million students in 2000 public schools throughout Canada and the United States. Norbert Georget is an International renowned speaker, student motivator and paramedic with over eighteen years experienced. The assembly will be from 1 to 2:15 pm and parents are welcome to attend.

Darlene Rayburn
 Child & Youth Worker
 ATMS / ATSS
 (604) 850-3511 Local 3255

Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day

Students in Grade 9 have received permission forms for:

Take Our Kids to Work Day Wednesday November 7th

These forms should be filled out and returned to Grade 9 homeroom teachers as soon as possible. TOKTW is a national program that allows students to observe what their parents (or another adult) does for a living, and is part of the Health and Career Education 9 curriculum. Any questions can be directed to Mr. Abernethy.



Remember: We are on the web!



This is a reminder that the Abbotsford Police will be hosting an Identity Theft / Internet Safety Forum on Tuesday November 6th at 7:00pm at the Matsqui Centennial Auditorium (attached to city hall).

We will have two presenters, one for each topic.

Internet Safety:

Merlyn Horton (BPA Comm), the Executive Director of the Safe Online Outreach Society (SOLOS) is a youth advocate who has been working with high-risk, street entrenched and sexually exploited youth for over twenty years. Since the mainstream introduction of the Internet, Horton has been researching and investigating the incidences of sexual exploitation online. As an aspiring geek and tireless youth advocate, Merlyn's presentations have been characterized as dynamic, enlightening and entertaining. She has spoken in Scotland and Ireland as a keynote speaker and has presented to over six thousand professionals, parents and youth throughout Western Canada in the last five years. Also, she is the 2003 recipient of the Myrtle Evertt Award for Professional Excellence.

Identity Theft (and personal fraud):

Jeff Burton retired in 2002 after serving more than 30yrs with the Vancouver Police Department. During the last 7 years of his service he was a Detective in the Financial Crime Section and after retiring he began working with the British Columbia Crime Prevention Association as a resource person for educating the public and businesses about frauds and scams. He has made many radio and television appearances as a regular contributor, especially on identity theft and credit card and debit card fraud. He is currently the Manager of Programs & Projects for BC Crime Prevention Association and is responsible for overseeing programs such as Crime Shield, Crime Free Multi Housing and Operation Rednose.

Remember to call the office if your student is going to be away or late. Thankyou.





Congratulations to the Junior Girls Volleyball Team who finished their season Tuesday at Mouat. The girls made a strong showing as they bumped, set and spiked their way through long rallies! Kudos out to the girls who have shown tremendous improvement over the season, winning games against some of the strongest teams in the west division including MEI, Hansen, SJB and Mission Secondary! Thanks to Deanna Barwich for coming out to assist coach the team. We are all looking forward to next year, as a large portion of our team was made up of Grade 9's who will return to lead the Junior Girls Team in 2008! Go Titans!!

Go Titans Go!

Don't be late... for this important date!

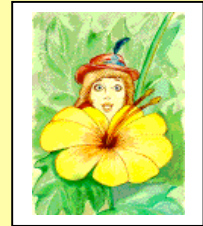
ATSS Musical Theater is proud to present Disney's "Alice in Wonderland Jr." in January 2008.

School Matinees:

Tuesday January 15
Wednesday January 16
Thursday January 17
Friday January 18

Public Performances:

Friday January 18 (evening)
Saturday January 19 (evening)



Our cast and crew of nearly 50 students are already hard at work rehearsing for this season's production. This year, the course is in the timetable six times per week, and we are moving quickly towards auditions.

A big **thank you** to all the parents who have volunteered to help so far – we'll be in touch shortly by email or by phone!

Other jobs we are looking to fill:

Ticket sales & Promotions (presales & show nights)
Properties master
Make Up coordinator
House manager

Lighting technician
Sound technician
Backstage crew
Ushers and front of house crew

Some of these jobs will take place in the next six weeks, some will be done in the last few weeks before the production, and still others will be during the week of performance (Jan 15-19, 2008). If you are able to help out in any capacity, whether or not your child is involved with Musical Theatre, we appreciate you donating your time! Contact Mrs. Myers (michelle_myers@sd34.bc.ca) or Mr. Dencer for more information.

PAC Info

DPAC Meetings are held at the School District Admin Office – Boardroom beginning at 7:07 pm.
September 27th
October 25th
November 22nd
January 24th
February 28th
April 24th
May 29th

Key Communicator Meetings are generally held at the School District Admin Office – Boardroom beginning at 9:30 am.
November 6th
January 9th
February 6th
April 2nd
May 7th

Please be advised that a meeting of the KEY COMMUNICATORS will be held on Tuesday, November 6th, 9:30 a.m. at the School District Administration Office, 2790 Tims Street. All parents are welcome to attend.

Extended Absences

School District Extended Absences

If you are planning an extended absence please come to the main office where you must fill out an extended absence form for your student. Also, for your information, laptops are not allowed out of the country and must be handed in to Mr. Ennis prior to the absence. Thankyou



Computer Help

STUDENT COMPUTER HELP SCHEDULE

Revised: Sep. 25, 2007 Mr. Ennis, Mr. Lane and Mr. Macphail are the computer support teachers.

Monday Period 2 - Block B1 Period 5 - Block D1

Tuesday Period 4 - Block A1 Period 5 - Block B2

Wednesday Period 5 - Block A2

Thursday Period 4 - Block B1

Friday Period 2 - Block B2 Period 5 - Block D2

How to Access your student's marks.

Use our atss.ca website for easy access to your student's marks and missing assignments. Simply log onto atss.ca and select "Online Marks", there you will see the teachers "Classwords" for your student's individual classes. There is a direct link to mygradebook where you will enter the classword and your student's 9-digit PEN number. This can be accessed at any time and is a great way for parents to stay aware of their student's academic progress. If you are unaware of your student's PEN number, simply call the school's office and our secretaries will be glad to give it to you.

ATSS Leadership

For information on Leadership Activities headed by Mr. Abernethy please go to this link:

http://abbynet.sd34.bc.ca/~colin_abernethy/atssstudentservicessite/leadershipteam.htm



ODDS N' ENDS

Please when parking, use the empty stalls as much as possible. Some people are not able to leave as cars are waiting in front of the stalls at days end. We appreciate your consideration of others in the parking lot.

GET YOUR PICTURES IN THE YEARBOOK

The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school and community events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them. Here is how you can submit photo's online. Log onto: images.jostens.com

Enter Login ID: 300813745

Password: yearbook08

- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload, click on "Image Share".
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details".

It's that easy! Submit your photos today!

The Yearbook Staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submission can be used in the book.

ATSS School Year Calendar

November 2	Last day for uniform orders
November 7	Take our Kids to Work Day
November 8	End of Term 1
November 8	Remembrance Day Ceremony
November 9	Non Instructional Day
November 12	Remembrance Day off
November 20	PAC Meeting
November 20	TAC Meeting
November 22	Report Cards go home
November 22	Parent/Teacher Interviews
November 23	Smart Youth Assembly
November 28 & 29	Early Dismissal Days
November 30	Non Instructional Day
December 5	SS Fair
December 13	Christmas Concert
December 21	Last Day before Christmas
December 24-Jan 4	Winter Vacation
January 7	School Reopens
January 15	PAC Meeting
January 15-19	Musical "Alice in Wonderland"
January 22	TAC Meeting
January 25	End of Term II
January 28-Feb 1	Provincial Exams
January 30 & 31	In-School Exams
February 1	Semester Turnaround Day
February 15	Non Instructional Day
February 19	TAC Meeting
February 19	Grade 9 Immunizations
March 11	TAC Meeting
March 17-21	Spring Vacation
March 21	Good Friday
March 24	Easter Monday
March 25	Day in lieu of Good Friday
March 26-28	Days in Lieu - Not in session
March 31	School Reopens
April 16 & 17	Early Dismissal Days
April 18	Non Instructional Day
April 22	TAC Meeting
April 24	Report Cards go home
April 24	Parent/Teacher interviews
May 5	Café Night Concert
May 8	SS Fair
May 16	Prom 6-12 @ Hazelmere
May 19	Victoria Day
May 20	TAC Meeting
May 30	Convocation and Dry Grad
June 19 & 20	In School Exams
June 18-26	Provincial Exams
June 27	Year End Closing





Grab, Go and Grow: Healthy School Snacks

That time has rolled around again ... snacks need making and lunches need packing. With all the chores of the day, who has time to organize nutritious snacks? Today's parents are time-stressed and in many cases forced to be multi-taskers, but savvy parents also know that putting together healthy snacks is not rocket science. In fact, healthy snacks can be quick and easy!

Tips for Being a Super Healthy Snack Shopper

- Buy an assortment of fruits and vegetables, cut them up and stow them away
- Choose unsweetened applesauce or fruit cups packed in unsweetened fruit juice
- Look for whole grain crackers or bagels to combine with nut butter or cheese
- Select low fat cheese sticks or yogurt to accompany fruit
- Choose pre-washed baby carrots or snap peas, add a yogurt dip
- Accompany whole wheat pita with ready to serve hummus
- Choose granola bars with dried fruits and nuts
- Buy cereals low in sugar to snack on
- Pick up some dried fruit, mini pretzels, nuts, seeds to add to unsweetened cereal to make your own trail mix
- Stock up on yogurt & granola to add to fruit for a yummy parfait



Public Health Nutrition Program

