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Abbotsford Traditional Secondary School

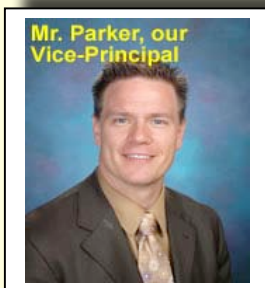
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## Principal's Message

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### Secretaries:

Mrs. Suderman local: 1000  
Mrs. Swadden local: 1001  
Mrs. Mangat local: 1002

### Counselor:

Mr. Abernethy local: 1107

### One-to-One program:

David Ennis local: 1120

It's great to see everyone return safely. Our thoughts and prayers are certainly with the Rick Hansen community in the tragic loss of two of their students. This is a fresh reminder to all of us about the fragility of this precious thing we call life, to value our relationships and take the time to reflect on our fortunes.

We are nearing the end of our semester and understandably the pressure is on for all of us to complete necessary tasks, assignments and responsibilities in preparation for the end of certain courses. Good luck to all of our students as they prepare for their final exams. Also a strong encouragement to those that need to complete assignments to make the grade for the end of the course. Put the effort in as it pays off.

I need to also suggest to those who are failing courses that every effort is needed to pass your core subject courses. The problem is developing as we grow, that we may have all of our courses filled up by feeder school students which due to class size regulations could result in there being no room, for example, in a Math 9 class for someone who needs to repeat it the next year. This could result in the need to take summer school to complete that course in order to be able to get the following grade level the next year. We have already experienced this year the inability to receive new students because certain required classes have no room remaining in them.

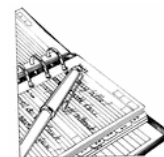
We have some great news as we have completed our deal with the district and Apple Canada to replace our problem iBooks laptops. By now all of our Gr. 9's should have received their new Acer laptops. There is no further payment in addition to your first one of \$315 required, as that now counts to this new laptop. This laptop will remain with the student during their years here at ATSS. Many thanks to Mr. Ennis, Mr. MacPhail and Mr. Lane for all their work in processing this change. Again we insist that parents who are considering buying their own personal laptops make sure they meet with our One to One co-ordinator first as there are already some issues with personal laptops with both their absence of necessary software and accountability for the use of prohibited programs.

Our Musical Theater is currently underway and what a successful program it is. Fabulous costumes and excellent performances are definitely worth seeing. If you haven't already you may wish to attend the last performance Sat evening. You may still get tickets at the door.

### Important Dates Ahead

<b>January 28-Feb 1</b>	<b>Provincial Exams</b>
<b>January 30 &amp; 31</b>	<b>In-School Exams</b>
<b>February 1</b>	<b>Semester Turnaround Day</b>
<b>February 15</b>	<b>Pro-D day</b>

Please see attached exam schedule



### GRADE 9 IMMUNIZATIONS

Our Health Nurses will be in the building for the Tetanus and Diphtheria shots on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Forms will be coming home soon. Please be sure to fill out and sign whether you would like your child immunized or not.





# GRADUATION 2008 INFO



## Faculty:

<u>Dept Heads:</u>	<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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## Cafeteria

Mrs. Isaak	#5169
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## International Rep

Mr. Kim	#1110
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## Youth Worker

Darlene Rayburn	#3255
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Remember: We are on the web!



Please remember to phone the office if your student is going to be late or absent. Thankyou!

The First installment of grad fees is due January 30 in the amount of \$100. Please see Mrs. Faber's website for detailed information regarding grad fees and fundraising.  
<http://faber.thain.ca>

### ATSS Calendar Ad Space

**Attention Parents: Its back!!! And better than ever!!!** With a new grad class comes a new grad calendar. This is your first opportunity to take part in the biggest grad fundraiser of the year. Simultaneously support the 2008 graduating class and promote your business venture. Many advertising slots are available for purchase throughout the calendar that will successfully create publicity for your company for the duration of an entire month. Calendars will be distributed throughout the traditional community of ATMS and ATSS students and are an exceptional advertisement option.

For more information, feel free to contact Lindsay Faber via email.  
[Lindsay\\_faber@sd34.bc.ca](mailto:Lindsay_faber@sd34.bc.ca)



Have you ever wanted to see Paris or Munich? Would you like to see some of the places Canadian troops fought during World War I and World War II? Would you like to practice your French or German language skills? ATSS students have the opportunity to take a trip to Europe in March 2009! There will be a parent and student meeting at ATSS, on Monday, January 21st, at 6:00 pm in room 137. Supper will not be provided, but snacks will!

## News from the Counseling Dept.



**Course Planning:** It is that time a year again where our students will be involved in course planning for the 2008/2009 year. Course planning for our grade 8 students at ATMS will take place the week of February 11/08, and for students at ATSS the week of February 18/08. Students will be bringing home a course selection form during those times. Please take time to sit down with your child and help them with their choices in this very important process. Factors involved in making excellent choices are: what courses do I need to take to graduate, what courses do I need to take to meet college/university entrance requirements, what courses do I have an interest in, what courses match my skill set, and there are many more. Due dates to have the forms back to the school will be on the bottom of the form.

For more information please go to:

[http://abbynet.sd34.bc.ca/~colin\\_abernethy/atssstudentservicessite/courseplanning.htm](http://abbynet.sd34.bc.ca/~colin_abernethy/atssstudentservicessite/courseplanning.htm).

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Abernethy at ATSS.

### UCFV Entrance Scholarships (Attention ATSS Grads)

UCFV President's Entrance Scholarship: 4 awards valued at \$4000 per year over 4 years for a total of \$16,000-Application deadline: April 11/08

UCFV Excellence Entrance Scholarship: 31 awards valued at \$3000-Application deadline: April 11/08

For more information and to download an application go to

[http://abbynet.sd34.bc.ca/~colin\\_abernethy/atssstudentservicessite/financialaid.htm](http://abbynet.sd34.bc.ca/~colin_abernethy/atssstudentservicessite/financialaid.htm)

Any questions please see Mr. Abernethy

### Beat the Mosquito Challenge (ATSS Leadership)

We are excited about the challenge of raising \$1000 to help the people of Liberia and Rwanda in preventing Malaria. The money will go to purchase mosquito nets (nets cost \$10 each). For more information please read the poster. More info to follow.

Student Leadership Activities: to view planned activities click on our event calendar:

[http://abbynet.sd34.bc.ca/~colin\\_abernethy/atssstudentservicessite/leadershipteam.htm](http://abbynet.sd34.bc.ca/~colin_abernethy/atssstudentservicessite/leadershipteam.htm)





Dear Parents of Grade 9 Students:

The laptop program is intended to enhance the educational experience of students. Being able to replace the iBook computers mid-year with such a great laptop is really positive for the school, and your son/daughter. This is especially true considering that payments already made count towards the new laptop. This laptop is special in that it has a fully comprehensive drop-spill warranty for 3 full years, and is a state-of-the-art modern duo processor computer.

With the new laptops comes a great deal of responsibility for your son/daughter. Because the computers are brand new we will be watching carefully for marks and scratches. You can help us with this at home. Marks on the computer start to happen when computer bags are crammed full of other materials. We have had hinge problems in the past because of the high number of times that the laptop computers are opened and closed each day. Please watch to see that your son/daughter is opening and closing the computer slowly. The charger heats up when used. Thank you for being mindful of where the charger is placed.

The value of the computer is high right now. A theft would be terrible, especially if there was no insurance. The school offers, for \$25, a "Peace of Mind" theft insurance policy. If you have not already paid for this at the beginning of the year, please consider contacting Mrs. Swadden in the school office to pay. If you can't remember what you paid, contact Mrs. Swadden. Very few families would want to claim a computer theft on their home insurance due to the cost of the deductible, and having a claim record.

The computers are school property. As parents, this is something that can certainly be emphasized at home in terms of using the computer primarily for schoolwork. Any efforts to get around school district website blocks, chat-like activity on school property, or adding software programs to the computers are prohibited. If a student really "needs" to visit a blocked website or do other online activities, or use other software, please direct them away from the school computer and to a different computer such as a home computer.

Parents are encouraged to not allow any computer use after a certain hour in the evening and also to insist upon no computer use in confined spaces such as a bedroom. This is, of course, up to each individual family, but in general limiting screen time (computers, TV, video games, etc.) is good. Quiet time for reading, practicing musical instruments, doing homework, helping around the house, taking the dog for a walk, and just relaxing is valuable.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Ennis [david\\_ennis@sd34.bc.ca](mailto:david_ennis@sd34.bc.ca) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Ennis, Mr. Lane, Mr. Macphail  
Computer program support team





# ATSS School Year Calendar

## 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](http://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.

## 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](http://atss.ca) website for easy access to your student's marks and missing assignments. Simply log onto [atss.ca](http://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.

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 17	Awards Ceremony
June 19 & 20	In School Exams
June 18-26	Provincial Exams
June 27	Year End Closing

## OUR NEXT UNIFORM ORDER PICKUP WILL BE ON FEBRUARY THE 1<sup>ST</sup>.

### Adidas Large Gym Bags

**For sale at the ATMS office. \$35.00 each Printed with "Abbotsford Traditional" on the top. A great item that will last a long time.**



Fraser Valley Child Development Centre is offering a FREE education course for parents/relatives living with children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum and Related Disorders "The Journey Through Fetal Alcohol Spectrum and Related Disorders"

7 consecutive Monday nights - January 21 - March 3, 2008

6:30-9:00 p.m.

#105-32868 Ventura Avenue Abbotsford

Contact Leona Fountain @ 604-852-2686 ext 246 for more information or to register

### User Pay Bussing Forms for 08/09

Pre-registration forms are now available in the main office if your student needs user pay bussing for next year. They should be completed and handed in no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Parent Newsletter Insert: January 2008



### Eat Your Fruit & Veggies

Eating more from the vegetable and fruit food group is one of the key messages in Canada's revised Food Guide. Children 4 - 8 years old need 5 - 6 servings of fruit & vegetables in their diet. Children 9 - 13 years should have 6 servings per day while those 14 - 18 years old require 7 - 8 servings daily.

Try some of these helpful tips on getting more fruit and vegetables into your kids:

- offer a variety of different veggies i.e. radishes, broccoli or cauliflower florets, snow peas, peppers or cucumber
- keep a fruit salad on hand; make juicy by adding a bit of apple juice, orange juice or yogurt
- offer vegetables raw if your child turns away from cooked or only cook to crunchy
- try cutting vegetables in different shapes, carrot coins or cucumber sticks for example
- for the highly resistant, camouflage vegetables by pureeing them into other menu items like soups and pasta sauces
- try some new & unusual fruit and vegetables - bok choy, gai lan, casava, okra, bitter melon, passion fruit, pomegranate, or star fruit
- cut up and plate your fruit and veggie snacks ... a colourful display often tempts children
- remember, likes and dislikes change - your child may have to sample a fruit or vegetable several times before accepting it



And don't forget ..... eat a variety of fruit and vegetables yourself, that way you'll be a healthy role model for your entire family!

For your copy of Canada's Food Guide contact: [phnutrition@fraserhealth.ca](mailto:phnutrition@fraserhealth.ca)





# BOY SMARTS

EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES FOR PARENTING BOYS

**L**et's get beyond the headlines, hysterics, and the hype. This presentation will address what it takes for parents and caregivers to guide boys to become exceptional men.

- What are the unique needs of boys?
- Who is BadBoyWannabe and why do boys have difficulty expressing emotion?
- How can I talk with my boy so he'll listen and listen so he'll talk?
- How can we help our boys to become courageous, caring, and ethical men?

**BARRY MACDONALD** is an author, teacher and counsellor/coach who is a champion for strong families, strong schools – and boys. A sought-after speaker, he has presented to thousands of sold-out parent and teacher, and was also identified as *1 of 25 Influential People to Watch* by the *Vancouver Sun*. Barry's best selling book, *Boy Smarts-Mentoring Boys for Success at School* will be available for purchase and signing (payment by cheque or cash please). For more information visit [www.MentoringBoys.com](http://www.MentoringBoys.com)

<b>WHEN</b>	Tuesday, February 19 7 - 9pm	<b>WHERE</b>	Robert Bateman Secondary 35045 Exbury Avenue, Abbotsford
<b>ADVANCE TICKETS</b>	\$10 until Feb 15 at school offices of Clayburn Middle or Bateman Sec.	<b>TICKETS AT DOOR?</b>	\$15 at door - unless sold out Questions? <a href="mailto:clayburnpac@sd34.bc.ca">clayburnpac@sd34.bc.ca</a>

Sponsored by the PAC's of Clayburn Middle School & Robert Bateman Secondary

[www.MentoringBoys.com](http://www.MentoringBoys.com)

# Dialogue

## With South Asian Youth and Parents

*If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem.*

Join us for an evening of dialogue on the topics of:

- Engaging youth
- Crime prevention
- Positive parenting

**Date:** Wednesday, February 6, 2008  
**Time:** 6:30pm to 9:00pm  
**Location:** Abbotsford Banquet and Conference Centre  
 33738 Laurel St. Abbotsford

Please register with Dhaminder.  
[Dhaminder.harry@paralynx.com](mailto:Dhaminder.harry@paralynx.com) or 604-858-7881 local 202

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## ABOUT THE BEAT THE MOSQUITOES CHALLENGE

### What is Spread the Net?

Spread the Net is a campaign, a movement, a manifesto. Founded by Belinda Stronach and Rick Mercer following their trip to Africa in 2005, Spread the Net is a campaign designed in partnership with UNICEF Canada as a simple and affordable solution to the devastating impacts of malaria.

Malaria (link) is the single leading cause of death of children under the age of five in Africa. In fact, every 30 seconds a child dies of malaria – that's almost 3,000 children a day. But the goal of Spread the Net is to change this.

### What is the Beat the Mosquitoes Challenge?

High School students and other young Canadians are invited to join the Spread the Net Beat the Mosquitoes Challenge and help raise funds for the purchase of insecticide-treated bed nets for [Liberia](#) and [Rwanda](#) – two nations struggling in the fight against malaria.

One insecticide-treated bed net costs only \$10. Just think about it: \$10 buys a couple of lattes, an album on iTunes or a trip to the movies. Or it can help to save a life. Treated bed nets have been shown to reduce malaria transmission by at least 50 percent and deaths of children under five by up to 25 percent!

### The Goal:

We are challenging young Canadians to raise enough money by March 2008 to contribute another 50,000 long-lasting insecticide-treated bed nets to children and pregnant women in Liberia and Rwanda. With the help of students just like you, we can reach this goal, make a difference and save lives!



## School District 34 Provincial + District Exams Schedule January 2008

Mon Jan 28	Tues Jan 29	Wed Jan 30	Thurs Jan 31	Fri Feb 1
<p><b>AM 8:30-11:30</b> must stay 10:00am for provincial exams)</p> <p><b>Provincial:</b> <b>English 12</b></p> <p><b>District</b></p> <p>English 9 Math 11 - Principles Applications Essentials</p>	<p><b>AM 8:30-11:30</b> must stay 10:00am for provincial exams)</p> <p><b>Provincial:</b> <b>English 10</b> <b>French 12</b> <b>Communications 12</b> <b>Francais Langue 12</b></p> <p><b>District</b></p> <p>Physics 11 Communications 11</p>	<p><b>AM 8:30-11:30</b> must stay 10:00am for provincial exams)</p> <p><b>Provincial:</b> <b>Science 10</b> <b>Civic Studies 11</b> <b>English Lit. 12</b></p> <p><b>District</b></p> <p>Science 9 Chemistry 11</p>	<p><b>AM 8:30-11:30</b> must stay 10:00am for provincial exams)</p> <p><b>Provincial:</b> <b>Biology 12</b></p> <p><b>District</b></p> <p>Biology 11 Earth Science 11</p>	<p><b>AM 8:30-11:30</b> must stay 10:00am for provincial exams)</p> <p><b>Provincial:</b> <b>Geography 12</b></p> <p><b>District</b></p>
<p><b>PM 12:00-3:00</b> must stay 2:00 pm for provincial exams</p> <p><b>Provincial:</b> <b>Math 10 -</b> Principles Applications Essentials <b>Math 12 -</b> Applications <b>Geology 12</b></p> <p><b>District:</b></p> <p>English 11 Calculus 12 Math 9- Principles Applications Essentials</p>	<p><b>PM 12:00-3:00</b> must stay 2:00 pm for provincial exams</p> <p><b>Provincial:</b> <b>Social Studies 11</b> <b>Sciences</b> <b>Humaines 11</b> <b>History 12</b></p> <p><b>District:</b></p> <p>Social Studies 9 Sciences Humaines 9 Social Studies 10 Sciences Humaines 10</p>	<p><b>PM 12:00-3:00</b> must stay 2:00 pm for provincial exams</p> <p><b>Provincial:</b> <b>Math 12 –</b> Principles</p> <p><b>District:</b></p> <p>Francais Langue 9, 10, 11 Japanese 9, 10, 11 German 9, 10, 11 Punjabi 9, 10, 11 French 9, 10, 11 Spanish 9, 10, 11</p>	<p><b>PM 12:00-3:00</b> must stay 2:00 pm for provincial exams</p> <p><b>Provincial:</b> <b>Physics 12</b> <b>BC First Nations Studies 12</b></p> <p><b>District:</b></p>	<p><b>PM 12:00-3:00</b> must stay 2:00 pm for provincial exams</p> <p><b>Provincial:</b> <b>Chemistry 12</b></p> <p><b>District:</b></p>

