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Principal's Message

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Mr. Hildebrand, our
Principal



Mr. Parker, our
Vice-Principal



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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:

Andrew MacPhail local: 1120

Dear Parents and Students:

Its good to see the halls full of students again and ready for a new and exciting year. The opening of school has gone smoothly this year as Mrs. Suderman, Mrs. Swadden and Mrs. Mangat, our secretaries, have worked tirelessly to accommodate students and parent needs. Thank-you all for your patience as we have tried to accommodate student course change requests. As in the past we are somewhat limited by our smaller school to how different timetable choices can all fit together. Mr. Abernethy has spent several days working hard on trying to accommodate student requests.

As we have communicated in the summer letter we do have several new staff members I would like to welcome to our family. Ms. McColl is now with us full time for Band, Choir and Musical Theater, Mr. Cuthbertson is our new but experienced senior Math and AP Math/Calculus teacher, Mr. Domke is teaching Planning and Physical Education for both us and the Middle School and working with Art and Socials is Mrs. Royer. We have a great staff who have been outstanding in their willingness to assist our new teachers. Our staff has been preparing for this school year over the past week or to. We began our year with a Pro-D day last Thurs. prior to school starting taking time as a staff to look at and review what traditional was and how it should look right from the start. We then spent time on developing our skills working with laptops and in working together as Departments. All in all a very profitable day.

We have grown and it is great to see all of our gym bleachers full with four rows of students sitting on the floor in front of the bleachers for our first assembly. The atmosphere appears to be very positive and our student body excited. We are in the process of getting a first class weight room up and running and we now have a new floor in place making the room usable. The acquisition of quality weight equipment will take time.

For your information we will be conducting several workshop/information meetings with parents on laptop use and concerns. These will be scheduled to coincide with upcoming PAC meetings. We will let you know the dates when they are set. If you have nay questions about school issues don't hesitate to contact me at the school. 604-850-7029

Sincerely,
Glen Hildebrand

ATSS School Uniform Info For Sept 2008

All Students are expected to be dressed in proper uniform from the first day of school however new students have until Sept 15th to be in compliance.

You are now able to purchase your uniform items from 'Team Gear' located at #102-31120 Peardonville Rd, phone - 604-854-0110. All purchases will be handled directly via the Team Gear storefront, they have sizes for you to try on prior to ordering and also accept visa, MasterCard and debit for your convenience. You will notice that some of our uniform items now have a slightly different look, which is due to a custom order arrangement with Team Gear.

We have been able to have many of our uniform items custom made for us allowing us to have continuity in sizing, colour, quality and availability. The store is located close to ATSS, just west down Peardonville on the left hand side.

All school tops are to be crested as per above however you may purchase bottoms at your favorite retailer. As always pants, skirts and shorts are to be black or beige, cords are allowed but absolutely no jeans.

STUDENT FEE PAYMENT NEEDED:

Please ensure that your child's student activity fee of \$30.00 is paid up to date. The Student Activity Fee of \$30.00 is to cover costs of student agenda's, guest speakers, student cards, school events, student recognition, student leadership, lock and locker rental. If payment has not been paid, please have your child bring cash/cheque with the invoice sheet to the office **ASAP** to update records. **For further questions, please contact Mrs. Mangat, Accounting Clerk (Available, Mon, Tue, Wed from 9:00am-1:00pm).** Thank you for your co-operation.





Faculty:	
Dept Heads:	Local
Mrs. VanKleeck Math/Science	#3237
Mrs. Neufeldt Humanities	#3137
Mr. MacPhail	#1120
Mr. Laity PE	#5107
Mr. Abernethy/Student/Ldrshp	#1107

Teaching Staff	
Mr. Barden	#1103
Mr. Currie	#3252
Mr. Cuthbertson	#3236
Ms. Dewar	#3234
Mr. Domke	#3240
Mrs. Faber	#3256
Mr. Fedyna	#3251
Mr. Friesen	#3138
Ms. Hunt	#5107
Mrs. Kehoe	#3134
Mr. Lane	#3248
Ms. McColl	#1116
Mrs. Mihalech	#3238
Mrs. Myers	#3235
Ms. Royer	#5173
Mrs. Schneider	#3141
Ms. Vandalfsen	#3136
Mrs. VanKleeck	#3237

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

Library	#3152
Ms. Malmas	

Cafeteria	#5169
Mrs. Isaak	

International Rep	#1110
Mr. Kim	

Youth Worker	#3255
Liz Hamill	

Remember: We are on the web!



Please remember to phone the

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT
SEPTEMBER 10TH AT 7:00 PM IN THE HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM



PHOTO DAY
SEPTEMBER 24TH STARTING AT 8:30 AM.
Students are to be in dress code for photo day.
Forms will be coming home.

Counselling News



Last day for course changes for students will be next Friday Sept. 12th. After that course changes will no longer be accepted. In order for course changes to be completed starting Monday, students will need to get a course change form from Mr. Abernethy in the counseling centre. The form can be completed and placed in his door mailbox.

HOME COMING WEEK
SEPTEMBER 22-26TH.
Homecoming Event
Thursday September 25th
For '08 and future '09 Grads
More information to come

SWIS - (Settlement Workers in Schools)

If your family (or someone you know) is new to Abbotsford and has immigrated to Canada in the last year, you (or they) may be eligible for the services of a SWIS worker. SWIS workers can help your family connect with school and can also help your family with other settlement needs in your home language. Services are currently available in twenty-one languages and can be arranged for in other languages, if necessary. Please contact your local school for a pamphlet of SWIS Information for Families or call Kanta Naik at 604-853-7640

Immigrant PALS (Punjabi)

A family literacy program is available to new immigrant Punjabi speaking families who have children that are three and four years old. Eligible families must be new to Canada having arrived here within the last 2- 3 years. Space is allocated on a first come first serve basis. However, preference will be given to those who have limited English. This program supports twenty-five families and runs for 10 sessions. Sessions run one Thursday per month from approximately 4: 45pm - 7:00 pm. The program is located at Harry Sayers Elementary. For further information please call Kanta Naik at 604- 853-7640 or Cindy Romanoski at 604-851-4580





Newsletters

Our newsletters will be sent out the first and third Friday of each month, unless there is a pro d-day, and then we will send it out the Thursday. This will be the only paper copy as we send our newsletters electronically. If you would like to be on the list for newsletter email-outs, please send an email to: atsoffice@sd34.bc.ca to be added to our list.

Our cafeteria will be officially open next week from Mondays to Thursdays and a "Buy a slice" pizza days on Friday.

Motivational Speaker
Andy Thibodeau
Monday September 15th for all students.



GRADE 9 IMMUNIZATIONS
 Our Health Nurses will be in the building for the Tetanus and Diphtheria/Pertussis shots on October 16th. Also you should be aware that they will be introducing for the first time the HPV vaccine to the grade nine girls in three separate sessions. Info forms will be coming home, it is very important that you indicate whether you want your daughter to have this vaccine or not on the form. If it does not indicate so the nurses will be asking for verbal o.k. from your student.

September 2	First Day in Session
September 10	Meet the Teacher Night
September 15	Motivational Speaker Assembly
September 19	Pro D Day
Sept 22-25	Homecoming Week
September 24	Photo Day
September 25	Homecoming Night - Grads
September 26	Terry Fox Run
October 13	Thanksgiving Day
October 16	Immunizations HPV & Tetanus
October 22	Photo Retakes
October 24	Pro D Day
November 7	Term End
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 21	Report Cards Issued
Nov 26-27	1 Hr. Early Dismissal
November 27	Parent/Teacher Interviews
November 28	Pro D Day
December 5	Clash of the Titans BB Game
December 5	Recognition Assembly
December 11	Christmas Dinner and Dance
December 17	Immunizations HPV 2 nd Round
December 19	Last Day Before Winter Break
Dec. 22-Jan 2	Winter Break
January 5	School Reopens
January 6-10	Musical Theatre at Abby Arts
January 16	Pro D Day
January 23	Term End
January 26-30	In school/district exams
February 6	Report Cards Issued
February 13	Pro D Day
February 20	Recognition Assembly
March 6	Last Day before Spring Break
March 9-20	Spring Break
March 23	School Reopens
April 9	Term End
April 10	Good Friday
April 13	Easter Monday
April 23	Report Cards Issued
April 24	Parent/Teacher Interviews
May 1	Pro D Day
May 14	Recognition Assembly
May 18	Immunizations HPV 3 rd Round
May 22	Victoria Day
June 5	Prom and Dry Grad
June 16	Convocation at Northview
June 17-25	Term End
June 17-18	In school/district exams
June 26	1 Hr. Early Dismissal
	Report Card Pickup

Bib No: _____

Registration Form
Abbotsford Police Challenge
Saturday, September 20, 2008

Runners must run in race selected. Failure to do so may eliminate you from any prize in a category.

Distance: 5K 10K

Gender: M F

Do you wish to be timed for this event? _____

Age (on racing day): _____
 Birthday (y/m/d): _____
 Last Name: _____
 First name: _____
 Full Address: _____
 Telephone: _____
 Organization/School/Class: _____
 Name of Group Coordinator for Package Pickup: _____

Adult T-shirt sizes only:
 SM Med Lrg
 XL No shirt

Amount Paid: _____ (no refunds)
Made cheque payable to "Abbotsford Police Challenge" or exact cash only - no change available
 There will be an additional \$25 charge for lost or replacement chips

Athlete's waiver: In consideration of your accepting this entry, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights or claims for damages I may have against the organizers or the agents, successors, representatives and assigns and the race sponsors for all and any injury, damage or loss. I may sustain during the entire event.
 Parental signature (must be signed if athlete is under 19 years of age): the legal parent/guardian of the above competitor hereby certify that I have read and agree to be bound by the terms of the above waiver on behalf of the said competitor.

Signature of Athlete or parent/guardian if under 19 _____ Date: _____

The Police Challenge Run Supports three Charities that are very important to the Police Community.

The Police Challenge Run began as a Fund Raiser for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics 17 years ago.

It has grown to be one of the more prominent Community Events supporting three charities -

BC Special Olympics
 ALS Society of BC
 United Way

For more information on these great charities, check out their websites.

BC Special Olympics: www.bcsso.bc.ca
 ALS Society: www.alsbc.ca
 The United Way: www.uswfy.bc.ca

18th Annual
Abbotsford
Police Challenge
 10K Challenge and 5K Fun Run

September 20, 2008
 Register Early and Save!

