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Principal's Message

The first couple of weeks have gone very smoothly despite some of the challenges of the new student records system. Students and teachers are settling in and we seem to be off to a good start. Mr. Hendricks our new Vice-Principal, is up and running. We are fortunate to have him join us. We had a very successful Meet the Teacher night and thank all of those parents for coming out. There are a couple of major awards/accomplishments of our students mentioned in the newsletter, please take note and we want to congratulate the success of our students. Interim report cards will be coming out in a couple of weeks. Several of our teams are already competing. Seasons have begun in both Junior and Senior girls and boys volleyball and Sr. boys soccer. We look forward to success in all of these areas.

Please make every effort to get our students here on time as lates interrupt instructional time. As I have mentioned before this is an important life and job skill.

Glen Hildebrand
Principal

Non school-sanctioned trips

It has come to our attention that a company by the name of S-Trip is organizing a ski trip to Big White in January for district high school students. Parents and students need to be aware that this trip and others marketed by this company are **non-school sanctioned excursions**. Our concern is these trips are being advertised as sponsored or supported by district high schools and supervised by district teachers and staff. This is not the case, so we ask that parents weigh carefully any decision to allow their child to participate in such trips.

Michael Hendricks
Vice-Principal

Congratulations

Congratulations are in order to Steven Dass, who went to the World Martial Arts Games in Las Vegas last week. Competing for Team Canada in two different divisions and two different weight classes, he beat out opponents from Australia, Great Britain, New Zealand, and the US in order to win three gold medals and one bronze. Well done Steven, our very own mixed martial arts world champion.

As well congratulations go out to the following 9/10 grads achieving Provincial scholarships; Megan Edwards, Kaily Enns, Harveen Grewal, Steve Jeon, Carly Schmirler, Emily Scoular, Analea Styles

Also congratulations go out to the following 9/10 grads for achieving district scholarships; Ashley Roberts and Danielle Warmenhoven

Newsletter Info.

Our ATSS Newsletters will be emailed out on the first and third Friday of each month. If you would like to be on our list please send us a note to the following email address: atssoffice@sd34.bc.ca

Also to make you aware of a new change coming to ATSS is our new "Synervoice System", an automated home dialer that will keep you informed of events but mostly attendance issues if your student is absent. Please continue to phone into the school if your student will be absent or late. Thankyou.





PAC News

At ATSS we sincerely want and need your involvement! We have opportunities for baking, staff support, input in financial decisions, set-up, etc. Our next meeting will be October 26. Also, if you would like reminder notices and to be notified of PAC meeting, needs and opportunities by extra emails, please request to be added to the PAC e-mail list; email heather_schmidt@sd34.bc.ca

Yearbook news

Yearbooks will be on sale for \$45 until the end of October. After that they will be \$55.

PE News

Volleyball Tryouts were held this week. Team seasons will be underway next week with practices beginning. Regular games schedule to follow. Go Titans!

Misc.

Prayer for School – If you are interested in walking & praying for our school on Tuesday mornings, please contact Lori Toews @ lori_toews@sd34.bc.ca

Library News

The Library will be open for students starting Monday **Sept. 20**
8 - 3 / M-F
closed 11 -12 for staff lunch

Travel 2012

Are you interested in traveling to Japan during spring break 2012?

See all the sights of Tokyo, Osaka and Kyoto!
The lights of Tokyo at night?
Go to Disney Sea!

Sing Karaoke with Mr. Fedyna?
Go shopping in Harajuku and Shibuya!
A 2-day extension to Hiroshima?

Save \$200 if you sign up before Oct. 31.
E-mail or see Mr. Fedyna for specific information.



Faculty:

Dept Heads:

Mrs. VanKleeck Math/Sc	<u>Local</u> #3237
Mrs. Smoes Humanities	#3136
Mr. MacPhail	#1120
Mr. Laity PE	#5107
Mr. Abernethy/Stnt/Ldrshp	#1107

Teaching Staff

Mr. Barden	#1103
Mr. Currie	#3252
Mrs. Cousar	#3141
Mr. Cuthbertson	#3236
Ms. Dewar	#3238
Mr. Domke	#3234
Mrs. Faber	#3256
Mr. Fedyna	#3251
Mr. Friesen	#3138
Mr. Gasser	#3240
Mr. Haak	#3250
Ms. Hunt	#5107
Ms. Jantzen	#5173
Mrs. Kehoe	#3134
Mr. Lane	#3248
Mr. Lawrence	#3137
Mrs. Myers	#3235
Mrs. Quintanilla	#3140
Mrs. Smoes	#3136
Mrs. Toews	#3134
Mrs. VanKleeck	#3237
Mrs. Wade	#1114

Learning Assistance

Mrs. Collins	#3135
Mrs. Ens	
Mrs. Hiebert	
Mrs. Silzer	

Library

Mrs. Salter	#3152
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Cafeteria

Mrs. McCaughey	#5169
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International Rep

Mrs. Yoon	#1110
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Youth Worker

Mrs. Rayburn	#3255
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Community Support

Mrs. Randhawa	#1108
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Emails can be sent to all staff under:
first_last@sd34.bc.ca
(Simply use that teacher's name)

Remember: We are on the web!

Please give the office a call if your student will be late or absent.



ATSS Calendar

New Additions will be added in **blue**

October 1	Newsletter
October 7	Photo Retake Day
October 11	Thanksgiving
October 14	Depression Screening Day
October 15	Newsletter
October 19	Immunizations Gr.9-10
October 22	Pro D Day
October 26	Pac Meeting
November 3	Take our kids to work day
November 5	Term End
November 5	Newsletter
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 19	Report Cards go home
November 19	Newsletter
November 23	Pac Meeting
November 24	1 hr. early dismissal
November 25	1 hr. early dismissal
November 25	Parent/Teacher Interviews
December 2	Career Fair at Tradex (Gr. 11's)
December 3	Recognition Assembly
December 3	Newsletter
December 17	Last Day before Christmas
December 17	Newsletter
Dec. 20-Jan 3	Christmas Holidays
January 4	School Reopens
January 11	Immunizations/booster Gr. 9
January 14	Pro D Day
January 21	Term Ends
January 21	Newsletter
January 24-28	District Exams
January 25	Pac Meeting
January 28	Semester Turnaround
January 31	Semester II Begins
February 4	Report Cards go home
February 4	Newsletter
February 18	Pro D Day
February 18	Newsletter
February 22	Pac Meeting
February 25	Recognition Assembly
March 4	Newsletter
March 9	1 hr. early dismissal
March 10	1 hr. early dismissal
March 11	Last Day before Spring Break
March 14-25	Spring Break
March 28	School Reopens
April 1	Term III ends
April 1	Newsletter
April 14	Report Cards go home
April 15	Pro D Day
April 15	Newsletter
April 22	Good Friday
April 25	Easter Monday
April 26	Pac Meeting
May 6	Newsletter
May 20	Newsletter
May 24	Pac Meeting
June 3	Newsletter
June 3	Convocation & Dry Grad
June 16	Year end awards ceremony
June 17	Final Newsletter
June 17	Term Ends
June 20-29	District Exams
June 30	Report Cards go home





Student Parking

Due to the shortage of parking space this year, all students driving cars to school must register them at the office and obtain a parking pass. This is essential to park on school property. The cost of the pass is \$10 and we will only sell enough for the spaces we have. Students may park on the road without such a pass but need to be careful not to park in front of the schools in the "No Parking" zones. Students parking "on campus" without a parking pass will receive a warning for the first time and then will be issued a parking fine of \$5.00 for each infraction. Continued infractions could lead to a loss of parking privileges altogether. If not paid these will be added to school fees and all fees must be paid prior to participating in any grad events such as Prom and Dry grad, etc. The initial cost is not great but the registration is necessary to keep the parking lot safe from overcrowding and accessible for those that need it.

News from the Counselling Dept.

- ❖ The Post-Secondary Application process opens today (Oct 1) at many BC Universities, including UFW.
- ❖ Applications are available from the Counselling Center or online through PASBC, found on our "Post-Secondary Planning" page at <http://studentservicesatss.homeip.net/> Please see Mr. Abernethy if you have any questions.
- ❖ Students interested in challenging a second language course please see Mr. Abernethy for information and an application. Applications are due Oct 29, 2010.
- ❖ Grade 12 students interested in our District Scholarship Program and \$1000, please see Mr. Abernethy for information and an application.

<i>Be positive.</i>	Communicate a positive attitude towards homework.
<i>Be consistent.</i>	Develop a homework routine that includes a set time and a regular space for completing homework, free from distractions.
<i>Be available.</i>	Encourage independent work on the part of your child, but be available for assistance. Provide guidance, not answers.
<i>Be attentive.</i>	Take a few minutes every day to chat about the school day. Listen attentively to your child as this may alert you to any academic difficulties, bullying situations or concerns about emotional well-being.
<i>Be a role model.</i>	Let your child see you reading, writing, and using math during homework time.
<i>Be a cheerleader.</i>	Praise your child for the effort displayed in completing homework.
<i>Be observant.</i>	Note any signs of frustration that your child may display while completing homework. If it appears difficult or confusing or if there are errors, encourage your child to ask the teacher for help at school the next day. Follow up with the teacher, if necessary.
<i>Be involved.</i>	Participate in school functions that offer you the opportunity to stay connected to your child's learning. Contact your child's teacher if you have concerns about your child's homework.



PARENTS...GET INFORMED!!



PARTNERS WITH



CHECK OUT:

[HTTP://WWW.WIREDKIDS.ORG/INDEX.HTML](http://www.wiredkids.org/index.html)

[HTTP://WWW.ICRA.ORG/KIDS/FAMILYCONTRACT/](http://www.icra.org/kids/familycontract/)

INTERNET SAFETY

WHAT ARE THE CONCERNS?

Cyber bullying and abusive behaviour: bullying no longer ends with the school day, but can follow a child everywhere.

Internet strangers: predators use the internet for sexual and gang related recruitment.

Information and identification theft: individual and family privacy can be invaded.

Posting disturbing images: these can be posted online or sent through cell phones.

Gaming addiction: hours can be wasted and gaming systems can be used for instant messaging and meeting strangers.

Damaging software and viruses: it is difficult to know what is safe to open.



For more information on internet dangers visit the following links:

<http://www.parentfurther.com/technology-media/online-safety>

<http://www.video-game-addiction.org/>

<http://www.facebook.com/help/?safety>

WHAT CAN BE DONE?

BE KNOWLEDGEABLE!! AS A PARENT YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S COMPUTER USE!

- Have computers in high traffic areas. Do whatever you can to ensure your child is accessing the internet in visible areas of your home.
- Keep in mind cell phones and certain gaming systems can be used to send photos, access social networking sites, and send instant messages. Monitor usage.
- Know your child's password to social networking sites and monitor their usage; ensure their privacy settings are appropriate and safe.
- Develop a computer usage contract with your child (see link below).
- For family and individual safety, be knowledgeable about the identity information your child is sharing online.
- Educate your child to never buy anything online without your supervision. It is recommended you do not supply your child with your credit card information.
- If you come across computer activity that you feel is unsafe (threats, chats, emails, webpages, images) print the page immediately. Contact your school administrator if the concern is school related; contact police if there is an imminent threat to a person's safety.





ABBOTSFORD REGIONAL HOSPITAL TEEN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Abbotsford Regional Hospital is inviting students between the ages of 15-18 who are attending school in Abbotsford or recently graduated an opportunity to participate in our VolunTEEN Program. Teens will be required to have experience working as a volunteer and the intent to pursue a future in healthcare.

The Application forms can be accessed through the school counselors. Completed applications will be accepted from October 1 through to December 15, 2010. The program is set to begin in January. We are asking for a one year commitment to the program.

Successful applicants will be given opportunities to fill roles as Hospital Greeters, Patient Visitors and Library Cart Volunteers.

If you are under 19 years old and have graduated or are attending post secondary school please contact Joanne Halligan at joanne.halligan@fraserhealth.ca to receive your application package.

Completed application packages must be returned to the Abbotsford Regional Hospital by December 15, 2010. Applications will be reviewed and successful candidates will be invited to participate in small group interviews. Selected candidates must attend a mandatory orientation and unit or department specific training. The orientation training is scheduled from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm on Saturday, January 29th.

Thank you for your interest in Volunteering at Abbotsford Regional Hospital. We look forward to meeting you!

VOLUNTEER FOR THE HEALTH OF IT!

