



OCEANVIEWS

A GOOD SCHOOL
GETTING BETTER

September 2004

SCHOOL GOALS

2004/2005

- To improve student achievement in Literacy.
- To improve student achievement in Numeracy

Proposed strategies

- Target at-risk students specifically.
- Increase specialized instruction maximizing on teacher expertise.
- Continue special instruction through small group work to enable reluctant and at-risk readers.
- Institute a school-wide organizational model which every student must maintain.
- Increase differentiated instruction.
- Increase the use of motivational materials such as Accelerated Math, Accelerated Reading.

What's New At OV

- Students are operating on a secondary timetable.
- Teachers are teaching only one or two specialized subjects.
- Every student is part of a daily Advisory Group in which study skills, team building and student conduct will be addressed.
- All students will be required to maintain, and be graded on, a standardized binder system.
- Electives are multigraded.
- New courses include Spanish, Computer Tech, and OVSS (a college prep course being run as a pilot program for a limited number of students).
- All students will write formalized final exams at the end of first term and at the end of the year.
- Science and Socials are semestered.

WELCOME

To new parents and students. We are sure that your OV experience will be a good one. If we can help, please let us know.

Charlene Lockstead, the PAC President, invites all interested parents to the next regular PAC meeting in the library on Oct. 13th at 7:00.

STUDENT INVOLVED INTERVIEWS

Interims go home Oct 15th. The following two school days, Oct 18th and 19th, students will be dismissed one hour early for student involved interviews. Appointments are not being made. If you wish to see a teacher, please be in the gym between 2:00 and 4:00 on either Monday or Tuesday afternoon. All teachers will be set up in that area. If you require a more formal interview please contact the teacher by email.

STAFF CHANGES

We're happy to welcome new staff members: Ms. C. Sullivan, Mrs. J. Mastrodonato, Mr. C. Miller, and Mrs. L. Courtney, all returning from leave. Ms. McSween also moves here from Brooks Junior. Mr. Reghelin brings his linguistic skills to OV as he teaches French and Spanish. Ms McLean is our new librarian as Mrs. Lewis has moved temporarily into the online learning PIE program for the

District. As you will know by now, Mrs. Kramer Clarke lost her husband a few weeks ago and she is taking some time off. Our thoughts and sympathies are with her, Katie and Luke as they deal with their loss. Mrs. Parkinson and Mr. Barton will be filling in for Mrs. Kramer-Clarke.

IMPROVING COMMUNICATION — to help us better serve you and your children please send us your email address. By adding it to our address book you will have instant access to newsletters and other information about school activities. You can also access any staff member by using the common address @sd47.bc.ca after their name. i.e. krothwell@sd47.bc.ca. You may also access the District site using <http://www.sd47.bc.ca>.

Please check the Agenda regularly. Every student is required to write in it daily. Your help in monitoring this will be very beneficial to your child, and help us keep you better informed.

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DATES OF INTEREST

Oct. 7th— Kool to be Kind

Oct. 11th — School holiday Thanksgiving

Oct 12th — Final day of magazine sales

Oct. 13th— PAC Meeting 7:00

Oct 15th — Interim Reports home

Oct. 18th/19th — school dismissed one hour early for student involved interviews (buses will leave one hour early)

Oct. 22nd — Teachers Pro D (student holiday)

Oct 28th — school dance 6:00—9:00
Closed dance (open only to OV students with ID)

KOOL TO BE KIND

Our own hometown boys return to Powell River to make a presentation to many schools including OV. This team of four, including Erik Hansen and Chris Bratseth, have been traveling extensively spreading the message to all that it is "Kool to be Kind". They will address the student body early in October to spread the word further.

MASTER BINDER

Research shows that if students do not come to class properly equipped, it is very difficult for them to succeed. This year, students are required to have all supplies and materials such as pens, pencils, paper, textbooks, and rulers, etc., with them at all times. This will be checked and they will be graded on it.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

We also need parents to help. Every Friday, your child will have a blank binder form with him/her and we would like you to do the binder check with your child, and have it returned Monday. The more involved parents are with the education of their kids, the more successful the students are. These completed forms will be turned into the Advisory teacher every Monday morning. A draw will be held each Assembly with all returned forms entered.

Thank you for promoting better organizational skills

TELEPHONE MESSAGES

Try as they do the secretaries never have time to get through everything they have to do.

Please help by limiting your phone messages to your children to emergencies only. It would really help if after school arrangements whenever possible could be made ahead of time. Thanks for helping out with this.

RECONFIGURATION NEWS

SCHOOL CHANGES

As OV converts to a more 'senior' school, it will become the best blend of Middle and Secondary. We believe this will provide a good structure for students this age.

From the Middle School model we have established Advisory Groups in which one teacher is the contact teacher for a specific group of kids all year. This teacher will act as advocate and advisor, will help with organization, tracking of work and provide overall encouragement. These Advisory groups

will meet daily, as will the Reading groups already established in the school.

As part of the introduction to secondary, students will be rotate through a two day block schedule so they likely have different teachers for every subject. This allows for more specialization within subject areas. Timetabling for this is very complicated. It also demands that students be more responsible for their work and less reliant on teachers. This year we offer Spanish as a third language option for grade 9's.

Increased rigor is the order of the day as we prepare our kids for the competitive world ahead and future careers. We look forward to this year and welcome your help.

OVSS is a pilot project course where some screened students have opted to forego one elective in order to develop better study and organizational skills. The ultimate aim of this course is to prepare more students for College/University.

A general meeting will be held in October for interested parents.

GOOD WORKERS Math (September)

Mr. Simonetta	David Bertrand	Kile Ius	Mr. Simonetta (continued)
Vivian Nicholson	Noah Robinson-Roos		Cole Lance Lindsay Obermeyer
Nicole Whitley	Lowell Boran	Stephanie Green	Anthony Romagnoli Justin Tait
Tyson Hunt	Jordan Needham	Kaila Shepherd	Becca Van't Schip
Lucas Baillie	Cody Clarke	Vanessa Hughes	Ms. McSween Jessie Beardmore
Paige McCullough	Mike Wise	Carly Aasen	Maria Bryson Cam Jones
Courtney Craigen	Steven Diprose	Shandea Gosselin	Kelly Lynn Jessie O'Neil
Katelyn Kennedy	Matt Lundell	Ted Olfert	Charlie Seigler Shaylene Quast
Tara Simonetta	Joel Thom	Anjani Varma	Kyle Raimondo Kathryn Adam
Kayle Borgfjord	Alex Kantymir-Southern		Brianne Bolton Katie Gemmill
Sasha Palm	Ana Suarez	Megan Young	Karissa Henderson Anda Lalande
Erika Davies	Michelle Hamoline	Eric Leachman	Brandon Luff Kayla Madalena
Jordan Ouelette	Matt Bieber	Jake Erikson	Jennifer Mc Donald Justin Ostensen
Jake Humphrey	Andy Rice	Mariah Beamin	Courtney Powell Tanya Behan
Travis Cuthbertson		Alissa Fougere	Danielle Hansen Sonni Kang
Ashley Hutchings	Ben Lambert	Sara Lynskey	Kayla Koopman Tessa Kucharsky
Laurie Perreault	Alana Skrodolis	Sydney Thompson	Rachel McMaster Brenton Metzner
Markus Westby	Michelle Craigen	Brittany Lacey	Justine Smart Jodi Snell
Craig Peters	Kylene Van Dok	Marm Fortier	Karissa Thomas Katrina Archibald
Devan Holley	Lynn McDonald	Andrew Parker	Caitlyn Best Linzie Heffernan
Chelsea Caul	Heather	Gamborski	Morgan Huxter Andy Ku
Alora Keillor	Alycia Shaw	Katie Clarke	Emry Peterson Kirby Rayner
Allison DenToom	Rylan Gloslee	Kaleena Johnston	Jordyn Roberts Hillary Silvester

GOOD WORKERS Math (September)

Mr. Anderson

Cody Adams	Dylan Barkowsky	Jordache Bear
Dustyn Brown	Michael Clarke	Carly Filewich
Erik Fuller	Matt Gray	Trigve Grimsrud
Sean Hodges	Kaity Iwasuik	Liz Jahnke
Mary Johnston	Allan Knapp	Tyler Lanigan
Quincy Leachman	Keisuke Maturra	Savannah Muller
Devon Murray	Melanie Oldham	Tyler Perkins
Kristin Potesta	Chris Roberts	Nicole Scott
Jared Siminoff	James Tyrwhitt-Drake	
Rori Werner	Shelby Baird-Jones	Tyson Burge
Amanda Coomber	Chris English	Stefan Fogarty
Kaycee Mitchell	Melanie Pannel	Garnet Robertson
Tyler Edmunds	Tess Grantham	Crystal Ironmonger
Tenille Jensen	Amanda Olson	Morgan Shaw
Megan Vallier	Erica Yoo	Erin Albertson
Lucas Behan	Brittany Borgfjord	Marc Camenzind
Kailee Giles	Sydney Griffiths	Tyler McLeod
Kassi Ormson	Elizabeth Verhagen	

Md. Chevalier

Brittany Adams	Linnea Bryan	Sarah Grant
Lilian Harding	Gitte John	Taylor Lessor
Katie Marciniak	Mark Meyer	Vanessa Morais
Kaitlin Oriecuia	Cosmo Roemer	Amanda Warwaruk

Md. Chevalier (continued)

Heather Young	Dustin Berg	Bobbi Cartwright
Greg Chrinko	Chantelle Doherty	Stephanie Gorbujuk
Dean Gryczka	Simone Kutz	Tessa Lloyd
Daniel Lozano-Maurer		Robert Oele
Colton Phalen	Devin Pielle	Samantha Riggs
Katie Schindel	Graham Zagwyn	

GREAT ACADEMIC NEWS

At the last PAC meeting, fundraising initiatives were discussed, along with canteen sales and nutritional items.

Parents were also informed about last year's FSA (provincial exam results —grade 7). For the second year in a row OV students have improved their academic achievement. Numeracy results are above provincial average, Reading is at provincial average, and writing is just below. It is also interesting to note that the boys and girls achievement levels were the same. Good news for our students !!

DISTRICT WEBSITE

To access the district site: type in <http://www.sd47.bc.ca/> and then click on Oceanview Middle School.

OV DIRECT ACCESS: <http://oceanview.sd47.bc.ca/>

FOSTER HOMES NEEDED



The Ministry of Children and Families is presently recruiting foster parents. These foster homes are urgently needed in the Powell River area to provide care for children and youth of all ages. For more information please contact Angela Skilbeck, Resource Social Worker at 604 485 0600.

Please help us keep the school safe. Any form of explosives such as fireworks, fire crackers, caps etc., are strictly forbidden on all school district property. Students bringing such items will be suspended from school. Thanks for your help in monitoring this activity.

SCHOOL NUTRITION

— in an attempt to raise nutritional awareness and present more options the PAC has included more nutritious snacks for sale in the canteen. These include soup, yogurt, rice krispee squares, juice, and veggies and dip to name a few. Some articles such as Powerade have been removed from vending machines and replaced with juice and water.



To the Kiwanis Club of Powell River

For their generous donation from the Van Cowan Fund in support of students who may need help with funding for special events.

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