



OCEANVIEWS

A GOOD SCHOOL
GETTING BETTER

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READING

In a continuing effort to improve the reading skills of all students in the school several programs are offered. Every-day there is a silent reading period right after lunch. Additionally there is small group instruction offered at that time for some students to hone their reading skills.

The whole school has a single common reading goal which is reading to get the main idea.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

LEAD (let's educate about drugs) — On Nov. 29th, all grade 8s will be involved in drug education. This community organized event combines staff from the RCMP, the Ministry of Families, and New Life Counselling, to present drug information in a fun format. This event is always popular and informative and has been a part of the grade 8 curriculum for a number of years.

Are You An Askable Parent

On Nov. 16th, at 7:00, parents, with their children, are invited to the OV Commons to listen to guest speaker Laura Tayler-Hanson. Laura is a registered nurse who has spoken to many parent student groups in the past. You'll hear suggestions on: what kind of sexual health information is needed at adolescence, how to handle your children's questions, how to discuss feelings, emotions and personal safety, how to discuss sexual health with teens and how to encourage abstinence. This is sponsored by the Coast Garibaldi Health Unit and School District #47. Powell River Youth Advisory Council. This is open to all District #47 students and their parents.

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.

LEAF (let's educate about futures) Also on Nov. 29th, all the grade 9s will be spending their day investigating career options. The day will include a guest speaker from Vancouver who combines humour with relevant information on potential careers.

There is an evening presentation in the Commons at 7:00 p.m. featuring Mary Lee Stephenson, a career consultant and stand-up comic from Vancouver. Mary Lee will talk about how our thinking as parents, guides and influences our children's thinking and their choices as it relates to careers. Students are most welcome to attend with their parents.

Self Esteem & Female Body Image

On Dec. 6th, in the Commons, Sandra Friedman, an author/consultant from Sechelt, will address the issues of teens and their feelings of self-worth as it relates to their own body im-

age. This workshop is open to mothers and daughters from any PR district school. This is co-sponsored by the Coast Garibaldi Health Unit.

OVSS

All interested parents are invited to the Commons on Nov 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. where there will be a presentation about OVSS (**Oceanview School Success**).

INTERVIEWS AND REPORT CARDS

Thank you for attending the recent interviews.

If you did not get enough information, please make direct contact with the involved teacher by e-mail or phone to set up a more specific conference. Formal report cards are going home on November 17th.

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Nov 3rd. — OVSS presentation 7:00 p.m.

Nov 10th — Remembrance Day Assembly

Nov. 11th — School holiday — Remembrance Day

Nov 12th — Student holiday (Pro D)

Nov. 16th — YAC (Youth Advisory Council) presentation 7:00 p.m.

Nov 17th — Reports home

Nov 17th — PAC meeting, Election of executive and discussion of the First Nations Enhancement Agreement

Nov. 29th — LEAD (let's educate about drugs) for grade 8's. LEAF (let's educate about futures) for grade 9's. Parent presentation at 7:00 p.m. in the Commons

COOL TO BE KIND

Our own hometown boys were a real hit at the presentation they made to OV students. If you would like to order their book called, "Cool to Be Kind" or one of their t-shirts, either at a cost of \$15.00, please call Wayne Hanson at 485-4339. A great Christmas present with a positive message!

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, 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 second Friday, your child will have a blank binder form with him/her. 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.

SPORTS NEWS

SCHOOL TEAMS

You may have heard a lot of talk about our teams taking on the "Island". Mr. Radcliffe and the P.E coaches have arranged a rotating schedule so that our teams get to challenge other teams of similar age from other school districts. With a single Middle/Secondary school it has been a struggle to provide competition for our kids but already we have had visiting teams and have sent teams across the water. Right now they are competing in volleyball but that will change

throughout the year as other sports come on line. The teams practice early in the morning or after school under the coaching of Mr. Radcliffe, Mr. Miller, Ms. Lundell, Ms. Sullivan, and Mrs, Mastrodonato.

The skill level is building and we expect to develop some first class teams this year.

Please come out and watch when you hear about the visiting teams coming to challenge Oceanview.

LAUNCHING LITERACY

Last month, Kevin Major, a Canadian author from Newfoundland addressed several grade eight classes about his writing. Along with some readings, and book signings, he also read parts of some of his books to the students and answered their questions.

In January, our next author, the well-known Eric Wilson visits, and then in April we will be expecting two or three more visiting authors in conjunction with the Powell River Writers Festival and our Literacy Day.

GOOD WORKERS English (October)

Ms. Hoehn

Erika Davies	Noah Robinson-Roos
Michelle Craigen	Eric Leachman
Derek Glover	Lynn McDonald
Karrissa Henderson	Kacy Netter
Tyson Hunt	Ryan Percy
Jodi Snell	Ana Suarez
Carly Aasen	Mariah Beamin
Donald Cannon	Courtney Craigen
Rylan Gloslee	Shandea Gosselin
Ashley Hutchings	Cole Lance
Kate May	Graham Shaw
Sydney Thompson	Tanya Behan
Kayle Borgfjord	Josh Charlton
Jared Formosa	Heather Gamborski
Devan Holley	Sonni Kang
Zack Legge	Paige McCullough
Bryce Peters	Mike Wise

Ms. Dube/Mr. Radcliffe

Megan Dietrich	Kim Klinger	Jen McDonald
Justin Ostensen	Courtney Powell	Brad Robinson
Karissa Thomas	Megan Young	

Mrs. Mastrodonato

David Bertrand	Brett Budgell
Nick Cecconi	Cody Clarke
Jake Erikson	Evan Gallagher
Brendan Keddy	Alora Keillor
Kaluhea Laureta	Kayla Madalena
Chris Mann	Andy Rice
Stephanie Roberts	Kaila Shepherd
Wade Warwaruk	Jesse Devito
Marm Fortier	Michelle Hamoline
Kile Ius	Kayla Koopman
Brittany Lacey	Anda Lalande
Melissa Lockstead	Rachel McMaster
Anjani Varma	Richard Wong
Katrina Archibald	Jessie Beardmore
Chelsea Caul	Katie Clarke
Allison DenToom	Alissa Fougere
Jake Humphrey	Nicole Lockyer
Sara Lynskey	Jesse O'Neill
Ted Olfert	Drew Rowbotham
Tara Simonetta	Becca Van't Schip

GOOD WORKERS English (October)

Mrs. Rae

Cody Adams	Erin Albertson	Jordache Bear
Dustin Berg	Brittany Borgford	Linnea Bryant
Tyson Burge	Marc Camenzind	Bobbi Cartwright
Kamilah Charters– Gabanek		Greg Chrinko
Sarah Dagneau	Jerrett Dewalt	Chantelle Doherty
Kyle Eagle	Carly Filewich	Stefan Fogarty
Chris English	Kyla Fraser	Kailee Giles
Stephanie Gorbatak	Matt Grey	Sarah Greco
Lillian Harding	Katy Iwasjuk	Liz Jahnke
Tenille Jensen	Alex Johnson	Mary Johnston
Allan Knapp	Simone Kutz	Quincy Leachman
Taylor Lessor	Tessa Lloyd	Tyler McNeill
Daniel Lozano– Maurer	Katie Marciniak	Chesney Martinig
Arlen Mathews	Mark Meyer	Kaycee Mitchell
Vanessa Morais	Alecia Nordentoft	Melanie Oldham
Kassi Ormson	Melanie Pannell	Devin Pielle
Kyla Pihl	Kristin Potesta	Steven Quesnelle
Nicole Scott	Jared Siminoff	Brittany Stapleton
Megan Vallier	Amanda Warwaruk	Heather Young
Mrs. Dupuis	Steven Diprose	Maria Bryson
Kaleena Johnston	Katelyn Kennedy	Joel Thom
Ana Van Eeghen	Jordyn Roberts	Caitlyn Best
Matt Lundell	Markus Westby	Jason Erikson

Ms. Sullivan	Cosmo Roemer	Danica Vecsey
Jennifer Budgell	Jesse Derkatch	Tess Grantham
Crystal Ironmonger	Reid Johnston	Kevin Nauer
Amanda Olson	Zane Peters	Erica Yoo
Dylan Barkowsky	Olivia Ferris	Erik Fuller
Sarah Grant	Trigve Grimsrud	Gitte John
Tyler Lanigen	Keisuke Matsuura	Savannah Muller
Devon Murray	Kaitlin Orieucaia	Tyler Perkins

PAC NEWS

At the next PAC meeting, we will be discussing the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement with guest Betty Wilson (First Nations Coordinator for the District) as well as conducting the

ANNUAL GENERAL ELECTION of the executive. Please plan to attend on Nov. 17th at 7:00 in the library.

Thank you to the parents who organized and ran the recent magazine fundraiser. It was very successful. The money will be used to buy a sound system for the school as ours is in sad shape.

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/>

A REMINDER

Electronic equipment such as walkmans, cameras, cell phones etc are to be left at home. If they should go missing at school we cannot be held responsible for their loss. As much as we try, preventing theft is impossible and so we take the preventative measure of restricting their use at school.

Thanks for your help in this.

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.



To the Kiwanis Club of Powell River

For their generous donation for the school lunch program. This helps provide some badly needed lunches.

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.

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