



OCEANVIEWS

A GOOD SCHOOL
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February 2005

WELCOME

...back to Mrs. Kramer-Clarke, returning from leave. It is good to have her back.

... to Mr. Elzinga, who takes over the vacancy in the Learning Centre. Mr. Elzinga and Mrs. Gallagher will be the Resource team for the remainder of this school year.

... to Mr. Daniel who joins us from Courtney district to teach in the BEST room. Mr. Daniel has a background in alternate education and is fitting in well to the Oceanview culture.

... Mrs. Graff who will continue for the rest of the year in the Home Ec position left vacant due to illness.

... to Mrs. MacDonald who is helping out in the resource room as an SSA.

We'd also like to welcome a number of students who have come to Oceanview in the last month from all over the country.

We hope that everyone new to the school finds it a rewarding and valuable experience.

TSUNAMI FUNDRAISING

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the fundraising in the last month. The school, through various efforts raised in excess of \$1500. A special thanks to Ms. Hoehn and the student council.

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.

LITERACY DAY

Our Literacy Day is planned for April 15th. That is the day when students will once again compete for big prizes.

In addition to the popular **READ FOR THE TOP** competition, students will also be taking part in the **Powell River WRITERS FESTIVAL**, which falls on the same weekend. All students will be entering the writing contest through work they will undertake in their English classes.

As well as the reading and writing for that day, three well-known authors will also visit the school. **Austin Clarke** is a Canadian author who was raised in Barbados. Amongst other accomplishments, he has won the W.O Mitchell Prize for outstanding writing. **Harold Rhenish** is an accomplished poet from the University of Victoria and **Dennis Reid** is a well-known sports-fishing columnist from the Victoria Times Colonist.

The day will be packed with excitement culminating in the finals of the **READ FOR THE TOP** competition. Students winning the writing competition will be whisked away for lunch with the visiting authors and be recognized at the school as well as a community event Sunday afternoon. Winners will also take home a cash prize.

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DATES OF INTEREST

Feb. 9th — Iona Campagnola visits 2:00 pm
PAC meeting 7:00 pm

Feb. 11th — Gr. 8 Area III tournament

Feb. 14th — Student holiday (Pro D)

Feb. 16th — SPC workshop 6:00 pm
Malaspina

Feb. 17th — Reports home

Feb. 17th - School dance 6:00—9:00 pm

Feb. 18th all students to film festival in the afternoon at the Complex

Feb. 21st— **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

Feb. 24th — Guest speaker Norm Kunc will speak to students about living with disabilities.

CONSIDERATION

Please be considerate of our neighbours. There are several signs posted outside the school and on the street leading here which restrict where you can park. Phone calls from some people indicate this is not being heeded. Please obey the signs posted so that you don't risk having your car towed, which is being considered by some of the neighbours.

READ FOR THE TOP HOW YOU CAN HELP

Parents play a pivotal role in the education of their children. Should all students be reading novels? Yes, they are required reading. Appropriate novels have been chosen for each grade level and we encourage students to read at home as well as in school.



You can help by modeling good reading habits such as reading the daily newspaper, magazines or your own books for enjoyment. Talk to your kids about what they have read as well as what you have read. Encourage them to be critics and discuss issues they encounter in their reading.

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.

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

MOVING TO BROOKS

During the last week in February, Mr. Marciniak and Mrs. Kramer-Clarke will be programming the grade nine students for Brooks. The graduation requirements for students have changed significantly since parents attended secondary school.

Students must earn a minimum of 80 credits — 48 are required (plus Graduation Portfolio Assessment which is 4 credits) and 28 credits for electives.

To help everyone understand

the process there will be an information meeting on the evening of February 21st. This will provide valuable information about the whole secondary school experience. Counsellors from Brooks will be in attendance.

At the same time there will be a guest speaker from Vancouver addressing the issue of future careers. This will be the same speaker that presented during the day to the students.

Please plan to attend this important evening session.

STUDENT ABSENCE

Over the year we deal with many student absences. When students are ill and it is likely to be for a day only please have your child phone a friend to catch up on missed work. If the absence is likely to be longer than a day please let the office know the approximate duration as this helps teachers prepare work. Once the work is picked up please ensure that the work is done and returned to the assigned teacher.

When students are away on a holiday teachers may provide some work but most work must be done upon return.

GOOD WORKERS (January)

Grade Nine Science

Kayle Borgfjord

Brenton Metzner

Richard Wong

Carly Aasen

Megan Dietrich

Vanessa Hughes

Lindsay Obermeyer

Courtney Powell

Kylene Van Dok

Marm Fortier

Grady Hall

Anda Lalande

Paige McCullough

Jordan Needham

Ayesha Trimble

Lowell Boran

Travis Cuthbertson

Shandea Gosselin

Kaleena Johnston

Ben Lambert

Sara Lynskey

Laurie Perreault

Chris Mann

Samantha Stoddart

Kayla Koopman

Mariah Beamin

Brandon Henderson

Nicole Lockyer

Ted Olfert

Joel Thom

Danielle Clayton

Katie Gemmell

Karrissa Henderson

Jessica Lein

Lynn McDonald

Jordan Ouellette

Michael Wise

Nick Cecconi

Jared Formosa

Ashley Hutchings

Katelyn Kennedy

Matt Lundell

Kayla Madalena

Stephanie Roberts

Grade Nine Science

Sierra Shore

Chelsea Southern

Rebecca Van't Schip

Dustin Berg

Melanie Oldham

Shelby Baird-Jones

Tyson Burge

Kyle Eagle

Kailee Giles

Liz Jahnke

Tyler Lanigan

Devin Pielle

Dustyn Brown

Crystal Ironmonger

Erica Yoo

Tennile Jensen

Vanessa Morais

Nicole Scott

Heather Young

Alana Skrodolis

Sydney Thompson

Steven Cherrett

Melanie Pannell

Trigve Grimsrud

Sydney Griffiths

Cosmo Roemer

Dylan Barkowsky

Erik Fuller

Tess Grantham

Dylan Merrick

Erin Albertson

Olivia Ferris

Gitte John

Jordache Bear

Mark Meyer

Kristin Potesta

Amanda Warwaruk

GOOD WORKERS (January)

Grade Nine Social Studies

Kate May	Brandon Henderson	Katie Clarke
Matt Bieber	Melissa Lockstead	Allison Dentoom
Ana Van Eeghen	Anjani Varma	Markus Westby
Caitlyn Best	Tyson Hunt	Cole Lance
Ana Suarez	Courtney Craigen	Alissa Fougere
Devan Holley	Brendan Keddy	Tara Simonetta
Kaluhea Laureta	Rachel McMaster	Michelle Craigen
Janeice Simpson	Noah Robinson Roos	Mark Antolovich
Tanya Behan	Jake Erikson	Haley Duke
Megan Young	Kim Klinger	Sasha Palm
Brianne Bolton	Justin Ostenson	Heather Gamborski
Eric Leachman	Andy Rice	Brad Robinson

Grade Eight Social Studies

Brittany Borgfjord	Marc Camenzind	Stephanie Gorbatuk
Jenna D'Angio	Simone Kutz	Keisuke Matsuura
Erin MacLean	Zane Peters	Jordyn McGregor
Alicia Nordentoft	Kamilah Charters-Gabaneck	Chris English
Lucan Behan	Kaitlin Oriecuia	Sean McKenzie
Stefan Fogarty	Elizabeth Verhagen	Rori Werner
Jen Budgell	Sam Riggs	Conner Brady
Amanda Coomber	Jerrett Dewalt	Carly Filewich
Tyler McLeod	Matt Gray	Mary Johnston
Quincy Leachman	Tessa Lloyd	Daniel Lozano-Maurer
Stephanie Nelmes	Kayla Raimondo	Tyler Perkins
Chris Roberts	Jared Simonoff	

WRITING TERM EXAMS

Students have now completed their term exams. The experience was valuable in many ways, perhaps the most important being the mindset required for students to meet the challenge of serious study and then demonstrate knowledge about what they have been taught. As we continue to prepare our students for the secondary school this is one more step in the business of learning.

Thank you for your help by encouraging consistent good work and study habits and ensuring they have a quiet place to work.

PAC NEWS

At the next PAC meeting, Feb. 9th, 7:00 pm

we will be discussing the draft drug policy which the district is considering. Add your voice to the way you want Powell River Schools operated.

Many thanks to Neil Hughes, Annette Lessard, and Paul Gorbatuk who have agreed to be your SPC (school planning committee) members for the rest of the school year.

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/>

TUTORING AVAILABLE

— for First Nations students on and off the Reserve. Please take advantage of this and get in contact with Gail Blaney for more information. The help is there !!

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.

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.

IS MATH FRUSTRATING FOR YOUR CHILD ??

Some students are struggling more with Math this year than in years past. It is true, the Math 9 curriculum is really challenging and that is why the timetable reflects more time allotted to this subject than the Ministry requires. In addition, did you know that all Math teachers are providing tutoring at lunchtime and are also available after school? We want students to take advantage of this help so please encourage them to do so or e-mail the Math teachers directly for more info.



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