

SURVEY RESULTS on PARENT PARTICIPATION

As promised here are some preliminary results from the questionnaire some of you filled out recently. The purpose of this study was to explore parent/teacher collaboration in relation to a new organizational skills program initiated at OV in 2004/05. Parent, teacher and student opinions were requested and recommendations will now be considered.

Your responses drew attention to many areas:

...The nature of parent participation and whether or not the binder check is the best vehicle for parent participation at OV.

...Are we doing a disservice to students by having teachers and parents check student organization? Shouldn't the student take the responsibility? To what degree should parents take responsibility? Should we allow students to fail in this area?

...One binder for all subjects or one for each subject ??

...The weight of student backpacks and whether the organizational program is contributing to the problem.

...Parents, students, and teachers agreed overwhelmingly that students are better organized than they were last year. It is easier for them to find assignments, they have the materials they need to do their work and they hand in their assignments on time more consistently.

...95% of parents believe that their participation is essential for student success. The best form of parent participation is not clear and more discussion needs to happen in this area.

Students definitely did not like the binder check and the parent check was even more disliked.

...Parents on the other hand were divided. Some believed the binder check was an excellent way for them to be involved in their child's education. Some wish it had been introduced in earlier grades and they would

Like to see it more than once a week. Others were very much against it. A number of parents indicated they are involved in their child's education, but the binder check is not working for them. Some feel their children are already organized and they do not see the point. Others are not receiving the binder check form from their children.

The fate of the parent binder check is undecided at this time. It may continue in some form. It may only be included in report cards or with newsletters. One positive comment from a parent who wasn't a fan of the binder check was that they appreciated knowing the criteria by which their child is being evaluated.

The discussion of responsibility, is an interesting one and the discussion continues on that topic. There is no clear answer as every child is unique. Sometimes we may be disabling a child by taking responsibility but on the other hand many students need assistance to learn how to do this.

The issue of heavy backpacks has far reaching consequences and that problem will be addressed in the coming year in several ways such as through timetabling, and a revamped binder system.

Out of the study came an appreciation on the part of parents that their opinion could be heard. We too, appreciate the input that we were given. It is in working with parents that we continue to improve the system for your kids. *Frank Radcliffe*

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DATES OF INTEREST

Apr. 15th—Literacy Day, Read For The Top

Apr. 18th—District Pro D

Apr. 27th—School Dance 6:00—9:00

Apr. 29th—Third Term report Cards issued

April is also the month when a lot of transition work starts. Grade 9 students have already taken home course selection sheets and staff will be visiting all elementary schools this month.

June 1st	District Pro D	Band Trip
June 2nd/3rd		Grade 8/9 Field Trips
June 13th-17th		Review Week
June 20th		Last day of instruction
June 21st/22nd/23rd		Scheduled final exams
	(Students do not attend unless they are writing.)	
June 24th		Exam make up day
June 27th		Awards Night 7:00
June 28th		Grade 9 farewell dinner and dance
June 29th		Last day for students/ report cards

Students do not attend June 27th or 28th during the day.



Improving Communication

You can access any staff member by using the common address@sd47.bc.ca after a staff member's name, i.e. krothwell@sd47.bc.ca

To have information sent directly to your home by email, forward your email address to

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BUS PASSES 2005/06

Applications for bus passes have now been mailed to all students who have been identified as living beyond 3.2 km. of the school they will attend. Additional application and information packages will be available to students who did not receive this mail out after April 7th, 2005 at the Board Office.

All questions and concerns should be directed to the Operations Dept. between the hours of 8AM and 4PM at

604 414 2612.

Please remember that students will not be allowed to ride busses other than their own except in emergency situations which must be cleared through administra-

GOOD WORKERSShop

Mike Bieber	Tyler MacNeil	Andy Rice	Branden Gosbjorn
Drew Ferreira	Justin Ostensen	Matt Gray	Sonni Kang
Garnet Robinson	Emry Peterson	Mary Johnson	Chris Mann
Brittany Stapleton	Hillary Silvester	Nick Holm	Keisuke Maturra
Noah RobinsonRoos	Max Stewart	Kyle Raimondo	
Steve Quesnelle	Richard Wong	Kyla Chambers	Home Ec
Chris English	Jamie Young	Wade Warwaruk	Karl Kaytor
Chris Chalupiak	Mariah Beamin	Cody Clarke	Kyla Fraser
Conner Brady	Matt Beiber	Andy Ku	Sydney Thompson
Quincy Leachman	Travis Cuthbertson	Kristin Potesta	Maria Bryson
Cole Lance	Heather Gamborski	Allison Den Toom	Jordyn McGregor
Zack Mueller	Garrett Parsons	Nicole Lockyer	Kayla Raimondo
Tyler McLeod	Darren Oram	Jordan Solwan	Kayla Magdalena
		Carly Aasen	Courtney Craigen

GOOD WORKERS Art/Drama

Megan Dietrich	Carly Filewich	Karrissa Henderson
Ana Suarez	Travis Cuthbertson	Chris Chalupiak
Allison DenToom	Richard Wong	Stephanie Green
Rachel McMaster	Matt Gray	Karissa Thomas
Jessica Lein	Jordan Needham	Sam Stoddart
Justin Ostensen	Matt Williams	Garrett Parsons
Charlie Siegler	Ayesha Trimble	Lynn McDonald
Megan Young	Katrina Archibald	Jenna D'Angio
Kaleena Johnson	Jessie Beardmore	Stephanie Gorbaturk
Kate May	Kelly Brooks	Katy Iwasiuk
Stephanie Roberts	Chelsea Caul	Erin MacLean
Jerrett Dewalt	Kayla Madalena	Katie Marciniak
Cam Jones	Cody Louie	Kayla Otis-Tambeau
Jeniece Simpson	Jasper Bastock	Kristi Egan
Torger Warris	Addy Blacklock	Brenton Metzner
Bobbi Cartwright	Lilian Harding	Wade Warwaruk
Sarah Grant	Liz Jahnke	
Daniel Lozano	Mary Johnston	JUST A REMINDER
Alana Skrodolis	Melanie Oldham	OV has a dress code which prohibits skimpy clothing and slogans depicting sex, violence or drugs. This was approved overwhelmingly at the Open House Parent Night in September. Please help us enforce this by monitoring what your kids wear to school.
Ana Van Eeghen	Kristin Potesta	
Erin Albertson	Samantha Sherman	
Tessa Lloyd	Amanda Warwaruk	

GOOD WORKERS**Spanish**

Lowell Boran
Courtney Craigen
Michelle Craigen
Steven Diprose
Jared Formosa
Linzie Heffernan
Devon Holley
Ashley Hutchings
Kayla Madalena
Lynn McDonald
Jordan Ouellette
Noah Robinson-Roos
Kaila Shepherd
Sierra Shore
Sydney Thompson
Ayesha Trimble
Jamie Young

Sliammon

Carol Ann Harry
Frankie McWade
Devin Pielle
Jeremy Smith
Brianna Bolton
Kayle Borgfjord
Brittney Borgfjord
Jenna D'Angio
Justin Ostensen
Leanna Tom

DID YOU KNOW ??

- Tutoring is available from many teachers. Email any teacher or call the office for more info.
- Electronic devices are not the responsibility of the school. Please discourage your child from bringing these to school.

French

Kailee Giles
Nicole Scott
Gitte John
Tyler Lanigan
Trigve Grimsrud
Sean Hodges
Devon Murray
Melanie Oldham
Melanie Pannell
Quincy Leachman
Dylan Barkowsky
Matt Gray
Mary Johnston
Simone Kutz
Tessa Lloyd
Tyler Perkins
Kyle Brown
Cody Adams
Heather Young
Erin Albertson
Jordache Bear
Dustyn Brown
Keisuke Matsuura
Vanessa Morais
Tyson Burge
Carly Filewich
Matt Beiber
Travis Cuthbertson
Katie Gemmell
Karrissa Henderson
Jeniece Simpson
Trevor Burnett
Tara Simonetta
Joel Thom
Kylene Van Dok
Markus Westby
Braden Trigg
Lillian Harding

French

Brittney Lacey
Melissa Lockstead
Brandon Luff
Matt Lundell
Sara Lynskey
Kate May
Laurie Perreault
Kelsea Robinson
Alan Skrodolis
Chelsea Southern
Samantha Stoddart
Anjani Varma
Lyndsey Alde
Caitlyn Best
Nicole Lockyer
Richard Wong
Carly Aasen
Mariah Beamin
Katie Clarke
Allison Den Toom
Megan Dietrich
Alissa Fougere
Ted Olfert
Courtney Powell
Brad Robinson
Anthony Romagnoli
Chelsea Caul
Taylor Dollevoet
Kaleena Johnston
Katie Kennedy
Kaluhea Laureta
Eric Leachman
Paige McCullough
Zach Mueller
Andy Rice
Karissa Thomas
Ana Van Eeghan
Becca Van't Schip
Megan Young

**LITERACY DAY****READ FOR THE TOP****POWELL RIVER WRITERS FESTIVAL**

This week at Oceanview, the semi-finals for Read For The Top start Thursday afternoon at 1:15 PM. Friday morning, we will have three visiting authors speak to our student body at 11:30 AM. Prizes will be awarded to the top three student writers from the school. All students in the school entered this community-wide writing contest sponsored by the Powell River Writers Festival. Friday afternoon, the finals of Read for The Top will be staged. Lots of excitement and fun. Come and join us at 1:15 PM, for the fun. Sean Hodges, an already published student writer, will attend the entire festival as a representative of OV.

POSSIBLE CHANGES FOR NEXT YEAR

As the school year is fast nearing completion, the staff have entered into discussions about changes that would improve the delivery of education next year.

Some of the items under consideration include semestered electives (this would mean that electives would run for half a year only and then students would take a different elective after Christmas). As grade nines must do Planning (Health and CAPP), we will likely be semestering a Tech/Planning against a PE/Health. This will mean a greater emphasis on health and fitness with an increase in physical education.

The PAC is investigating healthier choices in the vending machines and in the canteen.

There will be a break between blocks so that students are forced to go to lockers. They will not be permitted to take backpacks into classrooms, so they will not be lugging tons of books with them everywhere.

Reading and Math have been scheduled this year so that more time than is required by the Ministry is allotted to these subjects. That will continue. Reading block will continue everyday after lunch hour. Advisory will be replaced by one weekly homeroom block.

Parent, student, teacher interviews will be offered once each semester in an afternoon and an evening time slot.

We will continue to look at other changes which could improve student achievement.

A GOOD SCHOOL GETTING BETTER

Oceanview Middle School

Your business tag line here.


Organization

We're on the Web!
example.microsoft.
com

This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of stan-

dard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



Caption describing picture or graphic.