

PAC NEWS

Thanks to the work of many hard working parents, the PAC has been able to provide the school with many extras this year. So far the money has been spent on TVs, DVDs, a fabulous new sound system for the gym and Commons, sponsorship for all of the out-of-town travel for our teams and groups, support of field trips, free reading books for classrooms, and support of special programs and events (breakfast club, BEST room, LEAD, LEAF) just to mention a few.

It is the work of many hands, too many to mention, that help create a better school climate. If you would like to contribute please be sure to contact **Charlene Lockstead** for general information. She has done a fabulous job over the past two years coordinating the work of the PAC and supporting your kids.

BINGO is an easy way to help out. If you can give some time please call **Bonnie Charlie at 414-0876**. You can earn Bingo credits which can then be used to purchase school items (hoodies) or finance school field trips.

Next year, we will be looking for a new executive for the PAC as many of our parents move on to Brooks. Please consider putting your name forward at the September meeting or before.

OVSS (Oceanview School Success) As the year draws to a close the grade 9 students in this program are heading out on a tour of BC universities. With the help of Mr. Skinner, Ms. Hoehn and the students will be off for two days in early June.

The program will run again next year and we will be considering students for inclusion before the end of the year. For more info call Ms. Rothwell.

LITERACY RESULTS REFLECT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

English teachers have just completed the diagnostic tests which are given to all students at the beginning and end of the year to measure progress. The grade 9 students have exceeded expectations and almost half of this grade group (79) are reading at a grade 12 level or higher.

The grade 8 students have also made progress and we look forward to another year to help them make even greater strides.

One of the deficit areas which we continue to address is writing. Our student writers are not as accomplished as we would like and so we anticipate spending more time next year in developing this skill.

The recent Powell River Writer's Festival provided an opportunity for our best authors to show off their stuff. The judges of the OV student writing contest (who were members of the PR Writer's Festival) were most impressed with the quality of the work produced and we know we are on the right track.

READ FOR THE TOP was a roaring success again. The Commons was rocking with enthusiasm as students cheered on their teams. Competition was even keener with students from Assumption, Ecole, and Texada participating. Many thanks to Mr. Radcliffe who organized and emceed the afternoons events.

The only disappointment of the day was that several students were permitted to sign out by their parents. Please check with the school when students say they needn't attend. This is seldom the case.

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DATES OF INTEREST

May 26th—Transition Night for incoming grade 7's and their parents.

May 31st—early dismissal 2:15pm District Assembly

May 31st/June 1st - OVSS field trip

June 1st—District Pro D (school goals)

June 1st-3rd—Grade 9 Band trip

June 2nd/3rd—Grade 8 field trip

June 8th—District Forum 6:00—8:30

For additional dates see the important dates section to the left of this column.

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.		

WORK HABITS HONOUR ROLL

Bobbi Cartwright
Sarah Grant
Jordyn McGregor
Mark Meyer
Codi Woodfine



SPORTS NEWS

Track and Field is well underway with our team going into their second competition Tuesday, May 24th, in the Island championship. We are competing in the grade 9 boys 4x100 and 4x400 meter relays, as well as the grade 9 girls 4x100. We had 4 grade 9 boys in the 100 meter finals. Steven Diprose and Wade Warwaruk put OV on the map in the distance races. We had 27 athletes (1/4 of the number of participants compared to other schools) and we placed third over all in point standings at the North Island championships held last week. What a great showing! Twenty five of the twenty seven competitors will be moving on to this upcoming meet.

There were some outstanding individual performances in the field events at both grade levels. Many of the students took first place standings and we expect to do even better in the meet next Tuesday. Good luck to all our team members. Oceanview is proud of your accomplishments and your excellent sportsmanship. *Jodi Mastrodonato (coach)*

SUMMER SCHOOL

for grade 7 and 8 will be run out of OV again this summer for the first 3 weeks of July. Students who have not successfully completed courses will be required to attend. This service is offered at no cost to parents. If your child is required to be in attendance you will have received a letter (or will receive one very soon) indicating this.

Summer school for these two grades will run July 5th through July 22nd.

If your child is in grade 9, summer school will be running from July 5th until July 29th. It will likely be held at Brooks

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.

Thank You To

McDonald's

who sponsored our Limo for Lunch program all year by providing lunch monthly for 7 of our good workers.

Crown Royal Limousine

who provided transportation to McDonald's free of charge monthly. The kids love this opportunity and we appreciate our community partners.

Many thanks to

Jackson

Cedar

Products *for donating their surplus lumber to us for our Shop program.*

OVERWAITEA

for sponsorship of our Home Ec. programs.

Kiwanis *for our breakfast program. To volunteer to help out Kiwanis call Laura Passek*



COURSE SELECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

Our present grade eight students have stated a preference regarding their course selection for next year. As language becomes an elective at the grade nine level, please check with your child to make sure that you approve of the language they have chosen. If they do not take a language they will be timetabled into another elective. One caution is that students planning direct entry into university must take a language in grade nine and then through to the end of grade 11. For further information be sure to talk to a counselor.

Electives will be granted on the basis of individual timetables and availability. Although we will try to satisfy student requests, scheduling prevents any guarantee of full satisfaction. The compulsory programs and special courses (such as band and languages) must be filled first.

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

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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.

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