

READING PLUS

A pilot program at OV

About 60 students are working on a computerized reading program which individualizes, tracks, and monitors their progress. In early stages, the program is proving to be very helpful for some students who are developing readers.

REPORT CARDS

On Nov 23rd, all OV students received their report cards. If you have concerns or would like to meet with teachers, please phone or email the concerned teacher(s). It is important to remember that both Science and Social Studies are courses that finish at the end of this semester, (late January) so if students are not successful in these two courses they must make a concerted effort to improve between now and the final exam in January.

PAC MEETING

Dec 13th

7:00 p.m. (in the Library)

Please bring the tear-off with you to the meeting so that your child can win an OV hoodie.

Election of PAC executive and SPC update

BINGO an easy way to help out. If you can volunteer, please call Terry Tardiff at 604 485 6235.

CHAPERONES — needed for school dances. Please call Annette at 604 483-9505.

WEBSITE INFO FOR FAMILIES:

Check out this site to help keep your kids safe:

[Http://www.bewebaware.com](http://www.bewebaware.com)



Often we publish the names of students in our newsletters. On occasion we also publish pictures. If you do not want this information made public, please contact the school and indicate this to the secretary. You can email any staff member by using their first initial and last name as follows:

krothwell@sd47.bc.ca.

REMAINING PRO D DAYS

Please mark your calendars

- Monday, Feb 12th, 2007 district day
all schools closed
- Thursday, April 5th, 2007
all schools closed
- Monday, June 18th, 2007
Only OV closed (this is instead of May 30th when OV is open)

HOW CAN PARENTS HELP ?

Most parents say they would like to help their kids be more successful in school but some tell us they don't know how. The research done on parent involvement tells us that being actively connected with your kids is most beneficial. Below are some helpful hints:

- Ask your children regularly about the positive and negative aspects of school. Encourage open and safe communication (not always easy with teens)
- Reinforce positive behaviour like regular attention to homework
- Contact the school when there is an issue brewing; don't wait until it's blooming, tackle it small and assure your child that we will all deal with it discreetly.

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DATES OF INTEREST

Dec. 22nd— Christmas Follies (informal music and fun during the afternoon for the students (parents are welcome at 1:00)

Dec. 22nd— last day of school
Jan . 8th — 1st day back after Christmas break

Jan 17th — PAC meeting

Jan. 30th, Feb 1st, 2nd, and 3rd — semester end grade wide exams

Feb 5th — **Drug education**
LEAD for the grade 8's

Take Your Kids to Work

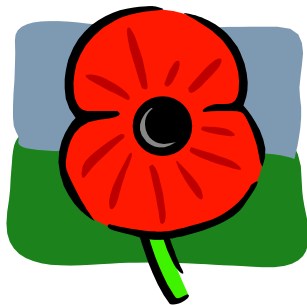
(LEAF) Careers for the 9's



FRENCH IMMERSION

The Powell River School Board is considering the viability of a French Immersion program for the 2007/08 school year. The program would start in grades K-3, and would be within Powell River City boundaries. Bussing would only be provided for those living outside the boundaries. If the program was offered next year and you would like to enroll your K-3 son or daughter, please call the school board office, at 604 414-2612 or email tdiana@sd47.bc.ca Enrollment deadline is Dec. 15th, 2006.

Thanks to Ms Hoehn, the student council, Mr. Carson and the music department for the impressive and moving Remembrance Day service earlier this month. One of our students has a Dad serving in Afghanistan so this made it all the more meaningful as the service was dedicated to him.



SCHOOL DISTRICT 47 DRUG POLICY

IN ORDER TO KEEP OUR SCHOOLS DRUG FREE the Board of Trustees has adopted a new drug policy which goes into effect immediately. This policy prohibits the use of any drugs on or around school property at all times. The consequences for violation of this rule are severe. Please access the district website at www.sd47.bc.ca to read the particulars or stop by the school where you will be able to pick up a copy of the policy. All students in the district and at OV will be made very aware of consequences of this type of behaviour in the first few days of school, and they will be given reminders often about this issue. Please help us keep all our kids drug free by monitoring your children.

PRINCIPAL'S HONOUR ROLL

Grade 8

- Abrams, Miriam
- Bartfai, Tyler
- Bowes, Charlotte
- Buchan, Ann-Marie
- Burge, Lindsay
- Campbell, Justin
- Cawley, Krista
- Clarke, Haley
- Coe, Jordan
- Dobler, Kirsten
- Eagle, Elanna
- Ferreira, Nicole
- Fortin, Chelsea
- Gable, Dylan
- Gloslee, Stevie-Lynn
- Gros, Hilary
- Infanti, Samantha
- Junck, Josie
- Lance, Julie
- McKenzie, Julie
- Moore, Alison
- Moore, Greg
- Moore, Keisha
- Muller, Meaghan
- Murphy, Alexandra
- Palm, Jade

- Peckford, Ashley
- Pitton, Carissa
- Richards, Sapphire
- Roberts, Kirsten
- Roemer, Ayla
- Rowbotham, Kristy
- Slootweg-Langkjar, Sheena
- Smart, James
- Stapleton, Alyssa
- Varma, Milan
- Ward, Taylor
- White, Patrick
- Willes, Tom
- Young, Hayley
- Yungen, Cole

Grade 9

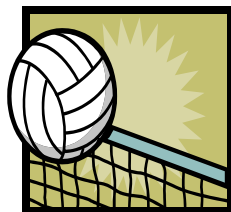
- Boucher, Katherine
- Byles, Jessica
- Chambers, Annika
- Ciarniello, Alex
- Close, Ashley
- Coomber, Amy
- Cramaro, Steven
- Csuk, Krista
- Daly, Nathan
- De la Rey, Pieter
- Du Plessis, Monique
- Emig, Michael
- Filewich, Jenna
- Formosa, Shannon

- Formosa, Stephanie
- Fougere, Kayley
- Gamborski, Morgan
- Gasparovic, Claudia
- Gaylard, Caylee
- Gordon, Patricia
- Griffiths, Sarah
- Hutchings, Kyle
- Jones, Kierra
- Kaytor, Kirstin
- Kazakoff, Peter
- Laureta, Kokua
- Likar, Nicholas
- Little, Elizabeth
- Little, Marie
- Luff, Kyle
- May, Graham
- McLeod, Ciara
- Murray, Chelsea
- Potesta, Katelyn
- Rahier, Rachel
- Romalis, Olivia
- Romanyshyn, Anthony
- Salisbury, Chase
- Sparks, Melina
- Stride, Julia
- Thompson, Ross
- Treloar, Kyle
- Woewoda, Sergei
- Wood, Marissa



Illness and Homework

This year we do not have the call-back service and so we really appreciate you calling when illness occurs. If the absence is short (a day or 2) we ask the student to contact a friend about work. Anything beyond that which requires medical attention, the teachers can provide work in the office. Please call the office should that occur. For students who are away on holidays, teachers may provide a minimal amount of work, but it is expected that students will take responsibility for this work when they return.



Volleyball

Season

Is in full swing.

We have several teams with Mr. Curtis, Mr Miller, and Mr. Radcliffe coaching.

Every weekend this month we have had teams visiting or traveling.

Congratulations to all the VB teams who have represented OV so well. They have done an outstanding job. Both grade 8 teams placed 3rd at the Area 3 tournaments and the grade 9 girls placed 2nd. A great showing up against strong Island teams.

The grade 9 boys VB team are the zone champions. The 18 members of the team have worked hard to hone their skills and they travelled to the Island last weekend where they crashed the competition.

Congratulations to them and to all the teams who have been out this season.

A special thank you to all the parent chaperones and drivers who have helped too.

AND IN SOCCER

The grade 9 boys soccer team travelled to Courtney for zone championships. With some strong play, the team advanced to the finals where they lost a great game in penalty shots. The team included several grade 8 boys who played on the team. They put

HONOUR ROLL

Grade 8

- Best, Curtis
- Bolch, Kyra
- Brandsma, Garrett
- Cannel, Jennifer
- Coles, Cecilia
- Fogarty, Caitlin
- Gamborski, Cole
- Gowans, Jonah
- Hill, Allyssa
- Johnson, Kyra
- Johnson, Tia
- Lanigan, Alley
- Lavallee, Alex
- Lehtimaki, Jake
- MacNeill, Alexander
- Mann, Peter
- Marciniak, Hillary
- Marin, Kalyn
- McNicol, Alysha
- Needham, Jarret
- Nikirk, Carly
- Panek, Brittany
- Perreault, Ben
- Peters, Kendyl
- Prencipe, Erica
- Rasmussen, Renee
- Robertson, Dustin
- Robillard, Jeffrey
- Rotar, Dylan

Grade 8 - cont'd

- Rowbotham, Emily
 - Schroeder, Kalle
 - Stewart, Alyse
 - Taylor, William
- Grade 9**
- Best, Tania
 - Bowie, Amanda
 - Carlson, Lisa
 - Derby, Spencer
 - Dollevoet, Evan
 - Forster, Scotty
 - Greenwood, Kristen
 - Howes, Kerry
 - Jacques, Kiel
 - Kalawarny, Courtney
 - Kinahan, Brady
 - Lambert, Quinn
 - Leung, Wicky
 - Lockyer, Brad
 - May, Elizabeth
 - Nelson, Brooke
 - Nickerson, Dakota
 - Oele, Braedon
 - Otis-Rekve, Melanie
 - Perreault, Andrew
 - Schanke, Brittany
 - Schiffner, Jason
 - Simmons, Sierra
 - Van't Schip, Nick

NEWSLETTERS are available by email. If we have your address we will send it to you online. Please forward your email to cbratseth@sd47.bc.ca

WORK HABITS

Grade 8

- Anderson, Brad
- Bird, Katie
- Fuller, Ashton
- Gloslee, Stevie-Lynn
- Oldale, Hanlon
- O'Neill, Michael
- Shatford, Robyn

Stevens, Jaimee

- Westby, Tori
- Wilson, Tarin

Grade 9

- Cripps, Erika
- Doucette, Geoffrey
- Muma, Galen
- Munro , Seth

PROVINCIAL HEALTHY SCHOOLS NETWORK

OV has applied and been accepted as a member of the provincial healthy schools network committee. The purpose of this committee is to pilot a school health assessment tool and to maximize the health and nutrition opportunities in the school.

Members from all over the province will meet during the year to share information and participate in workshops. Mr. Cocksedge and Mrs. Rothwell are the sitting members for OV but the staff is fully supportive and excited about improving the conditions for all students. Currently we are focusing on physical fitness and improving food choices at school so we feel that we have already started.

DID YOU KNOW ??

- Tutorial is available every Tuesday and Thursday from Mr. Pimenta in the LC
- OV is a closed campus. This means that students are not allowed to leave the grounds without written permission from parents which is then checked with the office.
- French tutorial is every Wednesday at noon. See Md. Chevalier.
- Electronic devices are not the responsibility of the school and are **subject to theft**. Please discourage your child from bringing these to school.
- Grade 10 transition starts right after the final exams. Counselors will start prepping kids for Brooks.
- All students write grade wide exams at the end of January.

ATTENDANCE MAILBOX — please feel free to register your child's absence on this phone service at the school should you not get hold of us.