

**LITERACY DAY (APRIL 20th)
WRITER'S FESTIVAL
READ for the TOP**

This week all OV students will start their draft writing in preparation for the Powell River writer's festival. This day coincides with our Literacy Day and Read for the Top. In the morning, Peter Elbling, an entertainer and novelist, will address the student body and then circulate amongst the students as they do their own writing. At 11:30 am, all six winners from the OV student body will be presented with awards and invited to read their selections at the community session the next day.

In the afternoon, the Commons will rock as the winning teams demonstrate their skill by answering questions based on all the novels they have read, while their classmates cheer them on.

PAC MEETING

**March 28th,
6:30 business**

**7:00 p.m. guest speakers Brooks/OV counselors
(in the COMMONS)**

**TRANSITIONING to Brooks
(especially for parents of grade 9 students) .**

SUPERSTARS — grade 9 girls and boys basketball teams and the girls gymnastics team competed in Provincials last week. The girls basketball team took on the second seeded team in their first match and finished the victors. The outcome of the tournament was a very respectful 12th place standing; great for a team who had played only 17 games as opposed to their rivals who had played 50. Hats off to their coach Jodi Mastrodonato, who brought these girls so far. The boys did a great job against their more experienced rivals from across the province. Their coach, Mr. Radcliffe was most impressed with their play.

The girls gymnastics team did a phenomenal job finishing second in the province out of 15 schools. Congrats to all.



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.

**UVIC Brings
Science
To Life !!**

The first week of March OV hosted Anissa Agah ST Pierre from the University of Victoria. She was in the school leading workshops for a number of students from across the District. The task for the students was to build lego cars with the help of computer technology and then race them. The students found it a great way to learn applied Science and hone their Math skills. Students from OV, Kelly Creek, Texada, and Grief Point took part in the two week session.

**School
Registration**

for new students or in-district transfers for the 2007/2008 year must be done by March 31st, 2007.

Kindergarten students — take proof of age and register at the school of your choice.

Other students new to Powell River — register by March 31st.

Students who register after the 31st, will not be guaranteed enrolment in their catchment area or school of choice.

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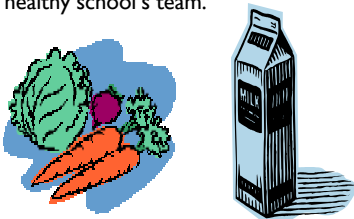
DATES OF INTEREST

- Mar 19th – 23rd Spring Break
- Mar 26th— Brooks teachers talk with grade 9's
- Mar 27th—Grade 9 programming
- Mar 28th PAC Meeting (business at 6:30) Special presentation on **Transitioning to Brooks** at 7:00
- Apr 4th — school dance 6:00—9:00
- Apr 5th — District Pro D Day
- Apr 13th — Marks cut off
- Apr 20th — Literacy Day
- Apr 20th—Read for the Top (OV)
- Apr 26th — 3rd report card home
- Apr 26th — Read for the Top (elem)



HEALTHY SCHOOLS INITIATIVE

Starting this term, the staff, with the help of students and parents, will examine practices of the school regarding physical education and nutrition. OV is a member of the Provincial Healthy Schools Network and our first step was to administer an assessment tool giving us direction regarding the health of our students. Within a very short time one of the differences we will see at OV is the addition of a healthy choices vending machine. This will offer, amongst other things, milk, veggies and dips, fruits, and yogurt to students. Mr. Cocksedge is the lead teacher for the healthy school's team.



STUDENT TEACHERS

This month we have had the pleasure of hosting two student teachers. Mr. Barfoot, from Queens University was working in Mr. Cocksedge's room and Ms Hawkins will soon be working with Mrs. Rae and Mr Payne. These young people bring fresh ideas to the classroom as they work with teacher mentors to hone their skills.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 47 DRUG POLICY

IN ORDER TO KEEP OUR SCHOOLS DRUG FREE the Board of Trustees has adopted a drug policy which is very stringent. 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.



LEAD/ LEAF — both big successes

On February 5th, grade 9 students were given the opportunity to experience the real world of work .

LEAF (Let's Educate About Futures)

Most of them participated in 'take your kids to work', day and had the chance to job-shadow parents, friends, or relatives to experience the work place in action. A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored these students. The outcome, apart from work experience, has been a part time job for several of these students and a better grasp of the working world for all who ventured out. For students who could not find job shadowing opportunities, the sessions at the school included goal setting and planning for the future which was facilitated by Joe and Sam from the Powell River Credit Union, Career cruising, facilitated by Susan Biagi from Careerlink, and Post Secondary and Trades opportunities presented by Tony Marciniak. The day was a great success.

On the same day the grade 8's took part in

LEAD (Let's Educate About Drugs)

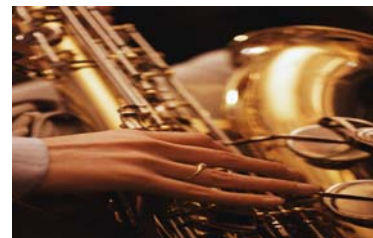
where all the grade 8's learned about the dangers of substance abuse in a carnival-like atmosphere. The major presenter, Susan Hill, then followed up with an information session at the last PAC/community meeting. Again, many thanks to all the community members who organized and worked at LEAD to make it so successful.

If you would like any more information about either of these programs please contact Ms. Behan or Mr. Marciniak, our counsellors at the school.

DISTRICT MUSIC FESTIVAL

Wow, what a great showing. The choirs and the bands along with several ensemble groups pulled off polished performances under the watchful eye of their Maestro, Roy Carson. Bands were adjudicated but ensemble work was competitive and both the grade 8 combo and the grade 9 combo brought home silver medals. Several students performed duets and the really brave did solos. Although all students did well, one student, Damion Bartholemew, a saxophonist, walked off with 3 trophies.

Congratulations to all and thank you for representing OV so well. The next project the Music Dept. will be taking part in is the school musical, Pete's Dragon, and then their concert tour follows.



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.



Basketball

Stars

is in full swing. Our teams have been competing against the Island and the Peninsula under the coaching of Mr. Radcliffe, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Lester, Ms. Behan, Ms. Ouellette, Ms. Mastro. Good luck to all the players.

DID YOU KNOW ??

- OV is a closed campus.
- Electronic devices are not the responsibility of the school and are **subject to theft**. Please discourage your child from bringing these to school.
- Bus schedules are set with mandated passengers lists. Students cannot change routes or busses without authorization from the district office.
- OV students must show bus passes at all times. This helps keep your kids safe.
- All teachers are available through email. Check the Agenda for details.
- All OV students take part in the Powell River Writer's festival.
- Students are reminded regularly to use their lockers to keep their property secure.

TRANSITIONING

The move to secondary is a big step for most kids. In order to better prepare them for Brooks, we will start transitioning very soon. This will include such activities as visits from Brooks staff and students to OV to address the grade 9's and a parent meeting to familiarize you with the many changes. Students will also be introduced to the grade 10-12 graduation program and all the options available at Brooks and before long they will start course selection. The counsellors from both schools will walk them through it and they will be bringing home forms for you to look at.

Parents can help by familiarizing themselves with the 'graduation program' website at www.bced.gov.bc.ca

One of the biggest changes for students will be the more inclusive semester system as well as the increase in responsibility required as the students become 'seniors'. We continue to impress upon our 9's that they must take responsibility; the adults in their life cannot do it for them, we can only support them. One of the changes that grade 9's will see in their remaining time with us at OV is an emphasis on exactly that. **We continue to remind the grade 9's that they must pass all core courses in order to advance to grade 10. Any incomplete courses will have to be picked up at summer school or in alternate school next September.**

From the elementary schools, the students who enter OV also have big changes ahead and within a short time, teachers and counsellors will visit feeder schools to help the students adjust more successfully.

You can help by encouraging your child to take their studies seriously, do homework regularly, and by discussing your child's future. There are many options but the groundwork must be in place for career development. If you need assistance or information please do not hesitate to give our counsellors a call.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Break (March 19th—23rd)
 School Musical (May)
 Read For the Top (April 20th)
 Writer's Festival (April 20th)
 Grade 9 transition sessions March 26th, 27th, 28th

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

TUTORIAL SCHEDULE

All teachers are available at lunch time for any students requiring help. All that is needed is the request to the teacher so that a time can be set aside for that help. Besides this, there are several tutorial/catch-up sessions available as listed below:

Tuesday lunch	Eng 9	SS 8	BOSS	Dube
Tuesday lunch	Math 8			Anderson
Tuesday lunch	Math 9			Simonetta
Tuesday 3:30 – 4:30	general			Blaney
Tuesday/Thurs 3:30	homework club			Pimenta
Wednesday lunch	French 8/9			Chevalier
Wednesday lunch	Math 8			Dupuis
Thursday lunch	English 8			Rae

Please encourage your kids to take advantage of these opportunities and to ask teachers for help at any time.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS AT SCHOOL ?

- Instead of asking questions that can be answered by a simple yes or no, try asking your child to describe one thing that he/she liked about the school day and say why.
- Look through the Agenda often. If it is not being used often, find out why and then encourage your child to use it.
- Communicate frequently with any teacher by email.
- If you don't get a monthly newsletter find out why, or register your email address with us, or stop into the office to pick one up.

ATTENDANCE Messaging — please register your child's absence on the answering machine at school should you not get **hold of us**. Phoning the school by 9:15 is very helpful. 604 485 2756

PRINCIPAL'S HONOUR ROLL

Grade 8

Bartfai, Tyler
Bowes, Charlotte
Cawley, Krista
Coe, Jordan
Eagle, Elanna
Ferreira, Nicole
Lance, Julie
Moore, Greg
Murphy Alexandra
Peckford, Ashley
Perrault, Ben
Roberts, Kirsten
Stapleton, Alyssa
Willes, Tom
Young, Hayley
Yungen, Cole

Grade 9

Boucher, Katherine
Byles, Jessica
Chambers, Annika
Ciarniello, Alex
Close, Ashley
Coomber, Amy
Csuk, Krista
Daly, Nathan
Du Plessis, Monique
Filewich, Jenna
Formosa, Stephanie
Fougere, Kayley
Gamborski, Morgan
Gasparovic, Claudia
Gaylard, Caylee
Griffiths, Sarah

Grade 9—cont'd

Hutchings, Kyle
Jones, Kierra
Kaytor, Kirstin
Likar, Nicholas
Little, Elizabeth
Little, Marie
Luff, Kyle
May, Graham
McLeod, Ciara
Potesta, Katelyn
Rahier, Rachel
Romalis, Olivia
Romanyshyn, Anthony
Sparks, Melina
Wood, Marissa

WORK HABITS HONOUR ROLL

Grade 8

Anderson, Emily
Campbell, Justin
Cannell, Jennifer
Gowans, Jonah
Havekotte, Kim
McKenzie, Julie
Moore, Keisha
Needham, Jarret
Prencipe, Erica
Robertson, Drew
Rowbotham, Emily
Rowbotham, Kristy
Williams-Thompson, Chace

HONOUR ROLL

Grade 8

Best, Megan
Buchan, Ann-Marie
Clarke, Haley
Coles, Cecilia
Dobler, Kirsten
Fortin, Chelsea
Gable, Dylan
Gloslee, Stevie-Lynn
Gros, Hilary
Hill, Allyssa
Infanti, Samantha
Johnson, Kyra
Lanigan, Alley
Lehtimaki, Jake
Mann, Peter
McNicol, Alysha
Moore, Alison

Grade 8—cont'd

Muller, Meaghan
Nikirk, Carly
Palm, Jade
Panek, Brittany
Peters, Kendyl
Pitton, Carissa
Raimondo, Brian
Richards, Sapphire
Robertson, Dustin
Roemer, Ayla
Schroeder, Kalle
Slootweg-Langkjar, Sheena
Smart, James
Varma, Milan
Ward, Taylor
Westby, Tori
White, Patrick

Grade 9

Bowie, Amanda
Carlson, Lisa
Cramaro, Steven
de la Rey, Pieter
Emig, Michael
Gordon, Patricia
Jacques, Kiel
Kazakoff, Peter
Lambert, Quinn
Laureta, Kokua
Leung, Wicky
Lockyer, Brad
Martin, Blair
May, Elizabeth
Murray, Chelsea
Salisbury, Chase
Schiffner, Jason
Simmons, Sierra
Stride, Julia

Grade 9

Liebich, Taylor
Muma, Galen
Nickerson, Dakota
Perreault, Andrew
Schanke, Brittany
Thompson, Ross
Woewoda, Sergei

AUDITIONS START — for the school musical. The week of March 12th—16th, students will be invited to audition for parts in Pete's Dragon. The auditions are open to everyone. Performance is planned for the last week in April.

