

LITERACY DAY, FESTIVAL OF WRITERS READ for the TOP

And the winners are:

In the 3rd week of April, on Literacy Day, we were treated to a presentation by Peter Elbling, a playwright and entertainer. He spoke with the student body about 'inciting incidents', the starting point for good films and screen plays. From there he challenged them to devise their own 'inciting incidents'. They took up the challenge enthusiastically and classrooms buzzed with great writing ideas as he circulated to talk with them.

All OV students entered the PR Festival of Writer's contest and for outstanding writing, 6 students were selected by community judges. From grade 9 these students are Morgan Gamborski, Jason Schiffner and Marissa Eacott. The grade 8's chosen are Elanna Eagle, Alexandra Murphy and James Smart. Well done to these students as well as the other thirty-five finalists. It was not an easy decision for the judges.

In the afternoon, the Commons exploded in cheers as teams challenged one another in this year's Read for the Top. The eventual winners : Grade 8, 1st place, Jordan Coe, Chris Hummel, and Charlotte Bowes, 2nd place, Sheena Sloodweg-Langkjar, Nicole Ferreira, Anne-Marie Buchan, 3rd place, Erica Prencipe, Alyse Stewart, Dane Fuller. Grade 9, 1st place, Elizabeth Little, Katherine Boucher, Kirstin Kaytor, 2nd place, Kyle Stich, Justin Parkhouse, Ashley Close, 3rd place, Nick Likar, Olivia Romalis, Marie Little. Congratulations to all our winners.

PAC MEETING

May 24th,

7:00 p.m. (In the library)

Final PAC meeting of the year.

Parents from feeder schools will be invited to attend.

WEBSITE INFO FOR FAMILIES:

Check out this site to help keep your kids safe:

<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

REPORT CARDS

The 3rd term report cards were issued on April 26th. If you did not see the report card, please ask your child about it or call the school. If you would like to talk with teachers, please call or email to contact the specific teacher.



PROGRAMMING

for next year

Thank you to the parents who attended the Brooks planning session. Programming for students moving into Brooks is almost complete and you will have signed a course selection form which was returned to the counsellors. From that information, timetables are being compiled. If this is news to you, please call

Mr. Marciniak at 485 2756.

OV programming is also underway for the incoming grade 8's and next years grade 9's. Students have very limited choice here as their timetable is very tight. For more info call Ms Behan at 485 2756.

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DATES OF INTEREST

May. 15th/17th

Pete's Dragon 7:00 in the Commons

May 24th—final PAC meeting

May. 24/25th — BOSS tour of post secondary schools

May 25th/26th — Band/Choir concert tour Vancouver Island

May 25th — Metro car races in the gym

May 30th — Grade 7 student and parent Open House

June 18th — Pro-D planning day

June 19th – 25th — final exams



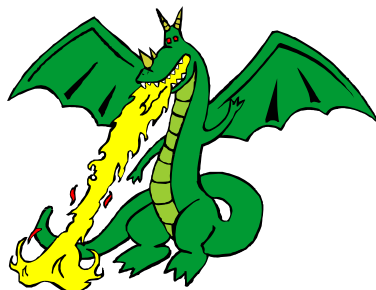
HEALTHY SCHOOLS INITIATIVES

On Literacy Day, many students were asked to write about what they thought a healthy lifestyle included. Probably not surprisingly, the vast majority have the information. The challenge for the adults in their life is to help them incorporate this into their daily life.

The school continues to work on improving the health of our students and one of our next initiatives is to survey the students about healthy lifestyles.

In September, we will start to reach beyond the school walls to help kids build community connections and physical activity into everyday life. We welcome community partnership and parent help in this so if you would like to get involved, please contact Graham Cocksedge at the school.

And, at long last our Power Food machine has arrived. Apple slices, carrot stick, milk, and yogurt are a few of the available options.



EVER BEEN UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH A DRAGON ??

..... Pete's Dragon is coming to the OV Commons.

The musical production runs the week of May 14th —17th with two evening performances, **Tuesday, May 15th** and **Thursday May 17th**, beginning at 7:00 pm. Tickets are available at the OV office.

Contacting the School

Generally someone is available in the school office until 5:00 pm every day but there are times when meetings, coaching, etc prevent that from happening. If there is an emergency, the school cell phone can be accessed. Please call 604 414 6494 up until 6:00 pm if you can not reach anyone through the office.

ART SHOW & SALE

Thursday May 17th

6:00—6:45 in the Oceanview gym preceding the musical, and then again during intermission.

To view paintings go to www.ShiboOriginalDesigns.com

Proceeds to the OV Music Department

An International Champion

How many schools can boast that they have a national athlete on staff ? Well Oceanview can. Mr. Graham Cocksedge holds the Canadian title for National Duathlon Champion and he will soon compete at the international level.

Mr. C has been a runner all his life. He started competitive running in secondary school. When he moved to Powell River, he initially decided to retire from the sport, but was convinced by friends to take up the challenge once more. He has been training ever since.

From that, came the decision to compete in Gyor, Hungary site of the upcoming World Duathlon competition. The race consists of a 10 km run, a 40 km bike route and a final 5 km run. He expects to compete against 60 athletes from all over the world (only one other from Canada).

Graham attributes his professional success and his continuing education to running. He believes that setting goals and working hard has been instrumental in him pursuing his career. He commented that he wasn't always a stellar student in high school but after taking up running he became driven to improve not only body but mind as well.

OV is proud of his accomplishments in all areas and we wish him huge success in Hungary.

Go get 'em Mr C !!!!!!!

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 respon-



Recognizing Excellence

There are many ways to excel and so much talent in our student body. Most recently we have had 4 students recognized as provincial 'players' in various activities. They include, Jade Palm in soccer, Michael Emig in basketball, Krista Csuk in softball and Damion Bartholemew with his saxophone. All of these students will compete at the provincial level in the coming weeks and years.

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.



TRANSITIONING



Track and Field — is in full swing with the first out of district competition on May 9th. The coaches, Mr. Simonetta and Ms Mastrodonato are practicing kids after school. We expect about 40—50 students to be participating in Courtenay. Good luck to all.

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.

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 at the alternate school next September.

You can help by encouraging your child to take their studies seriously, do homework regularly, and by discussing your child's future. There are so 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.



SUMMER SCHOOL will be offered for grade 7 and 8 students again this summer. It will run for 3 weeks and will cover English, Math, Socials and Science at grade 8, and English and Math at grade 7. Any students who do not complete these courses successfully will be required to attend summer school. For further information contact the OV office or school counsellors.

INTRAMURAL FLOOR HOCKEY

In the past few weeks the gym has been bustling as floor hockey season was in full swing. The Sports Leadership crew of Kyle Luff, Ross Thompson, Anthony Romanyshyn, Chase Salisbury, Braedon Oele, Blair Martin and Curtis Simonetta under the direction of Mr. Curtis, organized, coordinated, and officiated. All teams involved played hard and the finals saw a best of three between the Ballerz and the Penguins. The Ballerz won both games in a shootout and were crowned floor hockey intramural champs.

Last Tuesday, the champs took on the teacher's team and the game went into overtime. Mr. Nelson scored a dramatic goal to clinch it for the teachers; an excellent finish to the season with good sportsmanship and high spirits throughout!

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

Tyler Bartfai
Charlotte Bowes
Anne-Marie Buchan
Krista Cawley
Jordan Coe
Cecilia Coles
Elanna Eagle
Nicole Ferreira
Samantha Infanti
Julie Lance
Julie McKenzie
Greg Moore
Hanlon Oldale
Ashley Peckford
Carissa Pitton
Kirsten Roberts
Kristy Rowbotham
Alyssa Stapleton
Milan Varma
Patrick White
Tom Willes
Hayley Young

Grade 9

Jessica Byles
Annika Chambers
Alex Ciarniello
Amy Coomber
Steven Cramaro
Krista Csuk
Nathan Daly
Monique Du Plessis
Jenna Filewich
Stephanie Formosa
Kayley Fougere
Morgan Gamborski
Claudia Gasparovic
Sarah Griffiths
Kyle Hutchings
Kierra Jones
Kirstin Kaytor
Quinn Lambert
Nicholas Likar
Elizabeth Little

Marie Little
Brad Lockyer
Kyle Luff
Graham May
Andrew Perreault
Olivia Romalis
Anthony Romanyshyn
Melina Sparks
Ross Thompson
Kyle Treloar
Sergei Woewoda
Marissa Wood



Congratulations !

WORK HABITS HONOUR ROLL

Grade 8

Katie Bird
Kim Havekotte
Tia Johnson
Carly Nikirk
Brittany Panek
Brian Raimondo
Sapphire Richards
James Smart
Jaimee Stevens
Jenessa Tom
Cole Yungen

Grade 9

Wicky Leung

Grade 8

Emily Anderson
Lindsay Burge
Justin Campbell
Haley Clarke
Kirsten Dobler
Chelsea Fortin
Dylan Gable
Stevie-Lynn Gloslee
Jonah Gowans
Hilary Gros
Allyssa Hill
Kyra Johnson
Alley Lanigan
Alexander MacNeill
Peter Mann
Hillary Marciniak
Keisha Moore
Alexandra Murphy

HONOUR ROLL

Jade Palm
Ben Perrault
Kendyl Peters
Erica Prencipe
Lyden Prodahl
Zane Prodahl
Dustin Robertson
Ayla Roemer
Emily Rowbotham
Alex Salmon Felix-Diaz
Kalle Schroeder
Taylor Ward
Aaron Wentworth
Tori Westby

Grade 9

Katherine Boucher
Amanda Bowie
Ashley Close
Pieter de la Rey
Ryan Fehr
Shannon Formosa
Caylee Gaylard
Patricia Gordon
Peter Kazakoff
Brady Kinahan
Kokua Laureta
Elizabeth May
Taylor Mayenburg
Ciara McLeod
Daniel McMaster
Eli Mueller
Chelsea Murray
Dakota Nickerson

HONOUR ROLL

Katelyn Potesta
Rachel Rahier
Chase Salisbury
Brittany Schanke
Sierra Simmons
Julia Stride