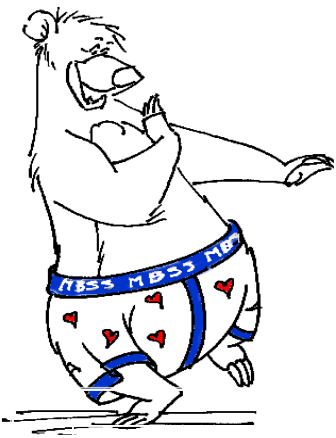


THE MBSS BEAR BRIEF



Principal's Message



The spring season has officially arrived which means term #3 is coming to a close. April 16 marks the end of term 3 and report cards will be coming home on April 28. Our regular Parent / Student / Teacher conferences were held at Mount Boucherie on Tuesday, March 30. However, parents are reminded that they may arrange meetings to discuss the progress of their child at any time. Teachers can be reached by email or voicemail by selecting the staff contact / websites button on our homepage- <http://www.mbs.sd23.bc.ca/>

At this time of year we need to remind Grade 12 students and parents that those grads who are at risk of NOT passing their courses or those who are not in 'good standing', will be advised that their participation in our graduation ceremony will be in jeopardy. The GRAD CEREMONY POLICY is printed in the parent calendar and we encourage you to contact our school if you have any questions.

Mr. John Simonson, Principal

MBSS WINNERS at SKILLS CANADA COMPETITION!

*Congratulations to all of our Skills Canada Competition winners!



Architectural Drafting:

1st Place - Tyler Dyck

3D Computer Animation:

1st Place: Shannon Savoie & Ellen Spacey

3rd Place: Vanni DePieri & Hayden Peever

Culinary Arts:

2nd Place: Allison Walker

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

DATES TO REMEMBER: APRIL 2010

- 1 Newsletter available online today. Go to www.mbs.sd23.bc.ca and click on Newsletters under Parents/Students.
- 2 **GOOD FRIDAY - No school today.**
- 5 **EASTER MONDAY - No school today.**
- 6-9 Career Programs' "TRAVEL WEEK" at MBSS. Sign up in advance in the Career Centre.
- 6 MBSS Lifesaver students go to CNB middle school to work with struggling students and to teach resiliency skills.
- 6 3 Mount Boucherie Secondary Choirs will be performing at the Kelowna Kiwanis Choral Music Festival.
- 7 "Kick the Nic" sessions continue. Runs for 7 more sessions, including today. Held at lunchbreak in Room #117.
- 7 Euclid Math Contest held today in the Library. See Mr. Kirkey for more details.
- 8 "Careers in Health and Technologies" Conference held at KGH today. Bus leaves MBSS at 9:00 am.
- 8-10 Mount Boucherie Jazz Bands, Jazz Combos, Jazz Choir and the Mount Boucherie Singers will be competing against groups from all over BC as part of the Interior Jazz Festival. Event held at the Kelowna Community Theatre.
- 12 PAC Meeting, 6:30—7:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room.
- 12 Parent Ambassador Training Session #5 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room.
- 13 Hairdressing Job Shadows held today at Mount Boucherie. Spaces have now been filled.
- 14 "ANTI-BULLYING DAY" Today - wear a pink t-shirt to show your support!
- 16 Career Mentoring Luncheon #2 held today in the gym.
- 16 Term 3 ends today.
- 19 Term 4 begins today.
- 19-23 "MEET THE BOSS WEEK" at MBSS. Held in the Career Centre.
- 19 Career Programs' "Kelowna Cultural Connection" field trip held today in Kelowna. Bus leaves at 9:00 am .
- 22 **HOMEROOM today - X Block Schedule (4X321)**
- 27 Leadership Conference held in Vernon for leadership students.
- 28 Term 3 Report Cards come home today. Distributed to students during last block.
- 29 "THE TERRY FOX RUN" held at Mount Boucherie Secondary School will be held today.

STUDENT USE OF CELL PHONES AT SCHOOL

The use of cellular phones is becoming an issue of increasing concern. Presently, our school and district policy permits students to use their personal cell phones only during non-instructional time (before school, break, lunch and after school). Students are not permitted to use cell phones in classrooms/teaching areas, during instructional time, or in change rooms and washrooms.

This year we have encountered the following situations-

- Pictures taken with a cell phone camera and posted without consent on websites
- Text messaging of answers for tests and quizzes
- Promotion of bullying
- Inappropriate images (violence and nudity) stored on cell phones



Students are aware that the expectation of the school is for students to keep their phones in their lockers during the school day. If a student is ignoring the school policy with regards to cell phone use, he or she may have their phone held at the office.

APPROPRIATE CLOTHING

Along with spring comes warmer temperatures and smaller articles of clothing. As a reminder, students are asked to wear appropriate clothing while at school. Bare midriffs, racer back tops and muscle shirts are great for the beach, but are **not** appropriate in the classroom. We also want to remind students that underwear should be worn under what you wear - straps are to be fully covered. Students will be asked to change into appropriate clothing if necessary. Thanks for your cooperation with this matter.

→ DON'T FORGET!

IMPORTANT GRAD INFO for Gr. 12 Students

April 22nd Homeroom: Grads, this is a very important homeroom as important information about the valedictorian, historian and futurist will be announced. Please check out the newly updated grad website for more information.

On May 11th: MBSS will hold its traditional Grad Breakfast. For \$9, grade 12 students will get to enjoy a beautiful buffet breakfast and celebrate their successes in style! Prizes will be given away throughout the morning, including free limousine service with White Rose Limousine Ltd. We will also announce the grad song, valedictorian, historian and futurist for Grad 2010. This is the last grad event before the banquet!



HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP COMES TO MBSS

We are very pleased to have had George Chuvalo (former Canadian heavyweight boxing champ) speak to our Grade 10 students. Chuvalo fought against George Foreman, Joe Frazier and Muhammad Ali. He shared his story of how addiction to drugs resulted in the death of three of his sons and how this loss drove his wife to suicide.





APRIL IS CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



Mount Boucherie staff and students will be joining in the fight against cancer and through the following fundraising events, helping to find a cure.

Upcoming events include:

- ◆ "Lose Your Locks for Fox" campaign (date tba).
- ◆ A Terry Fox Run to be held at Mount Boucherie on April 29th.
- ◆ A golf tournament to be held at Two Eagles Golf Course in May. (date and time tba at a later time)

MBSS MUSIC DEPARTMENT

On April 6th, the Mount Boucherie Choral Groups will be participating in the **Kelowna Kiwanis Choral Music Festival!**

3 choirs will be participating: The Ladies Chamber Choir, The Chamber Choir and The Mount Boucherie Singers. All performances will be held at St. David's Presbyterian Church on Glenmore Road.

April 8, 9, & 10 mark the **BC Interior Jazz Festival**. The Mount Boucherie Jazz Bands (10,11, & 12), Jazz Combos (10, 11, & 12), Jazz Choir and the Mount Boucherie Singers will be competing against groups from all across British Columbia.



DOGWOOD DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP

Submission Deadline: May 29th

Students who are applying for the Dogwood District Scholarship must submit their entire paperwork package to Mrs. Butler, in the Career Centre, **by May 29th**. All students who meet this deadline will be granted an interview.

"TRAVEL WEEK" at MBSS!

Here's what's going on in the Career Centre! Sign up early! Snacks provided.

April 6th: Travel Agent

April 7th: Travelling to Europe

April 8th: Backpacking through Europe

April 9th: Katimavik



MBSS YEARBOOKS FOR SALE!

Yearbooks will be on sale for \$50 each, beginning April 1st in Room #141.

*Only 70 yearbooks are left and available for purchase!
Purchase yours today **before** they are all **SOLD!**

[BUSSING UPDATE FROM SD#23 TRANSPORTATION DEPT.](#)

April 2010

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR 2010-2011

School bus routes and rider lists are reviewed on an annual basis. In preparation for the coming school year, seat confirmation letters are being sent during the month of May to the parents of all non-transitioning students who were issued bus passes during the 2009-10 school year. These letters allow parents to move directly to Step 2 in the application process.

Step 1:

Parents who have not received a confirmation letter for potential seat assignment by May 15, 2010 and who wish to apply for a seat on the bus can instantly apply for transportation services online at: <https://ereg.sd23.bc.ca/transportation/>.

Please note that in many cases, seats for courtesy riders will not be available until all eligible riders have been accommodated in September. Once all eligible riders have been accommodated, courtesy seats will be assigned based on distance, age, and siblings on the bus.

Step 2:

After confirmation is received on seat availability from the transportation office, parents will be allowed to make arrangements for the \$200 Student Transportation Charge prior to the June 30th deadline.

For more information about school bus transportation and applicable charges, please visit our website at <http://www.sd23.bc.ca/transportation/>



BUS PASSES AND REFUNDS



This is a REMINDER that March 31st, 2010 was the DEADLINE for anyone requesting reimbursements for bus passes previously purchased.

Please note that if a student is no longer using his/her bus pass, the pass is to be turned in to the Transportation Dept. All student bus passes will be collected at the end of the school year, in June.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MBSS ATHLETICS . . .

Congratulations to the following Junior and Senior Basketball players who represented MBSS at the UBC Okanagan Valley Allstar Tournament: Bailey Weymouth, Jarrett Young, Derek Zwaagstra, Michelle Yelland, Kyle Gabelhei, Jarrett Resch, Jeremy Finn and Peter Flett. A huge thanks to Mr. Rogall who coached the Junior game and to Mr. Broderick who coached the Senior game! Way to go players! You represented Mount Boucherie well!!



Mount Boucherie Basketball Academy 2010 For Grades 7- 11, Girls and Boys



WHEN: Tuesday and Thursday. April 20th-May 20th

TIME: 6:00-7:30 Tuesdays/Thursdays

WHERE: Mount Boucherie Secondary School

COST: \$150.00 (50.00 reversible) All proceeds from academy go directly back to the program for equipment, coaching development, and player development. If you currently have an Academy Jersey then your costs are only \$100.00.

CONTACT: Kelly Broderick (Athletic Director)

Phone: 250-712-7040, Fax: 250-870-5001, E-Mail: kbroderi@sd23.bc.ca

Senior Boys and Senior Girls Head Basketball Coaches:

-Mr. K. Broderick

-Mr. S. Davis

-Ms. J. Kirk

-Mr. M. Heyworth

-Mr. H. Oloffs

-Mr. J. Rogall

Mount Boucherie Basketball Camp Opportunities

There are 3 Camps for students to choose from:

- ◆ **TRIPLE THREAT CAMP:** July 12-15, 2010. Grades 3-5 and 6-8. Cost = \$100
- ◆ **ELITE CAMP:** August 16-19, 2010. Boys and Girls Grades 8-11. Cost = \$90.00
- ◆ **HIGH PERFORMANCE CAMP:** August 16-19, 2010. Boys Grades 10-12. Cost = \$90.00

Registration forms are available at Mount Boucherie Secondary School in the Main Office as well as in the Counselling Centre.

DRUG Awareness and Prevention **Presentation**

***Guest Presenter: Robb McGirr**

Thursday, April 15th, 2010

7:00 to 8:30 pm

At Kelowna Senior Secondary School

Robb McGirr is a retired police officer from the Lower Mainland who served for 28 years in several police departments within the Vancouver area. His expertise in drugs started as a specialized drug investigator and as an undercover drug operator. His work as an undercover investigator provided Robb the opportunity to see first hand the dynamics of drug abuse and addiction. Robb has been a Resource Instructor for drug investigations and drug trends training programs at the BC Justice Institute. He has been qualified by the BC Supreme Court as an “**Expert**” in the areas of **drug trafficking, teen drug trends, and related at-risk youth issues.**

If you are a **middle or secondary school parent**, we invite you to attend this important presentation on Drug Awareness and Prevention.