



# THE MBSS BEAR BRIEF



## Principal's Message



The spring season has officially arrived which means term #3 is coming to a close. April 12 marks the end of term 3 and report cards will be coming home on April 27. Our regular Parent / Student / Teacher conferences were held Tuesday, March 3 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm. 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*

### Appropriate Clothing for School

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 midriiffs, 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.

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# IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES



## DATES TO REMEMBER: April 2011

- 5 **Kick the Nik Smoking Cessation Program** for teen begins today. Contact Ms. Thompson for more info.
- 7 Firefighter Info Session today. Contact Career Centre for more information.
- 7 PSP Session #3 today in Blocks 3 & 1 and after school at 3:35 pm in Room #136.
- 8 PSP Session #3 today in Blocks 7 & 5 and after school at 3:35 in Room #136.
- 8 Career Spotlight today at 12:40 pm in Career Centre: Careers as a Lawyer.
- 8 Health & Recreation Conference at Trinity Baptist Church. Bus leaves school at 9:00 am. Sign up required.
- 11 Kelowna Cultural Connection held today. Bus leaves school at 9:00 am. Sign up in Counselling Centre.
- 12 Applications for Dual Credit/Specialty Programs (Ace-It) due today.
- 12 Aboriginal Tour of UBCO today. Bus leaves school at 9:15 am.
- 12 Euclid Math Contest - begins at 9:00 am.
- 12 Term 3 Daily Physical Activity (DPA) forms due to the Career Centre.
- 12 Term 3 ends today.
- 13 Term 4 begins today.
- 13 Galois/Hypatia math contests begin at 9:00 am.
- 14 Important Grad Homeroom today.
- 14 Provincial exam rewrites today.
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- 15 Career Mentor Luncheon #2 held today in the Ian Snow gymnasium, 12:00 to 2:00 pm.
- 18 PAC meeting held at 6:30 pm in the Library.
- 18 Parent Ambassador training session #5, 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room.
- 18 Applications for Culinary Arts, Fire Academy and Hairdressing programs due today to Career Centre.
- 19 Career Job Fair in the Ian Snow Gym, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.
- 22 **GOOD FRIDAY** - School closed today.
- 25 **EASTER MONDAY**—School closed today.
- 27 Term 3 Report Cards go home today! Report cards distributed to students at 3:20 pm.

## PSP SESSION #3

The Counselling Department will hold its third PSP Session for Grade 12 students on **Thursday, April 7th** during blocks 3 and 1 and **Friday, April 8th** during blocks 7 and 5 in Room #136. A session will also be offered each day after school at 3:35 pm. Students are expected to attend during their spare or attend the after school session.

Topics discussed will include registering for post-secondary courses as well as self reporting grades.

Please contact the Counselling Department if you require more information.



# MBSS Athletic Department



**MBSS Basketball Academy** starting April 19th - May 19th, Tuesday/Thursdays from 6:00 -7:30 pm at MBSS .

Click on the following link to access the registration form:

[http://www.mbs.sd23.bc.ca/homepage\\_files/2011%20ball%20academy.pdf](http://www.mbs.sd23.bc.ca/homepage_files/2011%20ball%20academy.pdf)

## YEARBOOKS FOR PURCHASE!

YEARBOOKS will be on sale during the first two weeks in April.

150 books are available for purchase. Price: \$55.00 each



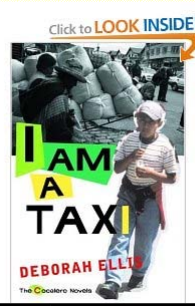
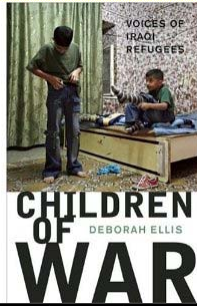
## KICK THE NIC PROGRAM

*KICK THE NIC starts Tuesday, April 5th!*

Kick The Nic is a multi-session smoking cessation program for teens. Shelly Myatovic (Public Health Nurse) has agreed to facilitate the program for us. MBS has also received a tobacco reduction mini-grant through Interior Health to help cover the cost of snacks, “cope kits” and prizes. Students who are interested in quitting smoking should talk to Ms. Cheryl Thompson, for more information.

# LIBRARY NEWS

Deborah Ellis, award-winning Canadian author and international aid organizer, visited Mt. Boucherie library Wednesday, March 16. She engaged the students with readings from two of her books: *Children of War: Voices of Iraqi Refugees* and *I am a Taxi*, while teaching about the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq and about the violent cocaine trade in Bolivia. She is an inspirational Canadian. Her books are available in the school library, and in most public libraries in Canada.



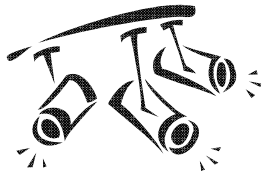
## FINANCIAL HELP FOR MBSS FAMILIES

**G & H Shop and Save** (Anders Rd in Lakeview Heights), and **Nester's Market** (corner of Gordon and Bernard) are offering an opportunity for families to raise funds to help with school costs!

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

A family registers in the program with Lisa Plocktis - an MBSS parent. They purchase gift cards available in \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 denominations through Lisa by sending an email to [plocktis@shaw.ca](mailto:plocktis@shaw.ca) and leaving a cheque payable to "MBSS G&H" at the school office. 10% of the cards' value will be held in an account in the family's name. When a student in the family has a school fee due, (eg: sports, a school trip, tutor, grad etc) they can access the account to pay towards the event by contacting Lisa and requesting a cheque (which will be made payable to the school).

There is no 'benefit' to these stores. This is strictly an assistance program and we thank them for providing this opportunity. If you have any questions, or if you would like to participate, please contact: Lisa Plocktis at [plocktis@shaw.ca](mailto:plocktis@shaw.ca)



# MBSS CAREER PROGRAMS



## CAREER MENTORING PROGRAM

We are currently sending out our grade 12 students on their Mentor Job shadows. The next Mentor luncheon will be held on April 15th . If Mentor students have yet to contact their Mentors please see Ms. Bedwell in the Career Center.

### SECONDARY SCHOOL APPRENTICESHIP (SSA) PROGRAM

Do you have a son/daughter currently working for a Certified/Red Seal journeyman in any recognized trade? The Industry Training Authority (ITA) website has a list of all recognized apprenticeship trades at: [itabc.ca/site3.aspx](http://itabc.ca/site3.aspx).

Are you a business that may employ youth in apprenticeship trades?

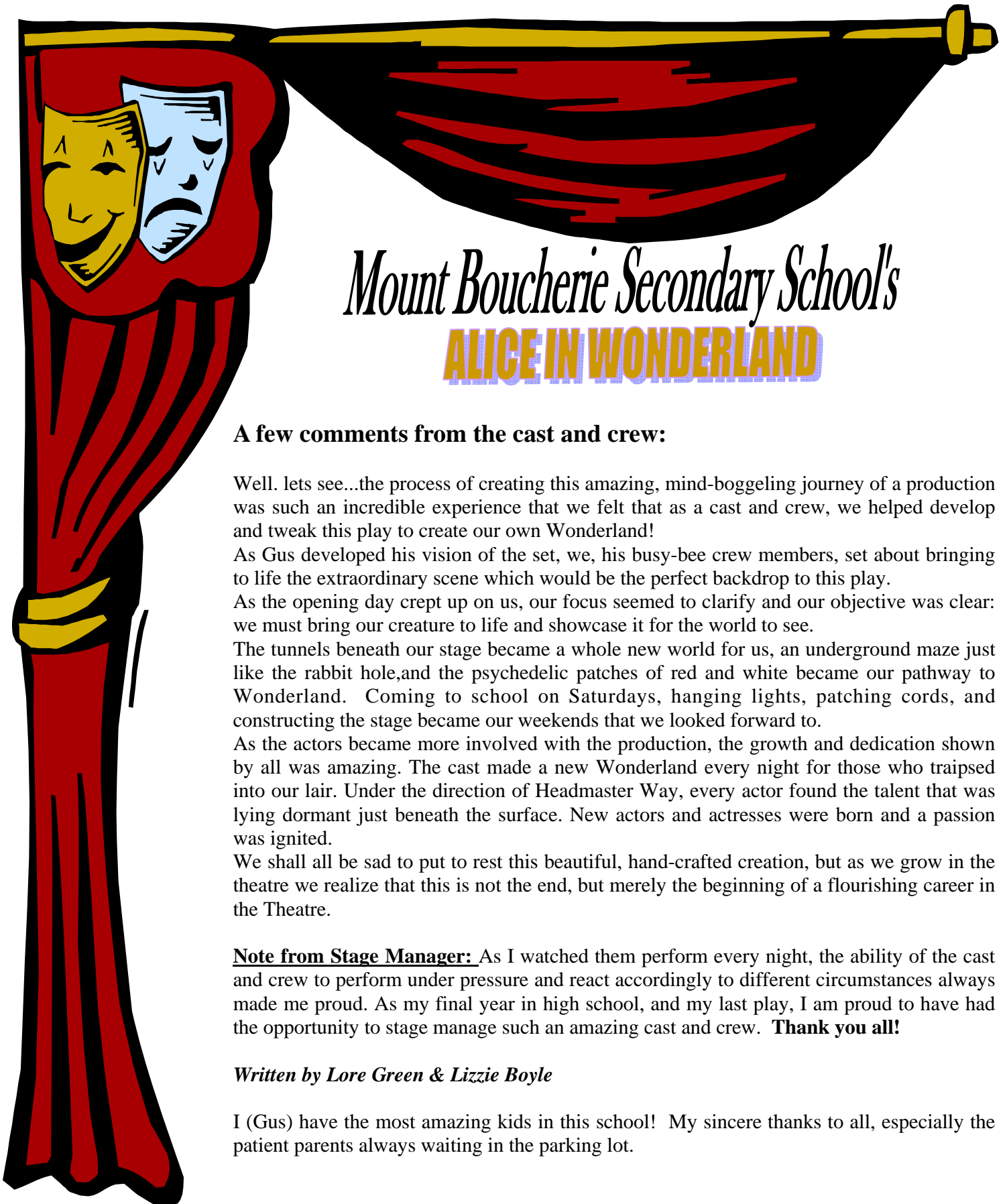
The Secondary School Apprenticeship program not only offers our students the chance to gain valuable apprenticeship hours in their trade, but there is also the opportunity for a \$1000 scholarship for those students who continue on in the field after graduation.

Contact MBSS Career Life Programs (250)712-7040 or our School District's Dual Credit/SSA Coordinator, Mr. Ryan Ward at (250) 878-0170, for more information.

### UPCOMING CAREER PROGRAM EVENTS!



- April 7** Firefighter Info Session at 2:30 pm in the Career Centre.
- April 8** Career Spotlight: Careers as a Lawyer. Sign up in Counselling Centre.
- April 8** Health & Recreation Conference held at Trinity Baptist Church
- April 9** RCMP Camp - Fitness Testing
- April 11** Kelowna Cultural Connection field trip
- April 11** Dual Credit/Specialty Programs (ACE-IT) Applications DUE
- April 12** Tour of UBCO for Aboriginal Students
- April 14** Grad Homeroom - important! Be sure to attend.
- April 15** Career Mentoring Luncheon in the Ian Snow Gym, 12:00 to 2:00 pm
- April 18** Dragon's Den judging, 12:00 - 2:00 pm at Hollywood Road Education Services.
- April 18** Hairdressing Applications due to the Career Centre by today.
- April 19** Career Job Fair held in the Ian Snow Gym, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm



# *Mount Boucherie Secondary School's* **ALICE IN WONDERLAND**

## **A few comments from the cast and crew:**

Well, lets see...the process of creating this amazing, mind-boggeling journey of a production was such an incredible experience that we felt that as a cast and crew, we helped develop and tweak this play to create our own Wonderland!

As Gus developed his vision of the set, we, his busy-bee crew members, set about bringing to life the extraordinary scene which would be the perfect backdrop to this play.

As the opening day crept up on us, our focus seemed to clarify and our objective was clear: we must bring our creature to life and showcase it for the world to see.

The tunnels beneath our stage became a whole new world for us, an underground maze just like the rabbit hole, and the psychedelic patches of red and white became our pathway to Wonderland. Coming to school on Saturdays, hanging lights, patching cords, and constructing the stage became our weekends that we looked forward to.

As the actors became more involved with the production, the growth and dedication shown by all was amazing. The cast made a new Wonderland every night for those who traipsed into our lair. Under the direction of Headmaster Way, every actor found the talent that was lying dormant just beneath the surface. New actors and actresses were born and a passion was ignited.

We shall all be sad to put to rest this beautiful, hand-crafted creation, but as we grow in the theatre we realize that this is not the end, but merely the beginning of a flourishing career in the Theatre.

**Note from Stage Manager:** As I watched them perform every night, the ability of the cast and crew to perform under pressure and react accordingly to different circumstances always made me proud. As my final year in high school, and my last play, I am proud to have had the opportunity to stage manage such an amazing cast and crew. **Thank you all!**

*Written by Lore Green & Lizzie Boyle*

I (Gus) have the most amazing kids in this school! My sincere thanks to all, especially the patient parents always waiting in the parking lot.

# MBSS AT DR. KNOX'S CAREER FAIR!

MBS students did an outstanding job at presenting our ACE-IT programs to Dr. Knox students on March 9th. From the Culinary program, Cache Callaghan cooked up his legendary and delicious thai salad rolls for the Knox students. Casey Davies and Chelaina Prasad, from the hairdressing program, demonstrated their haircutting skills on a handful of young ladies. To represent our Firefighting program, Spencer Lenarcic, Laura Staring, Chris Hoggard, and Shellby Dawick provided the students with not only personal experiences of the program, but a hands on experience as well. The Knox students were challenged in a race to see who could put the full protective firefighting gear on the quickest. **MBS would like to thank Dr. Knox for the opportunity to share our ACE IT programs with their students.**



**Cache Callaghan**  
**MBSS Culinary Arts student**



## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** ***CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL IN PENTICTON***



**The Rotary Okanagan International Children's Festival** will be on **May 26-28, 2011** at Okanagan Lake Park in Penticton. We need volunteers for all areas of the festival including children's activities and workshops, ticket takers and box office, traffic control, site set up and take down. The festival is a fantastic presentation of world class performing arts, music, dancing, workshops and activities for the children in the Okanagan and surrounding area. Come and help out and join in the fun, and you'll see Circa acrobats, BBoyizm acrobatic dance, Mauvais Sort world music, Splash 'N Boots sing-a-long, Al Simmons musical comedy, and much more! Please help us spread the word to your family and friends. **To volunteer, or to find more information, please visit the web site at [www.okchildrensfest.com](http://www.okchildrensfest.com), or call Chuck at 490-3652.**



# Congratulations to . . .

Gordon Minaker who won **GOLD** at the **Grades 6-12 Science Fair held at Okanagan College on March 17th & 18th, 2011**. Gordon's Science Fair Project "Surviving Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest" was excellent! Gord will be headed to Regionals in Osoyoos on April 7 & 8th. On behalf of the staff and students at MBSS, **CONGRATULATIONS** on a project well done!

## **MBSS STUDENTS AT SKILLS CANADA!**

We had a number of students compete in the **SKILLS CANADA** competition this March. Skills Canada is a not-for-profit organization that actively promotes careers in skilled trades and technologies to Canadian Youth. Students compete in multi-trade and technology areas. The competition provides an opportunity for students studying a skilled trade or technology to be tested against exacting standards and against their peers from across the district. We would like to **CONGRATULATE** all of the participants and recognize the following students' achievements:

**3D ANIMATION:**

**GOLD**

Kyler Greer and Eric Zelman

**BRONZE**

Vanni De Pieri and Hayden Peever

**CULINARY:**

**BRONZE**

Trevor Boef

**ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTING:**

**SILVER**

Kanisha Holliday

**MECHANICAL DRAFTING:**

**BRONZE**

Tyler Dyck

**WEB DESIGN:**

**GOLD**

Blake Andersen



**Kanisha Holliday  
SILVER - Architectural Drafting**



*Left to Right:*  
**Hayden Peever, Vanni De Pieri  
BRONZE - 3D Animation**

## Congratulations to . . .

Cassie Apostolidis, Bailey Weymouth, and Taylor Lowenberg for being selected to participate in this years Okanagan Valley All-Star basketball game! The games were held Sunday, April 2nd at UBCO.

## MBSS GRADE 10 MOCK INTERVIEWS

Thanks to our teacher volunteers and community members, Grade 10 classes at MBSS were given the opportunity to undergo mock interviews. One hundred and fifty grade 10 students circulated throughout the career centre in hope of brushing up on their interview skills. The students were prepared by their instructors on how to develop a resume, reviewing proper interview skills, behaviours, strategies and dress. At the conclusion of each interview, the student received feedback from their interviewers. One of our community members, Wanda Betchuk, thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the interviews. She said “listening to some of the kids talk about their goals and their plans was so exciting. They seemed much more prepared than I was at their age.”

*These mock interviews are a stepping stone on the path towards graduation requirements and MAP interviews.*



**MBSS student Kohl Muhlberger being interviewed by community member Wanda Betchuk.**



**Career Programs Coordinator/Teacher, Ms. Bedwell conducting a mock interview with MBSS student Crispin Ortiz.**

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# GRAD 2011

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April 2011

## Grad Voting

Choosing a valedictorian, historian and futurist  
Final voting for these three categories will take place April 14<sup>th</sup> during homeroom.

The valedictorian will provide an inspirational and motivational speech to fellow grads and guests at the grad ceremony at Trinity Baptist Church. The historian provides a sentimental speech during the grad banquet at the Grand that will reflect on the past three years at MBSS; the futurist will provide an uplifting speech that addresses all that our grads have to look forward to after graduation.

## Grad Banquet Table Sign-up

When: Lunch hours, April 14-21<sup>st</sup>

Where: Portable 3

10 people per table

Grad fees must be paid before reserving a spot. Come early! Spots go quickly!

## MBSS Grad Breakfast



## CHECK OUT THE GRAD WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION ON:



The Grad Banquet

The Grad Ceremony



Dry Grad

Maps



Post-Secondary Info

All deadlines associated with graduation time! See the website address below:

<http://www.mbs.sd23.bc.ca/grad%20info/>

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Our annual MBSS Grad Breakfast will take place May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:40 a.m. Tickets cost \$10. This is the last grad event before the banquet! Door prizes will be given out, such a free limo service and gift cards to local restaurants! The results of the valedictorian, historian, and futurist voting will also be announced! Don't miss it! Tickets will go on sale beginning April 18<sup>th</sup>. Grad Council would like to thank Chef Armstrong, Ms. Hanson and the students in the Culinary Arts program for their support.