



# THE MBSS BEAR BRIEF



## Principal's Message



I am thankful for the energy and enthusiasm that our staff pours into the young people in our community. From Fine Arts evenings, to Dance performances, to Leadership events, to extra-curricular sports (as well as all the clubs such as knitting, anime, science, and Life Savers) students at MBS have wonderful opportunities to get involved in positive activities. This is a great time of year to pick up the phone or send a card to let your son/daughter's teachers know how much they are appreciated.

At this point of the year we are already well into term 2. Parents are encouraged to check in with your students' teacher to make sure everything is on track as we come to the end of the semester. In class final exams and Provincial exams will be happening January 20-26. Note: Semester 2 begins January 27th.

**Happy holidays!**

*John Simonson, Principal*



## Christmas Hampers



Each year the students at MBSS help local families by supporting the Westside Community Foodbank Society. Students will be asked to participate in this service learning activity by bringing food items from home to share with those who find themselves in difficult circumstances. **THANK YOU for your support!**

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# IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES



## DATES TO REMEMBER: December 2010

- 2 Cultural Performance for all grades.
- 6 PSP Session #2 held today during Blocks 4, 2 & an afterschool session at 3:35 in Rm. 136.
- 7 PSP Session #2 held today during Blocks 8, 6 & an afterschool session at 3:35 in Rm. 136.
- 7 COBSS (Central Okanagan Bursary & Scholarship Society) Applications Parent/Student Help Session in the Library beginning at 7:00 pm.
- 10 MAP/Grad Transition Interviews held today for Grade 12 students.
- 10 Early Dismissal for students at 1:30 pm. Busses will be running.
- 13 Lawyer Career Spotlight held today during Block 5. Sign up in Counselling Centre to attend.
- 13,14 "Nights of Jazz" at Mount Boucherie, 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Admission: \$5.00
- 13-17 Grad Photos taken this week.
- 15 Grad Winter Formal Dance for graduating Grade 12 students.
- 17 Physiotherapy Career Spotlight held today during Block 6. Sign up in Counselling Centre.
- 17 **LAST DAY OF CLASSES** for students before the Winter Break.

## January 2011

- 4 First day back after the Winter Break. School reopens & classes begin.

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



## Cookies & Cram Sessions

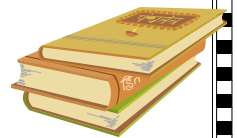


The Cookies and Cram Sessions will be offered once again in January for Grade 10 students! This is a chance for the Grade 10s to get help preparing for their provincial exams and to enjoy some treats!

**DATES:** Wednesday, January 12th & Friday, January 14th, 2011

**WHEN:** At Lunch Break, 12:00—12:35 pm

**WHERE:** In Room 136



## PAC Fundraiser

*"Hot & Spicy Latin Salsa Lesson" at MBSS!*



**FRIDAY, January 21, 2011 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

**\*For more info please contact Tina Pomponio at: [pomponio@shaw.ca](mailto:pomponio@shaw.ca)**

# COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT NEWS

The December Grade 12 PSP #2 Class (Post-Secondary Prep) date has been changed to December 6th and 7th.

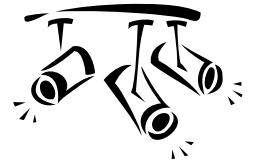
Students will receive important information on the COBSS (Central Okanagan Bursary Scholarship Society) application process. Also, there will be up to date information on entrance scholarships for UBC and OC. The information sessions will run in Periods 4 and 2 and afterschool on Monday, December 6th and Periods 8 and 6 and afterschool on Tuesday, December 7th.

There will be an evening session for parents and students on Tuesday, December 7th at 7:00 pm in the Library.

Shirley Goddard, Counsellor, MBSS



## MBSS CAREER PROGRAMS



### CAREER MENTOR LUNCHEON

The Career Mentor Lunch held on Friday, November 19th was a great success thanks to our Community Ambassadors and the MBSS Culinary Arts program. Chef Jim Armstrong and his culinary team prepared a delicious meal for our Mentors and students to enjoy. It was an afternoon filled with anticipation and excitement as our grade 12 students had the opportunity to connect with, and question, their future mentors. Grade 12 students involved in the mentor program will be starting their job shadows in December.



# BEAR'S BASKETBALL!!

*2010/2011 Season begins!!*



The MBSS senior boys basketball team kicks off their season by hosting their long time rivals the Pen Hi Lakers. **Game time is 6:45 in the Bear Gym on December 7th.** Come out and support the boys and be ready to make lots of noise!

On **December 17 and 18** the Bears are hosting the annual Westside Alumni Basketball Tournament. Over 100 players are participating as well as the AA Boys and Junior Boys. On Friday afternoon the dynamic and highly anticipated teachers team spearheaded by none other than Mr. Simonson himself will kick things off by challenging the Senior Boys to a game. **Mark your calendars!!**

## MBSS CROSS COUNTRY WRAP UP

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the students who travelled to Provincials in Victoria and ran excellent races! These students performed admirably in difficult weather conditions. Yet despite the wet, muddy, and cold conditions our students performed remarkably well!

Julia Ransom finished 27th and Michelle Blackburne, 29th, out of 280 runners in the 4.5 km women's race. David Palmer finished 16th and Gord Minaker placed 19th out of 270 runners in the 6.7 km men's race. David was less than a minute behind the winner and Gord was just over a minute down. An excellent effort was made by all of these Mount Boucherie Secondary students! Thank you to Coach Stein for all his encouragement!

*Well Done!*



# MBSS LIFESAVERS

Our District 23 Student Lifesavers Team (Suicide Prevention) presented at George Elliot Secondary School on Nov. 29th and will again at MBSS on Dec. 7th to all grade 11's. These presentations focus on creating an awareness of support networks and teaching resiliency to youth. The MBSS students involved in the District presentations include Lore Green, Logan Peachey, Dylan Steciuk, Arica Janzen, Brittany Smith, Claudia Stancec, Anya Mayoss-Hurd and Rylie Miller.

Our School Lifesaver Team has been running Resiliency Groups since October with Grade 9 students at GMS. These students have been teaching coping skills along with the GMS counsellor and Mental Health Clinician. These students include Austin Atcheson, Brittany Smith, Jolynn Collier, Katie Mercer, Krista Barry, Roche Gom and Tony Lauze.



## MBSS DANCE GROUP

Come join us as the Grade 11 dance class performs their semester-end Dance Show on January 19th at 7 pm in the Drama Room at MBSS.

**\*\*Doors open at 6:45 pm\*\*** This will be a short, 5 piece show!

**Admission Prices:** \$5 for Adults, \$3 for students, Kids 9 and under are free.

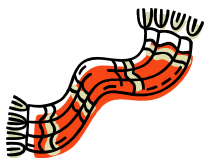


## HAIRDRESSING ACADEMY



The Hairdressing Academy students are eagerly anticipating their first work experience placements in salons on December 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. The students select a salon on the Westside or in Kelowna, and spend three full days observing, helping, and learning around their intended career. We wish them all luck and know that they will represent MBSS at the highest level.

In addition, the Hairdressing Academy is **OPEN FOR BUSINESS** and is accepting hairdressing clients. Please contact M. Graham by email at: [mgraham@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:mgraham@sd23.bc.ca) or call 250-712-7040 and leave a voice-mail message.



# PEER COUNSELLING



The Peer Counsellors have made 50 scarves to hand out to the homeless on Friday, December 3rd. They will be volunteering with Lawrence East from 6:00 - 8:00 pm during his hot chocolate and blanket patrol.



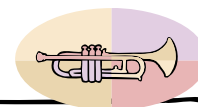
# Jazz Nights at MBSS

December 13 & 14, 2010

7:00—8:30 pm

Multipurpose Room at MBSS

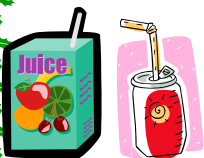
Admission: \$5.00



# RECYCLING PROGRAM

**PLEASE KEEP YOUR HOLIDAY BOTTLE & CAN RECYCLING FOR  
JAN. 8TH - BOUCHERIE'S NEXT COMMUNITY RECYCLING DAY**

There are 3 options to participate in - many students will be collecting in their neighbourhoods -- you can drop the recycling off at the school from 11:00 am to 2 :00 pm or you can e-mail [csulliva@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:csulliva@sd23.bc.ca) if you require recycling to be picked up curbside (bottles/cans/juice boxes only).



**THANK YOU!**



**DATE: December 15, 2010, 6:30 to 9:30 pm**

# Grad Winter Formal Dance

**SCHOOL RULES APPLY**

*Formal Dress is required.*


*No jeans, sweat socks,  
ballcaps or t-shirts.*

***LOOK YOUR BEST!***

*Students, remember to  
check the Grad website  
before the Dance!*

Tickets:

*\$10 each*

**Tickets on sale  
from December 1st  
- 14th in the  
MPR at lunch.**   
**Tickets will NOT  
be sold on the 15th.**

To review the list of school rules for the Grad Winter Formal Dance, please click on the following link: <http://www.mbs.sd23.bc.ca/>