



THE MBSS BEAR BRIEF



Principal's Message

The term 1 report cards went out November 23 and we are 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 first semester. Provincial exams will be happening **January 23-27**. With the cancellation of the Optional Provincial Examinations the Ministry of Education has adjusted the dates/times for the English 10, Foundations of Math & Pre-Calculus 10, A&W Math 10, Science 10, Social Studies 11, BC First Nations Studies 12, Communications 12 and English 12. The schedule that was published in the Parent Calendar has changed – please see the **new dates/ times** shown below on page one of this newsletter.

As the \$1000 Provincial Exam Scholarship Program is now tied to the results that students earn on their mandatory exams, we encourage all students to attempt the electronic **practice tests** and have them evaluated online. The website can be accessed at - <https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/search/>

Remember the first day for Semester 2 is January 30.

***LAST OPPORTUNITY TO SIGN UP FOR GRAD PHOTOS: December 9 to 15 in the MPR.**

The District of West Kelowna is seeking public feedback with regards to creating the perfect park and facility for the Westlake Community Park and a proposed community space in the future. Please click on the following link for more information: http://www.mbs.sd23.bc.ca/homepage_files/Parks%20Input%20Ad.pdf

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

John Simonson, Principal

January 23rd to 27th 2012 MBSS Exam Schedule

Day	AM or PM	Exam	Location
Tuesday 24th	9:00 – 11:00	Foundations of Mathematics and Pre-Calculus 10	Gym
	9:00 – 11:00	Apprenticeship and Workplace math 10	Gym
Wednesday 25 th	9:00 – 11:00	English 10	Gym
	9:00 – 11:00	First Nations 12	Library Computer lab
	1:00 – 3:00	Social Studies 11	Gym
Thursday 26th	9:00 – 11:00	English 12	Gym
	1:00 – 3:00	Science 10	Gym
	1:00 – 3:00	Communications 12	Gym

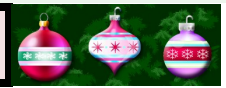
***All Provincial Examinations are designed to be completed within two hours. Students are permitted up to an additional 60 minutes, if required.**



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES



DATES TO REMEMBER: December 2011



- Dec. 1 Sr. Boys Volleyball Provincial Championships.
- 2 Sr. Boys Volleyball Provincial Championships.
- 5 SPOTLIGHT: Careers in Forestry, Block 8, 10:30 am.– in Career Centre
- 6 PSP Session #3 during Blocks 3, 1 and after school at 3:15 pm.
- 7 PSP Session #3 during Blocks 7, 5 and after school at 3:15 pm.
- 8 Early Dismissal today at 1:30 pm for MAP.
- 8 Grade 12 MAP/Graduation Transition Interviews, 2:00 to 4:30 pm
- 8 COBSS Parent/Student Help session, 7:00 pm in Library
- 9 SPOTLIGHT: Careers as a Chiropractor & Massage Therapist,
Block 6, 2:30 pm. - Room #136
- 13,14 Nights of Jazz at the Rotary Centre, 7:00 pm.
- 14 SPOTLIGHT: Careers as an Artist, Block 3, 2:00 pm.– in Career Centre
- 15 Grad Winter Formal, 6:30 to 9:30 pm.
- 16 Last day of classes before Winter Break.
- 17 First day of Winter Break.

January 2012

- Jan. 1 New Year's Day
- 2 Last day of Winter Break.
- 3 School reopens and classes resume.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS

A copy of the proposed **2012-2013 School Calendar** and letter to parents can be found by clicking on the link below.

This letter to parents outlines the rationale for a proposed 2 week spring break in 2012-2013 and asks for parent input. The resulting input will be forwarded to the Board of Education for consideration in the decision of establishing the dates of Spring Break for the 2012/2013 school.

<http://www.mbs.sd23.bc.ca/>



MBSS CAREER PROGRAMS



UPCOMING EVENTS

UBC OKANAGAN'S CREATIVE DAYS

Grade 11 & 12 students may be eligible to attend UBC Okanagan's 'Creative Days' on December 6th. Students will attend Okanagan campus to take a day to experience university art, theatre and creative writing classes. For more information, students should contact the Career Centre.

OKANAGAN COLLEGE/MBSS CULINARY ARTS DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM

Spaces available for next semester. See Mr. McParland in the Career Centre.

DUAL CREDIT TRADES

applications can be found in the Career Ctr. Students may apply to have their tuition paid for in selected entrance level Okanagan College and BCIT trades and technology programs.

GRADE 12 TRANSITION INTERVIEWS/MAP (MY ACTION PLAN)

First semester's Graduation Transition Interviews for Grade 12 students will be held on Thursday, Dec 8th, 2011 from 2:00 to 4:30 pm. In the Multipurpose Room at MBSS.

R.C.M.P. YOUTH ACADEMY

Students receive instruction and lectures in law, police tactics, social skills, physical training and self-defense. Students will role play and take on the role of police officers. Application booklets are available now in the Career Centre and are due back during the 1st week of January.

UPCOMING CAREER SPOTLIGHTS IN DECEMBER...

- ◆ **DECEMBER 5:** Careers in Forestry
- ◆ **DECEMBER 9:** Careers as a Chiropractor and Massage Therapist
- ◆ **DECEMBER 14:** Careers as an Artist

*Sign up in the Counselling Centre to attend your choice of Spotlights.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- 1. WINTERFEST** - Sunday, December 4th - District of West Kelowna's annual winter event requires student volunteers to help run the activity and craft stations, face painting and food preparation. Sign up in the Counselling Centre today. Lunch will be provided to all student volunteers!
- 2. CNB MIDDLE SCHOOL** is looking for secondary school students to act as Peer Tutors to younger students. Hours vary, according to students' availability and the younger students' needs. Volunteer forms are available in the Career Centre.
- 3. CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING** - Proceeds will be donated to the West Kelowna Food Bank. Sign up in the Career Centre.

MBSS ATHLETICS

VOLLEYBALL-Sr. Girls

The Sr. Girls volleyball team had one of their best seasons in recent history making it all the way to the finals of the provincial qualifier tournament. Despite being ranked in the top 10 in the province for much of the season, the Bears couldn't quite claw their way into the provincial tournament. The Bears were led all season by senior outside hitters Megan Ramstad and Taylor Malmas, libero Jayme Miller and setter Felisha Vogelaar. Losing such valuable leadership will be difficult, but the team will set their sights on the provincial tournament next year.

BOYS BASKETBALL FUNDRAISER

The MBSS boys Basketball team is organizing a fundraising program to raise much needed funds for uniforms, tournaments, trips and other fees associated with running a basketball team. The money earned helps to pay for extras not covered by our budget. This year, the Basketball Team's goal is to raise \$7,000 in 12 weeks and they will be raising money for the Coal Bowl Tournament in Nova Scotia, held on January 7, 2012. To reach their fundraising goal, they have chosen FUNDScriP. While most fundraisers ask you to take out your chequebook to buy things you don't really want or need, FUNDScriP costs you nothing extra! **Here's how it works:** You make your usual visit to the grocery store. You choose the groceries you need and go to the check out.. Instead of paying with cash, debit or credit card, you instead use a GIFTCARD which you purchased through Mount Boucherie Secondary. It costs you nothing extra but you just earned money which will be directly deducted from the cost of your child's trip. You can use FUNDScriP CARDS to purchase your everyday essentials such as groceries, gas and clothing. You can also use them at restaurants or for a cup of coffee. Please go to www.fundscrip.com/retailers to see the complete list of participating retailers. For additional info on the program, please visit www.fundscrip.com. If you have any other questions, please contact Brenda Ridgeley-Ketchell at 250-470-2710 or email her at bridgeley@okanagan.bc.ca.



Josh Fender making the tackle against a Notre Dame running back!

BEARS FOOTBALL UPDATE

The MBSS Bears Football program had a very successful season with both the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams qualifying for provincial playoffs. The seniors capped off their regular season with a 42-14 pounding of cross lake rivals KSS, earning the Bears a first round playoff game at BC Place against the Notre Dame Jugglers. Although they came out on the losing end, the very young grade 11 team reveled in the experience and is already looking forward to next year.

The Junior Varsity team finished the season at an impressive 9-0 dominating the Okanagan conference, earning them the right to host a provincial playoff game. The weather didn't co-operate, though, and after two delays, our Bears played Centennial Secondary at the TRU campus in Kamloops. The Junior Bears played a tough game but also ended up on the losing side of the score.

With over 60 players wearing the Bears uniform this year, the future looks good for MBSS football.

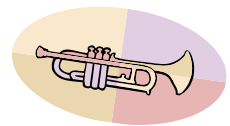
MEDIEVAL ARMOURY



Grade 10 Medieval Armouring Class at Mount Boucherie Senior Secondary School. This class of students have just completed their Kite shield project including a heraldry assignment and painting. **Congratulations** to these students on an outstanding job!



NIGHTS OF JAZZ



The MBSS Music Department will present two **Nights of Jazz** featuring the MBSS Jazz Combos and Jazz vocalists on Tuesday, December 13th and Wednesday, December 14th. The events will be held at the Rotary Centre for the Arts at 421 Cawston Avenue in Kelowna.

The venue features a full-service licensed bistro with light meals, desserts, snacks, coffee, and other beverages.

Admission is by donation at the door (\$5 suggested donation). Showtime is 7:00 pm!



"GIVE A CLUCK CAMPAIGN"

Help Adopt a Chicken into a Loving Global Home



The **Global Service Club** is taking on the **Give-A-Cluck campaign**. The club is hoping to raise money and awareness for global families in need. Funds have been raised by students taking part in the Vow of Silence, a movement that raised awareness for people all over the world that can't speak out. The proceeds of this campaign are going towards "adopting" a chicken into a loving global family who desperately need it. With every \$50 donated, a rooster and 2 chickens will go to supply families with a source of food, income and a way to become self-sufficient. This campaign is ongoing for the next few weeks. There is a donation jar at the Global Village Store, and students may guess at how many chocolate eggs the Global Chicken has laid, for a minimal donation.



ARTS FOR ECUADOR



For the past five years Mount Boucherie has helped raise funds for **Free the Children's Adopt - A - Village program** in both Arts for Africa and Arts for Ecuador. This year the Global Service club will be hosting **ARTS FOR EQUADOR**, a fun artsy event showcasing local artistic and musical talent. The evening consists of a silent art auction, live musical, a coffee house, drum lessons and a jazz café. This event helps improve education and literacy on a global level, while showcasing local artistic talents and gifts.

All of the art work, photographs and sculptures are donated either by local vendors and artists or produced by students. We are looking for donations of art work, which can be showcased and sold while simultaneously helping a great cause.

Please consider attending this great Westside celebration of the Arts, **January 12th** at **7 pm** at Mount Boucherie Secondary. If you are interested in donating art work or purchasing tickets, please contact Irene Maier at imaier@sd23.bc.ca



GIVE THE GIFT OF HOPE...



... in the name of someone special. Make a donation on behalf of a friend or family member. Help Mt. Boucherie students support 'Schools Beyond Borders' as well as an orphanage in Kenya. We have beautiful cards for you to acknowledge your gift, on their behalf.

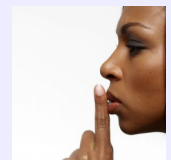
*For more info or to make a donation, please contact:

Irene Maier at imaier@sd23.bc.ca or

Heidi McLachlan at hmclachl@sd23.bc.ca.

Thank you!

STANDING ALONE



Imagine **not** being able to speak – not because you physically cannot, but because you would jeopardize your life to do so. For millions of young people all over the world, this is what they live with: a fear to speak out, to voice their needs. Even today, in an age of cell phones, webcams and text messages there are people, (children most importantly), who are denied their right to communicate. It is these people who live through vast amounts of poverty, disease and war who need their voice the most, but ultimately cannot find it out of fear because their lives are on the line. They live in silence. In our world filled with communication, we can do something for these voiceless people and we are: Mount Boucherie is partnering with Free the Children on November 23rd to the 24th and staying silent for a full twenty-four hours. Essentially, the silence we are presenting is so our peers can hear firsthand what people live like across the world. With our silence, we are raising money to buy chickens and roosters for needy families; they provide eggs and a potential income for these people who so desperately need it. We are standing for those who need an education, health care, safety and a voice. On one hand, we are directly helping alleviate poverty and malnutrition issues with funding, but more importantly, we are spreading the word through silence because at times, silence is more powerful than words.

CONGRATULATIONS to...

HAYLEE LAKOVIC, along with the Thompson Okanagan Football Club U15 Girls Team, who recently **WON** The Pacific Northwest Division of the Super Y Soccer League. The U15 Girls team is the very first female team from Interior British Columbia to ever win the division and win the right to advance to the North American Finals held in Tampa Bay, Florida from November 30th to December 10, 2011.

We wish you and your team the best of luck at your Tournament in Florida!

The Youth Speak and the People Listen

On Friday October 28th several students from Mount Boucherie Secondary School participated in the West Kelowna Mayor's Youth Forum in order to "bridge the gap" between the youth and the respective leaders in our community. In our new city, the youth has expressed several opinions and ideas about the issues regarding us. The Forum allowed members of our town, and teenagers like us to communicate openly, and tackle some heavy problems that our city faces. As a discussion leader at my table, I directed the course of how we debated all four topics: safety, youth activities, communication to youth, and recognition for adolescents. I was amazed as the teenagers at my table and I had the undivided attention of the leaders in our community. As we gave them our speeches, telling them all the difficulties we face in our community as well as our solutions to them, we created a huge learning curve for everyone involved. The Mayor's Youth Forum really did bridge the gap. It created the beginnings of a great communicating and cooperative community, for the youth and for the adults.

By Matthew Wizinsky,

Grade 10 Mount Boucherie Secondary Student



MBSS HAIRDRESSING ACADEMY

Congratulations to the MBSS Hairdressing Academy who have been successfully fundraising for their trip to Long Beach, California in January to attend the International Beauty Show and Expo. The students and parents made 300 apple pies on November 20th as well as organized a fantastic pub night at Whiski Jack's, held on November 26th.

Many thanks to all the businesses who generously donated items for the silent action and the live auction. Over 90 items were donated to the silent auction.

The evening was a lot of fun and a huge success!

A reminder that the MBSS Hairdressing Academy is open for client services. Students are now taking clients for haircuts, scalp treatments, PM Shines and Hair Color. During the month of December we are promoting PM Shines. If you want to have nice shiny hair with or without added color, book for a PM Shine. Call 250 712 7040 to book your appointments. Every day is seniors day with a 20 % discount.

GRAD REMINDERS

- Grad Fees are **due** January 9th -13th at lunch in the MPR. Please see the grad website for fee packages. The webpage can be accessed through the MBSS homepage.
- Cheques can be made out to MBSS. All info regarding 'extra tickets' can be found on the 'fee' page of the grad link, on the school web page.

- **Have you checked the grad website lately?** Grads should be reviewing the website on a regular basis for all grad info. Access the site at:
<http://www.mbs.sd23.bc.ca/grad%20info/>

- Round #2 of grad photos take place Dec. 12-14th.
- **The last opportunity to have grad photos taken will be Jan 3rd-6th, 2012.**



December
15th, 2011
6:30 - 9:30
pm

Tickets will be on sale for \$10
Dec 1st - 14th in the MPR at lunch.

Grad Winter Formal

SCHOOL RULES APPLY.

Tickets WILL NOT be sold at the door.

Formal Dress is required.

This event is for grade 12 students only!

NEWS FROM YOUR COUNSELLING CENTRE *UPCOMING EVENTS*

Important COBSS Scholarship/Bursary Session

(Students will be taken through the entire COBSS application process)
IF YOU NEED \$\$\$ FOR POST SECONDARY NEXT YEAR, BE SURE TO ATTEND ONE SESSION!

Tuesday, December 6th: Blocks 3 & 1

Wednesday, December 7th: Blocks 7 & 5

After school session at 3:15 pm

Location: Room #136 (computer lab)

COBSS PARENT / STUDENT HELP SESSION

Thursday, December 8th @ 7:00 pm