

FEBRUARY 2010

# THE MBSS BEAR BRIEF



## Principal's Message



February marks the beginning of a new semester! We are back for a fresh start. We would like to extend a big Boucherie welcome to Mr. Jeff Cundy who is joining our staff to teach Math and Science this term!

While we are only half way through this school year, this month is already the beginning of next year's course planning. Our current Grade 10 and 11 parents are encouraged to attend our Grade 10 & 11 Course Planning Parent Evening on February 17th. Please note parents that ATTENDANCE is critical to your student's success. We want to encourage parents to be involved in the decisions your student makes around course selection. We need to begin building our timetable for next September which means that students must make their course selections before they leave for Spring Break.

On Wednesday, February 9th our students attend a quick Homeroom to collect their Report Cards.

Reminder: Absences must be called in by a parent and extended "excused" absences will require a doctor's note. Thanks for your diligence with respect to this important matter.

**Mr. John Simonson, Principal**

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# IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES



## DATES TO REMEMBER: February 2010

- 1 Semester 2 begins today.
- 1 Homeroom today—X Block Schedule
- 3 Online registration begins for "Experience OC" at 8:00 am.
- 8 COBSS online applications DUE by midnight.
- 8 PAC Meeting at 6:30 pm in Library
- 8 Parent Ambassador Training Session #4, 7-8 pm in MPR.
- 9 COBSS printed applications DUE to the Counselling Centre by 3 pm.
- 9 Homeroom today at 3:20 pm - REPORT CARDS go home today.
- 10 PSP Session #3 held today during all 4 blocks & one after school session at 3:40 pm.
- 10 & 11 MBSS Music Dept. Concerts at the Kelowna Community Theatre. Concerts begin at 7 pm each evening.
- 15 Course Planning begins for September.
- 15 Grade 10 course planning assembly today.
- 15 "Experience OC" held today at Okanagan College for Gr. 11 & 12 students. Signup in advance is required in the Counselling Centre.
- 16 Grade 11 course planning assembly today.
- 17 Grade 10 & 11 Course Planning Parent Night held at 7 pm in the MPR.
- 19 **Professional Day - NO SCHOOL TODAY.**
- 25 Cayley/Fermat Math Contests held today at 9 am in the Library.
- 25 MBSS Music Dept. leaving on band trip to Moscow, Idaho to attend the Idaho Jazz Festival.
- 26-27 Rotary Interact 24 hour Famine held at MBSS.
- 28 MBSS Music Dept. returns from Idaho trip today.

Students, have your parents read and sign the February newsletter and return this slip to Mrs. Gonzales in the Counselling Centre by **February 15th** for a chance to win a monthly Gift Certificate to the MBSS BEAR PAW CAFÉ!! **\*\*Two winners will be announced during the Morning Announcements!**

Your Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Your Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# MBSS WELCOMES THE OLYMPIC TORCH!

On January 25th and 26th, students and staff eagerly awaited the arrival of the Olympic Torch to Kelowna and West Kelowna! Mount Boucherie Secondary School students Haley Pipher, Jonathan Neitsch, Natasha Montgrand and Hailey Causton welcomed the torch to West Kelowna late Monday afternoon! MBSS teacher, Mr. Boyd Hayes, enthusiastically awaited the torch in Kelowna early Tuesday morning where he carried it across Highway 97 to another awaiting torchbearer. What a wonderful experience for all of our torchbearers as well as our staff and students! On Monday evening, January 25th, many of our staff and students joined the excitement at the Olympic Torch Celebration held at the Royal LePage Centre. Thank you to Mr. Craig Thomson and his talented jazz band students for delivering a top-notch jazz performance which was enjoyed by all!



## **SPRING BREAK DRAWING CAMP**

for ages 11 - 15 years

with artist and illustrator

**Jim Elwood**

Spend two days learning the skills  
needed to create drawing  
masterpieces!

**MARCH 8 & 9, 2010**

9:00 am - 2:30 pm

Course Fee: \$110.00

At the Mount Boucherie Art Studio

Call 778-797-8810 to register



## *freedomtoread.ca*

Throughout Canada, for more than twenty years, **February** is recognized as **Freedom to Read Month** as a way of calling attention to the issues that affect free expression. Current threats to free expression in Canada are explored, as well as an historical look at books that have been challenged and removed from library shelves, classrooms, and bookstores because their content has been found objectionable. During February, there will be displays and activities in the MBSS library which highlight the importance of freedom to read.

Check out our library web page!

[www.mbs.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.mbs.sd23.bc.ca)



## Satisfaction Survey 2009/10

The Provincial Satisfaction Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement.

The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

In February, the Satisfaction Survey will be administered to students in grades 10 and 12, their parents, and all school staff. We encourage parents to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province.

This year, the survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey). We will be inviting parents to take a few minutes during the Parent/Teacher/Student interview evening on **March 30** between 5-8 pm to complete the on-line version of the survey.



## Where's the Fire?

During the morning of January 21st, Mr. Rawson's Firefighting 12 class found and extinguished a flammable liquid fire in the Mount Boucherie parking lot. Then, thanks to West Kelowna Fire / Rescue public educator, Debbie Dupasquier, and career firefighter Troy Becker, they did it over and over again. The culmination of the unit on portable fire extinguishers was marked by Debbie Dupasquier's PowerPoint presentation and discussion and by FF Becker's practical instruction. Members of the class also "caught a hydrant," loaded hose, and did an excellent job of cleaning up the dry power residue.

This linear course is a joint venture between MBSS and WKF/R and is in its second year.



## "EXPERIENCE OC"

Monday, February 15th, 2010

This is a great opportunity open to Grade 11 & 12 students!

Spend a day at Okanagan College sitting in on college courses! You get to choose 4 courses that you would like to learn more about. See Mrs. Gonzales in the Counselling Centre to sign up. We have room for 30 students!

Online registration for courses begins on Wednesday, February 3rd, beginning at 8 am.

## THE DISTRICT OF WEST KELOWNA

West Kelowna is hosting a few events in February to celebrate the Olympics and Team Canada. Join us for one or all of the following events:

**Pro Day Skate - \$2 person**

Friday, Feb. 19th

1:30 -3:00 pm

Jim Lind Arena—2760 Cameron Road

**Men's Gold Medal Hockey Game - FREE**

Sunday, Feb. 28th

Game starts at 12:15pm

Royal LePage Place - 2760 Cameron Road

**Women's Gold Medal Hockey Game - FREE**

Thursday, Feb. 25th. Game begins at 3:30 pm at the Royal LePage Place.

\*\*For more information, call the Recreation & Culture office at 778-797-8800\*\*

