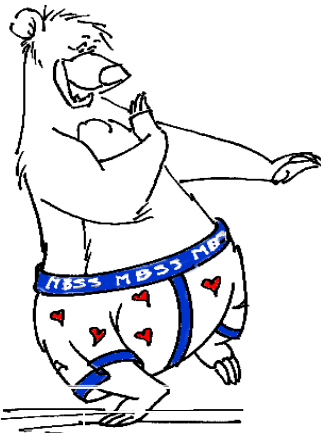


January 2011



THE MBSS BEAR BRIEF



Principal's Message



Welcome back everyone! We hope that you had a restful holiday and a chance to enjoy time with family and friends. The new year brings with it exams and the end of semester one. Please take some time to review the dates for the in-class and Provincial Exam schedules set for the end of January. You can refer to our school calendar and/or visit the Ministry of Education website. Please see Ms. Geistlinger if you would like to take advantage of our LINK Crew's "Cookies & Cram" lunch hour sessions on January 12th and 14th to help you prepare. Note: Semester Two begins January 27th. You can expect a final Report Card for Semester One (mid-year for linear courses) to come home Wednesday, February 2nd. This is a good time to revisit personal commitments and to set New Year resolutions for a successful final semester. Thank you to our staff and parents for supporting our students through the demanding month ahead.

Some new additions to our staff were made over the holidays due to some leaves of absence. We want to officially welcome Ms. Dawn Trozzo and Mr. Jeff Cundy who have been sharing the coverage of classes for Mr. Pendergast until he returns in February. Special congratulations goes out to Ms. Lorraine Baron who has been seconded to teach at UBC Okanagan this term. We have Mr. Steve Wiebe coming in to teach her classes for the remainder of the year.

Just a reminder that there is a Parent Ambassadors meeting scheduled for January 17th at 7:00 pm in the MPR.

John Simonson, Principal

Congratulations!

. . . to Dr. John Grodzki and Dr. Lorraine Baron who successfully defended their doctoral dissertations through the University of Calgary.

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES



DATES TO REMEMBER: January 2011

- 4 School Reopens today. **WELCOME BACK!**
- 10-14 Grad Fee Blitz Week (<http://www.mbs.sd23.bc.ca/grad%20info/Fees>)
- 12 Cookies & Cram Lunch Hour study sessions in Room #136.
- 13 Arts for Equador Evening at MBSS, 7:00-930 pm.
- 14 Cookies & Cram Lunch Hour study sessions in Room #136.
- 14 Okanagan Education & Career Fair today at The Grand in Kelowna.
- 17 PAC Meeting at 6:30 pm.
- 17 Parent Ambassador Training Session #3, 7:00-8:00 pm in the MPR.
- 18 COBSS online applications close.
- 19 COBSS applications are DUE to the Counselling Centre by 3:00 pm today.
- 20 In class exams begin today.
- 21 In class exams continue today.
- 21 **Term 2 and Semester 1 ends today.**
- 21 Term 2 Daily Physical Activity forms due to the Career Centre today.
- 24 NO CLASSES held on January 24, 25, and 26th due to Provincial Exams.
- 24 PROVINCIAL EXAMS begin today. 9-11 am: All MA 10, COM 12, 1-3 pm: CIV 11 (e-only) and CH 12
- 25 PROVINCIAL EXAMS TODAY: 9-11 am: EN 12, 1-3 pm: EN 10, FR 12
- 26 PROVINCIAL EXAMS TODAY: 9-11 am: PMA 12, SC 10, AMA 12, 1-3 pm: SS 11, LIT 12 (e-only)
- 27 **Semester 2 begins today.**
- 27 PROVINCIAL EXAMS TODAY: 9-11 am: PH 12, FNS 12 (e-only), 1-3 pm: HI 12 (e-only)
- 28 PROVINCIAL EXAMS TODAY: 9-11 am: EN 12 FP (e-only), GEO 12, 1-3 pm: BI 12 (e-only)



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



DEALING WITH DIFFICULT ISSUES

There are many difficult issues that parents and families have to face regarding drug and alcohol use. One of the hardest things to deal with as children grow older is the weekend party scene. Here are some tips that may help you-

Hosting the Party

Talk with your teenager about the party. Consider activities for the party (special theme, occasion), what food and drinks will be served. Prior to the party determine the ground rules. These might include time span, no leaving and returning, invitation only.

You should keep in mind that you are legally responsible for anything that happens to a young person who has been served alcohol or other drugs in your home. You must decide what you will do if young people are using in your home.

Attending a Party

Check the party out before you give your consent for your child to go. Know who is going, how they are getting there and back, what time the party finishes. If you don't know the host parents, give them a call or introduce yourself as you drop off your child. Ask them about their plans for the party including the use of alcohol and other drugs. Consider providing your child with money or a taxi voucher for emergency situations.



MBSS CAREER PROGRAMS



December MAP was a great success! Thank you to our MBS staff and our community members for their time and support. MBS students did an excellent job preparing for their interviews. Good luck to our graduating students with their future plans.

THANK YOU!



The graduating class of 2011, along with Grad Council, would like to thank Corina Thomson and the staff at "A Buck or Two" for the generous donation of the balloons for our Winter Formal. Because of their kindness and dedication of time, this was by far our most beautiful formal yet!



MBSS ALUMNI BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Another Successful Alumni tournament was held Dec 17/18! We had Grads from as far back as 1974 participating in our tournament - WOW! Special thanks to Peter Briker and Al Larson for refereeing and being a special part of the event. The Alumni tournament is a major fundraiser for MBS athletics so we would like to extend a special thank you to our major sponsors for their generous contributions.

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GIRLS LEARN TO RUN FOR FUN CLUB!

Do you want to get more active? Have you ever thought about running, but you don't know where to begin? Would you like to learn to complete a 10k run? Come join the Girls Run for Fun Club. Enjoy a healthy snack, get information on learning to run, and get active! At the end of the 12 week program, if there is enough interest, we will participate in the 26th annual Vancouver Sun Run. We will meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:45 to 4:30 pm. Mrs. Franczak has arranged indoor running and cross-training space, so we will meet even in poor weather. If you are interested in getting fit in 2011 come to the Dance Studio at 3:45 on Monday, January 24th.

Be prepared to get active!

Spare Lunch Supervisors Needed!

Mount Boucherie Secondary School is needing "spare" lunch hour student supervisors.

If you are interested, please contact the main office at 250-712-7040.



LIBRARY NEWS

The "Best Books at Boucherie" contest was completed on December 15th in the Library. A Sony Reader was donated by Mr. Treadgold, and students could enter by writing book reviews for their favourite books in the MBSS Library. The lucky winner was Meghan Dawson, who can now read all of her favourite books on her new Sony Reader! Thank you to all of the contestants who wrote book reviews.



HAIRDRESSING ACADEMY



On December 14th, MBSS hairdressing students opened their doors to offer free haircuts and scalp treatments to members of the community having financial difficulties at this time of year. Students decorated their station in preparation for the event to give a Christmas atmosphere. Treats were also given out to the kids and refreshments were offered to the adults. Students enjoyed interacting with the public and felt great about giving to the community. MBSS Hairdressing Academy would like to thank the Culinary Arts program for their generous donation of a tray of goodies and CIBC for donation coffee cards which the students gave as gifts to the clients.

PARENT AMBASSADOR MEETING

The next Parent Ambassador meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 17th at 7:00 pm in the MPR.

REMINDER TO PARENTS

Please refer to our school website for a letter regarding the proposed 2011-2012 school calendar for School District No. 23.

As well, please check our website in mid-January for valuable semester end information including provincial and semester end exams, semester end tasks and graduation info.

www.mbs.sd23.bc.ca

Math Contests at MBSS

Math contests are coming up soon! The Cayley (Gr. 10) and the Fermat (Gr. 11) math contests will be held on February 24th!

If you are interested in participating please contact Mr. Kirkey or your Math teacher. (The Euclid math contest, for Grade 12 students, will be held in April).



RECYCLING PROGRAM

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

There are 3 options to participate in - many students will be collecting in their neighbourhoods (between 10:00 am to 12:00 noon) or you can drop off your recycling at the school anytime between 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. If you require recycling to be picked up curbside (bottles/cans/juice boxes only) you can e-mail csulliva@sd23.bc.ca



THANK YOU!

