

JUNE 2010

THE MBSS BEAR BRIEF



Principal's Message



June is the most important month of the school year at MBSS! Just a reminder to our students to hang in there and keep your focus! The finish line is close. Thank you to our families for supporting our students and staff through this always stressful time of year.

June is also a time when we celebrate with our students the successes of the past year. Please see our school calendar and page 2 of this Bear Brief for all of our important dates to remember. We hope to see you all there!

We do have some exciting teacher announcements to make. Mr. Kevin Kaiser is joining the English Department and now has a permanent position at Mount Boucherie. As well, Ms. Jackie Poirier will be staying with us in her role with our Fine Arts and Human Services Departments. We will keep you posted on our continued updates to our staffing through our website!

As this will be the final newsletter, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, parents and students of the school for making this year such a success. I would particularly like to acknowledge the contributions of our Parent Ambassadors and particularly the coordinators – Teresa Klassen, Deb Boef and Loreen Thomson. Thanks also to our PAC executive Tina Pomponio, Loreen Thomson, Ann Graham, Lydia Lydyuniuk and Linda Golsof. Finally, I want to acknowledge the support of our School Planning Council representatives Vickie Finn, Lisa Plocktis, Tina Pomponio, Brenda Ridgeley-Ketchell, Katelyn Cooper, Hayley Pipher and Luke Campbell in guiding the development of our school improvement plans.

If any of our grade 10 or 11 students know that they will be moving out of the MBSS school area this summer, please contact the office.

**Mr. J. Simonson,
Principal**

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES



DATES TO REMEMBER: JUNE 2010

- 2 MBSS Dance Show begins at 7:00 pm
- 3 MBSS Choral Concert, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- 4 All Library Books are due today.
- 5 Grad Dinner & Dance at the Grand Hotel in Kelowna. See page 8 for details.
- 7 Textbooks are DUE this week.
- 8 Grade 12 Assembly today regarding Grad Ceremony.
- 8 COBSS Bursary Presentation Night, 7:00 pm in the MPR.
- 9 Athletic Banquet tonight at 5:30 pm.
- 14 PAC Meeting tonight at 6:30 pm.
- 16 Band Concert begins at 7:00 pm in the MPR.
- 17 Music Awards Night tonight from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the MPR.
- 17 In Class Exams begin today: Block 1/5 (9:05-11:56 am), Block 2/6 (12:45-3:32 pm)
- 18 In Class Exams again today: Block 3/7 (9:05-11:56 am), Block 4/8 (12:45-3:32 pm)
- 21 Provincial Exams Begin today and end on June 29th. Refer to ministry website for details.
- 24 Grad Gown pickup today at MBSS from 11 am to 2 pm and 4-7 pm in Room #121 (Revised).
- 25 Grad Ceremonies held at Trinity Baptist Church, Kelowna from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. See website for details.
- 30 **SCHOOL CLOSED TODAY - Administration Day.**

Have a safe and wonderful summer! See you on September 7th.



YEAR END PROCEDURES

Students at the secondary level will attend classes up to June 16. Students will be turning in their locks to their teachers on the Wednesday. On June 17 and June 18 our students will be writing their **in-class exams**. Full attendance is expected all week. The schedule for provincial exams is listed in the calendar and student agenda books.

June 29: All students are expected to attend school from 9:00 to 10:00 am. At this time, we will be issuing report cards. Please be sure that all text books and library books are returned prior to June 11. Teachers will be available on June 30 to discuss report cards.

WARM WEATHER DRESS

Along with spring comes warmer temperatures and smaller articles of clothing. As a reminder, please wear appropriate clothing while at school. Bare midriffs, low cut tops and muscle shirts are great for the beach, but are not appropriate in the classroom. Students will be asked to cover up if necessary. Our unwritten policy is that 'underwear should go under what you wear.' Thanks for your cooperation with this matter.

WANTED - BAND INSTRUMENTS

Each year we try to add to the inventory of school owned band instruments. Our goal is to reduce the cost of instrument rental so that financial factors do not keep students from participating in band. We are able to charge a much reduced rental fee that covers the cost of our yearly maintenance. If you have an instrument for sale or know of someone who does, please contact the school.

SKATEBOARDS / BICYCLES

We have asked that students **not** skate in the main entrance area as this creates an unsafe situation for people coming in and out of the building.

RECENT CELEBRATIONS AT MOUNT BOUCHERIE!



Music Department

A huge **CONGRATULATIONS** to our **Grade 12 Jazz Combo** (“The Cats Without Hats”) who won **GOLD** in the senior division at the Nationals in Ottawa on May 21st. This truly exceptional group of young musicians include Rebekah Chase, Tim Hirtz, Marshall Rasmussen, Kyle Shannon and Cam Swallow! An adjudicator who worked with this group post-performance at the Nationals in Ottawa can be quoted as saying to the group “We can’t give you a mark that’s any higher than this so you should be really proud”!!! On behalf of Mount Boucherie Secondary staff and students, “Well done”!



Featured in this photo, taken in OTTAWA, after winning **GOLD**, at Nationals:

Back Row: Mr. Craig Thomson, MBSS Band Teacher

Front Row: Rebekah Chase, Kyle Shannon, Tim Hirtz,
Marshall Rasmussen, Cam Swallow

RECENT CELEBRATIONS AT MBSS!

Athletics Department

Track & Field:

The MBSS Track and Field Team has had a very successful season.

The results for the May 11th Zones meet are as follows:

Natasha Agar - 1st Sr. Girls 100 m
1st Sr. Girls 200 m

Michelle Blackburne – 1st Sr. Girls 800 m
2nd Sr. Girls 1500 m

Nikayla Gabriel - 3rd Sr. Girls 200 m
4th Sr. Girls 400 m

Gordon Minaker - 2nd Sr. Boys 800 m
1st Sr. Boys 1500 m

Steven Foster – 2nd in Sr. Boys Long Jump
1st Sr. Boys Triple Jump

The results for the Valleys on May 18th are as follows:

Natasha Agar – 1st Sr. Girls 100 m
2nd Sr. Girls 200 m

Michelle Blackburne – 2nd Sr. Girls 800 m

Nikayla Gabriel – 3rd Sr. Girls 200 m
3rd Sr. Girls 400 m

Gordon Minaker – 1st Sr. Boys 800 m
2nd Sr. Boys 1500 m

Steven Foster – 6th Sr. Boys Long Jump
5th Sr. Boys Triple Jump –
His personal best!

Natasha, Gordon, Michelle, and Nikayla all qualified to attend the Track and Field Provincials taking place in Burnaby on June 4th and 5th. We wish all of these participants **GOOD LUCK** at Provincials!

Thanks for all the support and great participation from your coaches, Nadine Tether, Teresa Hall, and Lindsay Eckersley.

Soccer:

The AAA girls' soccer team is off to the provincials in Victoria this weekend (June 3-5) after a win over KSS at the Valley finals. This will be the team's first trip to the provincial tournament, which caps off a great year by the team. The girls finished with a 20-5-1 record, with a number of commendable performances this year, including a 1st place finish at the Summerland tournament, a 1st place finish at the KSS tournament, and an 8th place finish (out of 24 teams) at the University of Victoria tournament. Way to go girls! Best of luck at Provincials in Victoria!



Rugby:

Congratulations to the Senior Girls' Rugby Team. The girls won the city championships versus Kelowna Secondary, the Valley Championships against South Kamloops Secondary and then went to the Provincial Tournament in White Rock where they finished 14th. Provincial tournament standouts included Chelsea Thompson (Grade 12), Brooklyn Gervais (Grade 12), Mercede Fedato (Grade 11) and Jasmine Watters (Grade 10). Brooklyn Gervais was also named to the President's 15 (Provincial All-Star Team). Season highlights included hosting Cowichan, the provincial tournament and two spectacular games at the provincials against Port Alberni and Maple Ridge. Well done girls!

AWARDS EVENINGS

June 2010:

COBSS AWARDS EVENING

June 8, 2010, 7:00 pm
In the MBSS MPR



Congratulations to this year's Grade 12
Bursary & Scholarship Winners!

ATHLETIC AWARDS BANQUET

June 9, 2010, 5:30 pm
In the MBSS Bear Gym

Dessert Social - Tickets: \$10
Tickets available at the door!



ACADEMIC AWARDS NIGHT

June 22, 2010, 7:00 pm
In the MBSS MPR

Congratulations!



THANK YOU to the following local businesses for their generous support in making our ***MBSS MAYHEM CARNIVAL*** on May 26th a **HUGE SUCCESS!**

Buck or Two

Peachland Elementary

Lakeview Baptist Church

Nature's Oven

Trinity Baptist Church

Okanagan Ballooning

G & H Foods

West Kelowna RCMP



BOYS' AIRBAND PERFORMANCE AT THE MBSS MAYHEM CARNIVAL!

Featured from left to right: Travis Hughson, Logan Peachey, Dylan Steciuk, Shane O'Leary, Ben Simmons, Austin Dunn.

Student models wearing evening gowns designed and constructed by MBSS textiles students!

Featured from left to right:

Stephanie Merten (black gloves)

Alyssa Fieseler (blue dress)



6th Annual MBSS CAR SHOW

The 6th Annual MBSS Car Show and Event was held on Friday, May 21 on the basketball courts. This was our opportunity to remind students that they are responsible for their safety on the roads, and at the same time the students showed great pride in their vehicles. **The winners were:**

Best Exterior- Brad Kendal

Best Interior-Nathan Vallance

Best Sound System-Taylor Lorentz

Best of Show-Brody Werenchuk

People's Choice #1-Landon King

People's Choice #2-Kendra Jagger

The SmartRISK NoRegrets prize recipient had to recite our slogans: **drive sober, look first, wear the gear, get trained, and buckle up.** We were fortunate this year to have the Kelowna Vintage Car Club join us with some great examples of heritage cars. Our school sponsors this year were: The Auto Department, Student Bear Council, Leadership Class, and SmartRISK NoRegrets Team. The community sponsors were RCMP Westside, Westbank MIDAS, Westbank Mr Lube, BCAA (West Kelowna), Westbank Mohawk, Kelowna Car Club, NAPA Auto Parts. A special thanks to our judges, Henrik Oloffs and Constable Anthony DeVeau, and our MC, Logan Peachey.



MBSS CAREER PROGRAMS - "Career Spotlights" 2009-2010



Over the past 9 months at Mount Boucherie, we brought in a variety of Speakers to talk about **CURRENT CAREER OPTIONS!** Check out the list below– we hope you had an opportunity to sit in on one or more of these exciting presentations! For the upcoming school year, we would love for YOU to bring us YOUR suggestions as to WHO you would like to see at our school. If you bring us your idea, we promise to do our very best to provide that Career Spotlight for you! Stop in at the Counselling Centre to complete a Spotlight Suggestion slip and just leave it in the box on Mrs. Gonzales' desk! ***It's that easy!!***

- *Careers in Nursing
- *Careers in Hairdressing & Salon Owner
- *Careers as a Wedding Cake Designer
- *Careers as a Dental Assistant
- *Careers as an Artist
- *Gov't of Cda. Job Spotlight
- *Careers in the TV & Film Industry
- *Careers in the Financial Industry
- *Careers in Criminal & Social Justice

- *Careers as a Doctor
- *Careers in Diving
- *Careers as a Chef
- *Careers as a Midwife
- *Careers in Fashion
- *Careers in Network Security
- *Careers as an Event Planner
- *Careers as a Psychologist
- *Careers in Cosmetology & Esthetics

- *Careers as a Makeup/Image Artist
- *Careers in the Travel Industry
- *Careers in Gaming & Animation
- *Careers in Interior Design
- *Police Officer Spotlight
- *Canadian Forces Spotlight
- *Careers as a Parole Officer
- *Careers as an Astrophysicist

MBSS accepting applications for “Student Supervisors”

Beginning September 2010, our lunch break schedule will be changing! As a result of this change, we are needing to hire additional Supervisors for the lunchbreak period for our school. We are now accepting applications for the positions of “Student Supervisors”. If interested, please stop by the front office to apply .

Yearbooks for Sale!



Yearbooks are a great way to reflect back on your high school years! We have a limited number of yearbooks left for purchase at \$50 per book. These will be on sale in Room #141 during Lunchbreak until the end of classes. We also have yearbooks from the previous 2008-2009 school year available for purchase at the very low price of \$20!

****Year-End Report Cards****

To receive your final report card during Homeroom on June 29th please ensure Student Fees are **paid**, all library and textbooks are returned by June 4th and your lock is returned during the June 16th Homeroom.



MBSS PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

The following positions are VACANT for the 2010-2011 school year and need to be filled:

VP – Assumes responsibilities when President is away. May be a signing officer.

SECRETARY – Records minutes of meetings. May also be a signing officer.

COPAC REP – Attends COPAC meetings once a month, reports back to PAC on meeting, and seeks input from the PAC to bring back to COPAC.

The next PAC meeting will be held on Monday, June 14, 2010 at MBSS

If you are interested in any of these positions please contact Tina Pomponio at pomponio@shaw.ca Elections will be held June 14th @ 6:30 pm in MBSS library.



**Dogwood District Scholarship Award
2009-2010**

A REMINDER to Grade 12 Dogwood District Scholarship applicants (list is posted in the Career Centre) to sign up for an interview date and time.

Interviews will be held between June 22 - 25, 2010.

Class of 2010: Grad Banquet



Saturday, June 5thth BANQUET (DINNER/DANCE) Grand Okanagan Lakefront Resort

- ◆ Arrive at the 'Dolphins sculpture' at 5:15 pm.
- ◆ Grand March begins at 6:00 pm.
- ◆ If raining: Meet at 5:45 pm, entrance: TBA
- ◆ Ballroom opens at 6:45pm
- ◆ Parents with tickets for the Dessert are admitted at 8:30 pm and stay until approximately 9:00 pm
- ◆ The event ends at 11:00 pm!

Banquet Rules:

1. Formal Dress
2. No bottles, drugs or alcohol-Security will be present.
3. You are expected to attend school on Monday.
4. No backpacks. Purses may be searched.
5. A Coat Check will be available.
6. No smoking (This is a school sponsored event...therefore, there will be no smoking allowed).

***Check the grad website for current Grad information.

The MBSS Dance Program presents . . .

Get on up an' DANCE!

Date: June 2, 2010
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: MBSS Bear Stage
Tickets: Adults: \$10, Students: \$7
Kids 5 and under: Free

17th Annual Aboriginal Graduation

Our graduating Aboriginal students were honored at the seventeenth annual Aboriginal graduation ceremonies on May 20th held at Kelowna Senior Secondary school. Mount Boucherie had an amazing 48 Aboriginal graduates this year! Dancers from all nations led the grand entry to the gratification of all the people in attendance. Grads and their families attended the ceremony which included the advocates drumming them in to an honour song. Superintendent Hugh Gloster and numerous other representatives, including Trustees, of the school district attended. The students were recognized as well by several community Aboriginal agencies such as Westbank First Nations, the Ki'Low'Na Friendship Center and the Okanagan Metis association as well as their Principals. Families were able to personally recognize their grad and it was clearly acknowledged the important part family and community plays in the graduation of our students. Aboriginal student advocates were able to present a small gift to each grad on behalf of the school district. The evening concluded with a friendship dance that included everyone. The event was well attended by our students and their families, who, I hope, had a wonderful time celebrating such an important achievement in our student's lives.



In Photo from Left to Right:

Taylan Bull Child, Makwalla Derickson-Hall, Julian Hall, Jasmine Robinson, Mr. Grodzki, Sharise Robinson, Mr. Simonson, Sam Groshok, Kayla Williams, Sherry Cahoose, Bobbiedee Stillas, Dylan Hiles, Sacheen Lindley, Katelyn Cooper, Devon Lulua, Leanne Louie, Brooklyn Gervais, Frances Kinbasket, Natasha Montgrand, Hailey Causton.



SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION UPDATE



For the school year 2010-2011

The Transportation office is finalizing the lists of eligible riders for school bus transportation in September.

Step 1: (application for transportation services)

All non-transitioning students who were issued bus passes during the 2009-2010 school year should have received confirmation of seat assignment. (If so, move to Step 2; if not please apply on line immediately) By the end of June, the transportation office will attempt to confirm online applications received for students who are eligible riders. Parents and guardians of eligible students will receive confirmation by phone, e-mail, or letter.

Step 2:

Parents of riders who receive confirmation of seat assignment must make arrangements for the \$200 Student Transportation Charge on line, or at their local school prior to June 30th to guarantee a seat in September. (After June 30th, seats not confirmed through arrangements made for the Student Transportation Charge are released and re-assigned to courtesy riders.)

All confirmed riders who have made arrangements for the \$200 Student Transportation Charge should refer to the Transportation Website after August 30th, where you will find the most current information as well as bus stop locations and estimated pick-up and drop-off times. Bus passes will also be distributed through your local school starting August 30th. Local schools will also have bus stop locations posted for riders with passes.

Please note that seats for courtesy riders may not be confirmed until all eligible riders have been accommodated in September. Parents may need to make other arrangements for the transportation of their children beginning on Sept. 7th until the number of courtesy seats can be confirmed, seats assigned, the Student Transportation Charge accounted for, and bus passes printed and distributed.

Students must be registered riders with bus passes to ride a school bus.

For more information about school bus transportation, please visit our website at <http://www.sd23.bc.ca/transportation/>

Important Notice to Parents and Students

Please Note: From June 21-28, buses will run according to the regular schedule. On June 29th, buses will drop students off at MBSS at 9:00 am and return to pick up students at 10:00 am.

Bussing Payments for the 2010-2011 school year:

Parents and Guardians—If you choose to make payment at the school office or if needing to discuss other payment options, we ask that you please bring in your Seat Assignment letter with you at the time of your enquiry. We would like to remind you that we can only take payment by cheque at the school. You are able to pay online with a credit card by visiting www.sd23.bc.ca Cash payments will be accepted at the School Board Office at 1940 Underhill Street, Kelowna.

Jim Elwood's Summer Art Camps

Summer 2010

July 5-9th - Young Picasso morning sessions - 9:00 - 12:00

“Young Picassos” (ages 7-12)

"Around the World in 5 Days" Come and explore the world through art! Visit Japan, Central America, Australia, Native America and Africa through watercolour and tempera painting, pencil and charcoal drawing, pottery and cartooning. In addition to project work students will work on creative "Art Sparkers" in sketchbooks. \$105.00. Supplies and a small snack included. Classes are hosted in the art studio at Mount Boucherie Secondary School.

July 12th - 16th Young Picasso morning and afternoon sessions - 9:00 - 12:00 or 1:00 - 4:00

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Session #1- Morning 9:00am – 12:00pm Session #2 - Afternoon 1:00pm – 4:00 pm

July 19th and 20th - Davinci Drawers 9:00 - 3:00

Session #3 Morning 9:00am – 3:00pm “Da Vinci’s Drawers” (ages 9-13)

Learn to draw it all! From animals to portraits, from still lifes to fantasy students will explore many different drawing techniques and media designed to improve their skills and develop creative thinking! \$100.00. Supplies and a small snack included. Classes are hosted in the art studio at Mount Boucherie Secondary School.

July 21st - 22nd - Teen art classes 9:00 - 3:00

Afternoon 9:00pm – 3:00 pm “Art for Teens” (ages 12-16)

This special course is designed for just this age group and will build skills and creativity through drawing, watercolour, pottery, Japanese animation, block printing as well as shooting and printing traditional black and white photographs. \$100.00. Supplies and a small snack included. Classes are hosted in the art studio at Mount Boucherie Secondary School.

REGISTRATION:

Registration is through the Mount Boucherie Community Centre @778-797-8810

Jim Elwood: Jim has an Honours degree in Fine Arts from the University of Victoria, a diploma from the Art Studio Programme at the Banff International School of Fine Arts and a certificate in Art Education from the University of Calgary. Jim has been teaching children and adults for over 20 years and currently teaches Art and Photography at Mount Boucherie Secondary and workshops for the Kelowna Art Gallery.