

May 2011



# THE MBSS BEAR BRIEF



## Principal's Message



Term 3 Report Cards were issued to students on April 27. Success in semester two is critical and parents are reminded that they may arrange meetings to discuss the progress of their child at any time. Teachers can be reached by email or voicemail by selecting the staff contact /websites button on our homepage- <http://www.mbs.sd23.bc.ca/>

The course selection process is now complete and work has begun on our Master Timetable. The Option Verification Sheets listing the courses that students have selected for next year has gone out in homeroom classes. Students and parents are strongly encouraged to ensure that these selections are appropriate and meet graduation and post-secondary requirements. Please note that after the verification process takes place, it is very difficult to add courses to a student's schedule. Any adjustments to the course selection should now be finalized and no other changes should be necessary. **If any of our grade 10 or 11 students know that they will move out of the MBSS area this summer, please contact the office.**

As we prepare for next year, we also continue to work with our current students to ensure their success as term #4 begins. On a weekly basis we will be updating the "No Walk" list. This list is posted so that our grade 12 students are aware if they are in jeopardy of not graduating and taking part in the school sanctioned graduation activities like the grad formal and the grad ceremonies. Part of that success for our grade 12 students includes their participation in the "Graduation Transitions" interviews. We will be dismissing all students at 1:30 pm on May 13 to accommodate these MAP interviews. NOTE: Regular and punctual attendance is essential in term 4. By the time this newsletter goes out there will be 33 school days left before the start of the final exams.

**NOTE OF CONCERN: Some of our grade 11's are planning another "S" trip as a grad celebration, this time to the Dominican Republic next Spring Break. Parents need to know that the school in no way condones these trips and in fact has grave concerns about the safety and chaperoning of this event.**

We want to wish the best of luck to all our students in their pursuit of excellence – in the classroom, on the field, in the festivals and as they follow their dreams.

*John Simonson Principal*

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# IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES




## DATES TO REMEMBER: May 2011

- 2 **May Newsletter available online at [www.mbs.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.mbs.sd23.bc.ca)**
- 3-6 Travel Week begins in the Career Centre during Lunchbreak! Snacks provided.
- 4 Career Spotlight: Injured Young Worker - Block 6, Room #136
- 4 Career Spotlight: Nursing as a Career - Block 5, Room #136
- 5 HOMEROOM today. Important to attend!
- 6 Grad Breakfast begins at 7:40 am in the Multipurpose Room.
- 11 Career Spotlight: Careers in ASL (American Sign Language) - Block 1, Room #006
- 12 Career Conference: 'So You Wanna Be a Cop?', 9:00 am to 1:30 pm at Hollywood Road Education Centre.
- 13 Grade 12 MAP Interviews today. Early dismissal at 1:30 pm
- 16 Career Spotlight: Careers as a Vet—Block 5, Room #136
- 16 PAC Meeting held at at 6:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room
- 19 Provincial Exam rewrites held today.
- 20 Smart Risk/No Regrets Event held today.
- 20 Provincial Exam Rewrites held today.
- 23 **VICTORIA DAY—School Closed Today.**
- 26 MBSS Career Fair in Multipurpose Room, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.
- 27 MBSS Alumni Luncheon, held during the Lunchbreak in Room #136.
- 28 Grad Dinner & Dance at The Grand Okanagan. Arrive at The Dolphins at 5:15 pm.



## MBSS ATHLETICS



On May 14 the Senior Boys basketball Team....in conjunction with Kelowna Ford will be holding a "Test Drive" fundraiser at MBSS for our trip to Nova Scotia to play in one of the longest running tournaments in Canada. We will have many brand new vehicles for people to test drive for a small donation. Please come out and test drive a new car/truck without having to go into Kelowna and support the AAA Boys' Basketball Team.

COBSS

Students who will be receiving COBSS (Central Okanagan Bursary Scholarship Society) bursaries and scholarships will be notified in mid May. The presentation evening will be held on Tuesday, June 7th, 2011 at 7:00 pm at Mount Boucherie Secondary School.

**SCHOOL PLANNING COUNCIL REPORT**

As part of the process of preparing for the school planning council report, the committee looks at previous year results and sets directions for the upcoming year. Included in this newsletter is a summary of the goals established for the upcoming year.

**Goal Statement:** *To improve our Grade-to-Grade Transition rates and maintain our Graduation rate.*

**Rationale:** Student success is the focus of this goal. We recognize our mandate as a secondary school is to move students successfully through our three grades in three years leading to graduation and, subsequently, to a successful transition to the next stage of their lives.

**There are three areas of focus that we are working on to meet this goal-**

***To improve the level of student engagement:***

Instructional practices must include activities, strategies and structures that promote student involvement and hold each student accountable for their learning.

***To provide a diverse range of programs for both student interest and student needs:***

We aim to provide a wide range of programs to increase relevance for the students and provide opportunities for specialized careers.

***To improve school climate:***

It is through this goal that we ensure that students and parents know that we care. A sense of safety and belonging is critical to a student's participation and success.

**LAST CALL FOR 2010-2011 YEARBOOKS!**

**YEARBOOKS** will be ready for pickup by the third week in June! We have 80 yearbooks left available for purchase at \$55 per book. Yearbooks are available on a 'first come, first serve' basis. Listen to the morning announcements for the pickup dates. Once available, the yearbooks will be sold during the lunchbreak only in Room #141.

**OLD, PREVIOUSLY USED TSHIRTS NEEDED!**

The Screenprinting class at Mount Boucherie Secondary is in need of old, used t-shirts to practice their screenprinting on. If you have any old, used t-shirts that you are planning to get rid of, please consider dropping them off to the main office at MBSS. Our students would really appreciate it! Thank you.

### 2011/12 Local School Calendar

Days in Session	193
Days of instruction	186
Number of non-instructional days	3
Schools open	Tuesday, September 6, 2011
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	Monday, October 10, 2011
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	Friday, November 11, 2011
Winter vacation (schools closed)	Monday, December 19 - Monday, January 2, 2012
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Tuesday, January 3, 2012
Spring Break (schools closed)	Monday, March 12 - Friday, March 23, 2012 (schools reopen Monday, March 26)
Good Friday & Easter Monday	Friday, April 6 & Monday April 9, 2012
Victoria Day	Monday, May 21, 2012
Last Day of School	Thursday, June 28, 2012
Administrative day (students do not attend)	Friday, June 29, 2012

#### 2011 - 2012 District Wide Pro-Days:

Implementation Day: Friday, October 7, 2011  
Pro-D Day (Teachers): Friday, October 21, 2011  
Pro-D Day (Teachers): Friday, February 17, 2012

Teacher Pro-D Days in Summer: August 30, 31 and September 1, 2011 (Tues-Thurs)



## MBSS Presents . . . *Just Dance ~ 2011*

**June 1st , 2011**

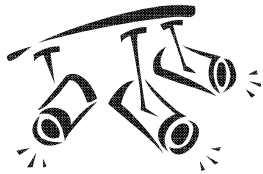
Show begins at 7:00 pm

Doors open at 6:30 pm

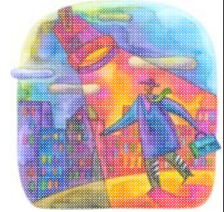
Advance Sale of Tickets: May 16th in the dance studio.  
Tickets are also available at the door!

**Prices:** Adults: \$10  
Students: \$8,  
Children 10 and under are \$5; children under 5 are free.

\*\*\* Seating is on a first come first serve basis.



# MBSS CAREER PROGRAMS



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Eric Zelman and Kyler Greer who won **SILVER** for 3D Animation at the Skills Canada Provincials on April 20th in Abbotsford! Outstanding job!

## Grade 12 MAP Interviews

All grade 12 students that did NOT complete their Graduation Transition/MAP interview in December will do so May 13th. Students should be checking the posted schedules (English/Communication rooms and Career Centre) to confirm their interview time. Students are expected to arrive a minimum of 15 minutes early for their interview.

This experience will give our students the opportunity to 'show off' their skills and interests, their plan for the future and provide them with encouraging and helpful feedback from our school and community panel members.



The **DEADLINE** to submit application packages for the DOGWOOD DISTRICT AUTHORITY AWARDS is **Tuesday, May 31st, 2011**. GOOD LUCK to all applicants!

## UPCOMING CAREER PROGRAM EVENTS!

- May 2-7: RCMP Camp
- 2: Heavy Metal Rocks orientation session
- 3-6: Travel Week at MBSS in Career Centre
- 4: Career Spotlight: Injured Young Worker
- 4: Career Spotlight: Nursing as a Career
- 5: Grad ticket distribution in Homeroom
- 6: Grad Breakfast
- 6: First Aid for students accepted to Heavy Metal Rocks event
- 10: Heavy Metals Rocks hearing testing
- 11: Okanagan College Auto Collision field trip
- 11: Career Spotlight: Careers in ASL (American Sign Language)
- 12: 'So You Wanna Be a Cop' Career Conference at Hollywood Road Education Centre
- 13: Grade 12 MAP Interviews
- 16: Career Spotlight: Careers as a Veterinarian
- 26: Career Fair, held in the Multipurpose Room. 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.
- 27: Alumni Luncheon
- 28: Graduation Dinner/Dance Banquet
- 31: Deadline to submit Dogwood District Award application packages





# THE MBSS FIRE ACADEMY

The MBSS Fire Academy participated in the S-100 Basic Fire Suppression and Safety training last week. The training was delivered by BCFS - endorsed instructors from Penticton, over a two day period: one day in the classroom (theory), and one day in the field (practical exercise).

This course has been designed to meet the training requirement for forest workers in British Columbia as determined by the Forest Practices Code and the Forest Fire Prevention and Suppression Regulation. This course also provides the basic training required for all fire fighters employed by the Ministry of Forests. Topics covered are fundamentals of forest fire fighting, regulations, safety, fire behaviour, and water delivery systems. Participants are required to complete a written exam (70% or more) and demonstrate the practical components such as pump handling, digging guard, and fire line safety in a field session.

## Our Firefighter students in action:



**Left to Right:**  
Laura Staring, Natasha Bennett, Spencer Lenarcic,  
Garrick Hofer, Dylon Richardson, Shelby Dawick



**Left to Right:**  
Laura Staring, Garrick Hofer



**On Left:**  
Natasha Bennett



**On Right:**  
Shelby Dawick

# DRIVEWISE CANADA VISITS MBSS!

On Thursday, April 28th, your son/daughter may have participated in the “distracted” driving component of the Drivewise School Program by use of a State-of-the-Art Driving Simulator. The idea of this mini program is to show new drivers the risks associated with driving while distracted. The Driving Simulators were provided by DriveWise Canada - this driver training program is offered for new drivers that include simulation labs in our ICBC GLP approved program in Nanaimo.

Driving in today’s traffic demands an ever increasing level of skill. Drivers face the challenges of driver distraction, road rage, aggressive driving, speed, congestion, impaired drivers and much more. Drivewise Canada believes it is THEIR responsibility to meet the challenges of the changing driving environment and incorporate that knowledge and expertise into their driver education program for all new drivers. For this reason, Drivewise Learning Academy has begun offering a new, exciting and more interactive driver education training program called Drivewise Canada. Drivewise is a leading-edge innovative organization that has taken driver training to the next level, integrating state-of-the-art DRIVING SIMULATORS into all of their classrooms!

## Here are a few facts. Did you know that:

- ◆ Driving is the number one killer of youth today?
- ◆ Drivewise Learning Academy Inc., is the largest driving school in BC training over 5,000 new drivers each year?
- ◆ Drivewise is the *only* defensive driving program in BC using DRIVING SIMULATORS (virtual reality simulation) to educate new drivers on impaired driving and texting while driving!
- ◆ DriveWise Canada is offering a FREE course for pre-drivers wanting to pass their ICBC Learners Test the FIRST TIME!
- ◆ Almost 50% of pre-drivers fail their first Learners license test.

For more information regarding the Driver Training Programs put on by DriveWise Canada in Kelowna, please visit [www.drivewisebc.com](http://www.drivewisebc.com) or call 250-860-0646.



### From Left to Right:

Tomas Lammers, Kevin Kuemper, Mr. Rick Ellis  
(Driving Instructor from Drivewise Canada)

David McPhail operating Drivewise Canada’s  
**Driving Simulator.**

Seated: Derek Stanley

**THANK YOU to Grade 11 student, Justin Greenaway, for submitting the above photos!**

# Choral Night of Music!

Thursday, May 26th, 2011  
Evening begins at 7:30 pm  
MBSS Multipurpose Room  
Tickets:  
\$5.00 each or \$20 for immediate family

Come join us as a variety of music and choral groups perform including the Ladies chamber choir, Chamber choir, Jazz choir, Mount Boucherie singers, and the Guys' choir. Our guest choir for the evening will be Mrs. Kleineberg's newly auditioned adult choir called the 'Spectrum singers'. Spectrum will sing a couple of their own pieces and will join us for mass choir pieces.

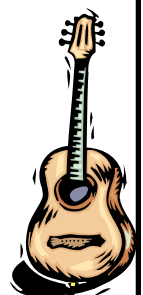
***Please join us for a great night of Music!***

The Spectrum Singers present : "From Bach to Beatles" on May 6 & 7, 2011 at St. Michael's church in Kelowna.

Tickets are available for: \$10.00: students and children  
\$15.00: adults

## 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 donation, OR know of someone who does, please contact the school at 250-712-7040.**





# Mount Boucherie Bands

**Thursday, April 7th, 2011 was a strong day for the Mount Boucherie Jazz combos!**

The BC Interior Jazz Festival rated each ensemble with a Gold, Silver or Bronze and assigned a percentile score and ranking within their category. As such, bands could achieve a Gold standard but place 4th or 5th, or could achieve a Silver standard and place 1st.

**The MBSS Grade 12 Jazz Combos** won 1st and 2nd place in their category, both at the Gold standard.

**The MBSS Grade 11 Jazz Combo** placed 2nd in their category and achieved the Gold standard.

**The MBSS Grade 10 Jazz Combos** placed 1st and 3rd in their category, both at the Gold standard.

**All the above Combos received Invitations to the Nationals (MusicFest Canada) in May.**

The Grade 12 Jazz band placed 2nd and achieved the gold standard, bested only by the powerhouse magnet school Fife High from Washington.

The Grade 10 Jazz band played their hearts out and achieved the silver standard, but placed out of the rankings.

All bands achieving the gold standard received invitations to MusicFest Canada (the nationals). This includes seven of our Jazz groups and one concert band.

Numerous students were recognized as outstanding soloists/performers: Kolton Wiczorek, Alex Buck and Nolan Thorn. Nolan received two individual awards, while we lost count of Alex Buck's awards (which included the Most Promising Rising Star award, one of the festival's highest distinctions). This is the 4th consecutive year that Boucherie students have received this prestigious award. Alex Buck is in Grade 7 at CNB and is enrolled in a number of our music courses!

**The BC Interior Jazz Festival features 55-65 groups each year with about 1500 participating students.**

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**On April 21st, 2011, the Mount Boucherie Concert Bands attended the Kelowna Kiwanis Festival.**

The Grade 10 group achieved a standard of "Excellent" (80-90%). The Senior Concert Band achieved a standard of "Superior" (90-100%). Only four bands across five categories and over three days of competition reached this standard. They tied for first place/best in class with an outstanding group from Calgary. This also earns them an invitation to MusicFest Canada (the Nationals) in May.

**Congratulations everyone!**



# Class of 2011



## GRAD BANQUET (DINNER/DANCE): Saturday, May 28, 2011

### Grand Okanagan Lakefront Resort

- ♦ You must present your ticket at the banquet doors.  
(DO NOT LOSE YOUR TICKET!)
- ♦ 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 6:45 pm
- ♦ Parents with tickets for the Dessert are admitted at 8:30 pm
- ♦ The event ends at 11:00 pm!

### Banquet Rules:

1. Formal Dress
2. No bottles, drugs or alcohol - there WILL be security present
3. You are expected to attend school on Monday!
4. No backpacks. Purses may be searched.
5. Coat Check available
6. No smoking

(This is a school sponsored event-therefore there will be no smoking)

Check the grad website for current information. Students who fail to comply to the MBSS Code of Conduct at the banquet may lose the privilege to attend the grad ceremonies in June. Please see the grad website for information.

### 2011 Grad Buffet Breakfast

When: May 6th, 7:40-8:45 am

Where: MPR

Your ticket must be presented at the door.

No tickets will be sold at the event.

Lots of prizes to be given away, including free limo service for you and nine of your friends! Important grad info will also be given out.

**MOUNT BOUCHERIE'S**  
**ME TO WE**  
**FIESTA CARNIVAL**

**6:00 – 8:00**  
**MAY 31ST**

**Proceeds going towards our  
Adopt a Village Project in Ecuador!**

**KID ZONE ACTIVITIES**

- FUN CRAFTS**
- BOUNCY CASTLE**
- MINI CAKE WALK**
- COLORING TABLE**
- NAIL DECALS**
- BUBBLE BLOWING**
- FACE PAINTING**
- HAIR STREAKING**
- OBSTACLE RACES**
- GO FISH**

**CONCESSION**

- FAST FOOD VENUES**
- COTTON CANDY**
- POPCORN**

**GENERAL ACTIVITIES**

- PUDDING THROWING  
CONTEST**
- CAKE WALK**
- HORIZONTAL BUNGEE**
- JOUSTING**
- SUMO WRESTLING**
- BOXING**
- VELCRO WALL**
- DUNK TANK**

**ENTERTAINMENT**

- 8:00 – 9:00**  
**VARIETY SHOW,  
INCLUDING AIRBANDS,  
OPEN MIC AND DANCE  
NUMBERS**

# **PARENT SUPPORT GROUP: H.O.P.E. for the K.I.D.**

## **Helping Other Parents Embrace Kids with Invisible Differences**

### **WHAT IS AN INVISIBLE DISABILITY?**

This is an umbrella term that encompasses many disabilities that are not outwardly apparent, but interfere with your child's ability to function to society's expected standard. It affects the individual's ability to learn and interact with others. It may include, but is not limited to A.D.H.D., ANXIETY DISORDER, ASPERGER'S, ATTACHMENT DISORDER, BIPOLAR, DEPRESSION, CONDUCT DISORDER, FAS/FAE, LEARNING DISABILITIES, SENSORY INTEGRATION DYSFUNCTION, TOURETTE SYNDROME, OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE DISORDER, AND OPPOSITIONAL DEFIANT DISORDER.

### **WHO:**

We are a support group for parents, and care givers, facilitated by a parent. We are here to support, educate and assist families coping with a child who has an invisible difference, diagnosed or in the process of a diagnosis.

### **WHY:**

There is no need to be alone. If your child's invisible disability affects the important relationships in your life such as your relationship with your child, your spouse, your other children, friends, and extended family, then we think you would benefit from this group.

**DATE:** First Thursday of each month

**TIME:** 6:30 to 8:15 pm

**LOCATION:** Please call or email for directions

We believe it is of utmost importance for parents to feel safe discussing their concerns and children's challenges. Out of respect for your child and your family all information shared at support group meetings is considered **CONFIDENTIAL**.

**If you have any questions please contact:**

**Lisa @ 250-768-7237 hopeforadhd@hotmail.com**

(Phone calls are returned within 48 hours. Emails are returned within 24 hours, Monday – Friday)



# MBSS

## Triple Threat Basketball Camp

Mount Boucherie Secondary School  
GRADE 3 – GRADE 8 BASKETBALL CAMP

**WHEN:** Tuesday July 5- Friday July 8, 2011

**TIME:** Girls Grade 3-Grade 8 9:00 am- 12:00 pm  
Boys Grade 3-Grade 8 1:00 pm- 4:00 pm

**WHERE:** Mount Boucherie Secondary School Gymnasium

**WHO:** All interested Basketball players in grades 3 through to grade 8, no experience necessary.

**COST:** \$110.00 PER STUDENT  
Includes Camp T-Shirt, Basketball, and daily prizes  
Wrap-up Pizza Party

**COACHES:** Mr. P. Briker Mr. R. Ellis Mr. T. White  
Basketball Coaches  
Phone 250-712-7040 Fax 250-870-5001 E-mail [jbriker@shaw.ca](mailto:jbriker@shaw.ca)

**Mail Registration to Attn:** Peter Briker  
Mount Boucherie Secondary  
2751 Cameron Road,  
Kelowna, B.C. V1Z 2T6

### REGISTRATION FORM

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Current Grade** \_\_\_ **T-Shirt, youth L, (adult) S, M, L**

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_ **School** \_\_\_\_\_

Waiver: Please read carefully and sign. The applicant agrees that Westside Sports Camp and/or proprietors will not be held responsible for an accident, injury or loss however caused and agrees to release the proprietors from all claims that may arise as a result of, or by reason of, such accident or loss. We (Westside Sports Camp) reserve the right to request any participant to withdraw from the program prior to its termination if the applicant is not acting in the required manner.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Emergency Contact Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Care Card Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Medical Concerns:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheques payable to: **Westside sports camps**