

South Delta Secondary School Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2009



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Mission Statement

South Delta Secondary School is a community of learners contributing to an environment which fosters mutual respect and encourages learners to develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to reach their potential as responsible, educated citizens in a changing world.

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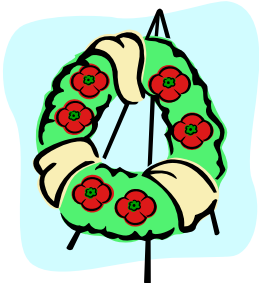
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We're on the Web!

www.deltasd.bc.ca/sd/index.html

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Take Our Kids to Work (Grade 9) - Nov. 4th
- ◆ Remembrance Day - Nov. 11th
- ◆ School Closure (ProD) - Nov. 27th



Greetings from Mr. Johnson, Principal

Like every month here at SDSS, October was a busy one. Thank you to all our parents who participated in our Parent Teacher Conferences and thank you to our teachers for giving their time. This is a great vehicle to provide direct communication between teachers and parents. In addition to the Parent/Teacher Interviews, parents have also been provided another medium to communicate via our Parent Connect system. While we encourage parents to communicate with teachers when there are concerns, I respectfully remind parents that most teachers are responsible for the achievement of over 200 students and *that much of the responsibility for knowing the homework, knowing the assignments, and knowing their grades must lie in the hands of the students.* In short, the demand for teachers to contact parents is growing and is, in some cases, overwhelming. Please be judicious when contacting our teachers. Also, a growing number of teachers have their own websites outlining the assignments and due dates. We are encouraging students to check there. Thank you for your understanding.

Every year hundreds of our students participate and represent our school in many extra-curricular activities including athletics and performing arts. Hats off to Mrs. Hansen and her crew of students for coordinating and performing at the "McKee House for the Criminally Insane". The house was full of terrifying antics in celebration of Halloween.

In sports - as the volleyball season

wraps up, we commend our 5 Volleyball teams for their excellent efforts and we wish our Sr. Girls (who are currently ranked fourth in the province) the best of luck as they head into the Fraser Valley Championships later this week. Congratulations to our Senior Girls Field Hockey team who are the Fraser Valley Champs!! Congratulations also to our Junior Boys Cross Country team who also placed first in the Fraser Valleys!! And our Senior Girls Cross Country team finished with an impressive second place. Recognition also goes to the students serving on school clubs such as Student Council, Me to We, Interact, and Grad Council. We wish to thank the teacher sponsors and coaches, parent coaches, and other volunteers who give so willingly of their time. Your support and contribution to SDSS are greatly appreciated.

And finally, we wish to congratulate our Grad Class of 2010 for their exemplary behaviour during our annual Grad Boat Cruise on October 1st. Having enjoyed a terrific evening of food, music, dance, and cruising, students and teacher sponsors alike were pleased to hear nothing but complimentary comments from the ship's crew. Well done Grads!

As always, I extend my invitation to any parents who would like to have a cup of coffee and stroll the hallways with me to see first hand why SDSS...
R.O.C.K.S.

Thank you.

Parent Connect

Parent Connect is an on-line program which allows parents/guardians to review student schedules, demographics, attendance, report card marks and comments (when applicable), student fees and homework assignments. Instructions on how to access and use Parent Connect is available on the school website, or a hard copy can be picked up from the school office.

COUNSELLORS

Mr. Kirincic
Grade 8 & Gr. 12 (E-J)

Mrs. Koot
Grade 9 & Gr. 12 (K-Q)

Ms. Hayes
Grade 10 & Gr. 12 (R-Z)

Mrs. Kilpatrick
Grade 11 & Gr. 12 (A-D)
(Tuesday - Thursday)

Career Advisor

Mrs. Foster is available
in the Career Centre to
answer your questions
from 8:00 a.m. -
3:30 p.m.

Career Centre

Mark your calendar! **Post-Secondary Evening** is December 7th from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. SFU, UVIC, TRU, TWU, UNBC, BCIT, Kwantlen, Langara, Douglas, Vancouver Island University, and the Royal Military College will be here at SDSS speaking about their schools and programs to help students make the best decisions for their future education. This is an excellent opportunity to pick up guide books, find out about residence, programs, tuition costs, etc.

UBC will be at SDSS on Wednesday, November 25th in the Theatre. Presentation starts at 7:00 p.m. All grades and parents are invited. UBC will not be attending Post Secondary Evening so this is your opportunity to pick up guide books, find out about residence, programs, tuition costs, etc.

All post-secondary schools are now receiving applications for September 2010. In BC, use www.pas.bc.ca to apply. Apply at www.ouac.on.ca for Ontario institutes. For all other institutes go to the individual school and apply on their website.

Students can use their FIRSTCLASS login and go to SD Students to find out about exchanges, leadership conferences, open houses, info sessions, scholarships, and other opportunities.

Post-Secondary information is also available at the SDSS Career Centre website: <http://fc.deltasd.bc.ca/%7Etfoster/>

The Canadian Universities Tour is at McMath Secondary in Steveston on Tuesday, November 17th from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. All the universities in Canada are represented at this fair. Talk to recruiters, pick up guide books and see what the university has to offer.

Graduation Transitions 2009/2010 Required For Graduation

Any grade 12 who has not received a grad transitions booklet needs to see Mrs. Burr in room 157E.

Due Dates for Grad Transitions:

Thursday, October 29, 2009	Pages 2, 2A and 3
Friday, December 11, 2009	Pages 4,5 and 6 and one snapshot of Daily Physical Activity
Friday, January 15, 2010	Page 7 and one snapshot of Daily Physical Activity

Exit interviews will be scheduled the week of March 29 - April 1, 2010. No grade 12 student will be scheduled into an interview until the Grad Transitions booklet is complete and the student has obtained a counsellor's signature, the career advisor's signature (Mrs. Foster) and a parent/guardian signature.

Drop in information sessions every Wednesday at 11:20 a.m. in room 104.

The Joys and Perils of Social Networking: Where is Your Child Hanging Out?

- submitted by Mrs. Gaudreault, Vice-Principal

Today's technology and applications allow all of us to connect with each other in ways we never before imagined. The world has become smaller and with the wizardry of our computers and laptops we can see and talk to people on the other side of the globe just as if they were sitting with us in our family rooms.

As with any advancement in technology, there is a good side and a bad side. With social networks such as Facebook, MySpace, MSN and Nexopia, to name a few, our young people can find themselves in situations beyond their control if they haven't taken proper security measures when they signed up. Unless you are a techno-savvy user of these networks yourself, it can be difficult to learn what your child is exposing him/herself to. Therefore it is imperative for you to find out about social networking and the precautions you can take to make this tool a safe place for your child and your family.

Having worked with the Vancouver Police and Canada Customs, invited speaker Mr. Jesse Miller has a solid perspective about social networking sites. He gives very effective presentations to students on the realities of social networking and he relates extremely well to young people. We have booked Mr. Miller to present to our Grades 8 and 10 classes during the morning of Monday, November 30 and we know he will make an impression on them.

Mr. Miller will be presenting to all interested parents at Genesis Theatre on Thursday, November 19th at 7:00 p.m. The evening is arranged by the Ladner family of schools (Ladner Partners in Education). Please contact Delta Secondary school for ticket information. Mr. Millar's presentation will be an eye-opener for many.

Special thanks and recognition go to Sarah Willis and Jacob Wolstencroft who volunteered over the Thanksgiving weekend at the Tsawwassen soccer jamboree. The Tsawwassen Minor Soccer Association truly appreciated the artistic efforts of both Sarah and Jacob as they painted hundreds of soccer players' faces on Saturday and Sunday. Well done!

Rotary Youth Exchange



The Rotary Club of Tsawwassen and Point Roberts is inviting applications from students who will be between the ages of 16 and 17 years 6 months in August 2010 to participate in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program next year.

Rotary Exchange students are of good character and have a good academic standing. If you fit this description and you are interested in spending a year living with host families and attending school in a different country, you should pick up an application form from Mr. Brown in Room 177.

Initial applications must in to the Rotary by November 6, 2009. Selected candidates and their parents will be interviewed by members of the Rotary Youth Exchange Committee and the successful candidate will be selected by late November.

Equinox Theatre

Theatre for All seasons!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR GREAT ENTERTAINMENT!

**For further details please check on the Equinox Theatre Yahoo Calendar http://calendar.yahoo.com/equinox_theatre*

ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL: December 1st - 4th Curtain 7 p.m.

ANNIE: May 11th - 15th Curtain 7 p.m.

ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL

Once again the the young thespians of the Equinox Theatre are putting themselves to the test with our annual One Act Festival! This student directed, acted, 'teched' and managed festival is a tradition here at the Equinox and we would invite you to mark your calendar for this adjudicated festival. Year in and year out it proves to be a week filled with fantastic entertainment!



This year the Equinox Theatre leaves Shakespeare behind and returns to its musical roots with our spring production of ANNIE!!! Here are some notes you might like to jot down in regards to the Audition process:

- Auditions will take place: January 6, 7, 8, 11.
- Actors will sign up for an audition time on the sign-up sheet on the call board outside the Equinox Theatre.
- January 7th is a Dance Audition and it will be mandatory for everyone trying out (those in Vocal Jazz will have their dance audition on another day TBA).
- Students must come prepared with one song.
- Dialog will be provided at the audition.
- The Cast List will go up at 8 a.m. on January 13th. Rehearsals will commence that day.
- Rehearsals will run M/W/F from 3 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
- Not every actor will be needed at every rehearsal.
- As we get closer to production, students will have longer rehearsals as well as a couple of weekend rehearsals.
- A rehearsal schedule will be given out at the beginning of January once the show has been cast.
- Rehearsal schedules can be viewed on line at: http://calendar.yahoo.com/equinox_theatre.

We look forward to an exciting theatre season and we hope you will come out and support us! For further information on any of our productions please do not hesitate to call the box office phone line at (604) 943-7532.

Athletic Director

Mr. N. Jensen
can be reached at
604-943-7407
or by e-mail at
njensen@deltasd.bc.ca

School Fees

School fees have been assessed and posted to Parent Connect. Please print a copy of your fees and attach it to your payment or write your child's student number on the front of your cheque. Payments should be handed in to the office. Thank you.

Job Opportunity - Noon Hour Supervisor

SDSS has an opening for part-time noon hour supervisors. Interested parties should contact Mr. Johnson, Principal, at 604-943-7407 for more information.

Health and Career Education 8 & 9

During classes this first term, the following shows the Learning Outcomes of Health and Career Ed. 8 and 9.

Grade 8 Learning Outcomes:

Department	Organizer/Topic	Timeline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathematics 5 lessons (33 1/3%)	Education and Careers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe how personal attributes can be related to career options Identify skills that are transferable to new tasks and situation within and outside the school including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> personal management skills academic skills teamwork 	TERM 1 September to November (orientation and agenda book lessons)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical Education 	Safety and Injury Prevention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risks associated with road-related situations -- bike smarts 	Road Sense Safety
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science/Physical Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe appropriate procedures for responding to emergencies Propose strategies for the safe use of wireless and online communications 	Safety and the lab
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Library Orientation 	Healthy Relationships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe ways in which students can contribute to a safe and caring school environment 	Safety/First Aid
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orientation 		

Grade 9 Learning Outcomes:

Department	Organizer/Topic	Timeline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathematics 	Education and Careers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe ways of exploring career options ("Take Our Kids to Work" assignment) Identify sources of information and support to assist students in their education career planning Explain the importance of developing employability skills 	TERM 1 September to November
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical Education (33 1/3%)	Safety and Injury Prevention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Propose strategies to avoid unnecessary risks in a variety of situations on the road and in the community. Describe strategies to avoid unnecessary risks on the job 	Road Sense Safety

Teachers in the listed department evaluate the students in their respective classes. Those marks are submitted to Mrs. Gaudreault who will compile the mark and enter it onto the final report card.



Fraser Health Messages from your School's Public Health Nurse

Public Health Nurse

South Delta Public Health Unit

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LIMITING SCREEN TIME

Too much screen time can interfere with activities such as being physically active, reading, doing homework, playing with friends, and spending time with family. Try the following tips to reduce screen time:

- Set limits on screen time. Your children should spend no more than 2 hours a day watching TV, surfing the internet or playing video games.
- Remove the TV or computer from your child's bedroom. Children with TVs in their rooms spend almost 1½ hours more per day watching TV than kids without a set in their room.
- Provide other options and alternatives. Watching TV can become a habit for your child. Provide other alternatives for them to spend their time, such as playing outside, learning a hobby or sport, or spending time with family and friends.
- Be a role model. As a parent, set a good example for physical activity and

screen time in moderation. If your kids see you following your own rules, they will be more likely to do the same.

- Make physical activity a fun family routine. Do not rely on "active" video games to get children moving.

Canada's Physical Activity Guide suggests at least 90 minutes of physical activity per day for children and youth. Yet, research studies show that more than half of Canadian children and youth are not active enough for optimal growth and development.

For more information: http://www.actnowbc.ca/?section_copy_id=248§ion_id=402



ANNUAL DRY GRAD POINSETTIA, COOKIE DOUGH and PIZZA SALE

Please Support Our 2010 Dry Grad Event

We will be selling a variety of pizzas, cookie dough, pies and beautiful poinsettias.

Please drop your orders off at the SDSS office by the November 12th deadline.

Pick-up will be in the SDSS cafeteria on Thursday, December 3rd from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Questions? Please call Dawn Fielden @ 604-948-0692 or email sdssdrygrad@hotmail.com

SDSS 2009 - 2010 Calendar

Nov. 4	Take Our Kids to Work - Gr. 9	Mar. 31	Report Cards
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day	April 2	Good Friday
Nov. 25	UBC in Theatre @ 7:00 p.m.	April 5	Easter Monday
Nov. 27	School Closure (ProD)	April 8	L.P.I. test
Dec. 1 - 4	One Act Play Festival - Curtain 7 pm	April 15	3 rd HPV vaccine (Gr. 9 girls only)
Dec. 7	Post Secondary Night - 6:30 p.m.	May 11 - 15	Annie - Theatre Production
Dec. 9	Christmas Concert - 7 pm	May 21	School Closure (ProD)
Dec. 9	Report Cards	May 24	Victoria Day
Dec. 10	Grad Christmas Formal	May 26	Spring Concert - 7 pm
Dec. 16	2 nd HPV vaccine (Gr. 9 girls only)	June 2 & 3	Awards - 7:00 p.m. SDSS Theatre
Dec. 21 - Jan. 1	Christmas Break	June 10	Last Day of Regular Classes
Feb. 5-7	Grad Portraits - Artona Studios	June 11 - 18	In-School Exams
Feb. 10	Delta Music Night - 7 pm	June 18	Valedictory
Feb. 11	Parent/Teacher Conferences	June 21 - 29	Provincial Exams
Feb. 12	School Closure (ProD)	June 29	Report Cards
Feb. 19	School Closure (ProD)	June 29	Schools close
Mar. 8 - 19	Spring Break	June 30	Grad Banquet