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Newsletter

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DOVER BAY SECONDARY

The School Newsletter is available to students and parents to view on-line, on the Dover Bay website: www.doverbay.ca
It will also be emailed to parents/guardians through MyEdBc. If you would like a paper copy, please have your child pick it up from the office.

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS:

Greetings Dover Bay Community,

Welcome back, I hope the first few weeks have gone smoothly for you! We are just completing the last of our course changes and new registrations, so it has been a busy start-up to be sure. Thank you for your patience in this process, everyone on staff has been at maximum speed trying to get our students settled into class so we can have a successful start to the academic year. In addition to our new Grade 8 students (who seem to be fitting in very nicely thus far) and our new Grade 9-12 students, I would like to welcome and introduce to you a few new members of the Dover Bay staff: Mrs. Girard is our new Vice-Principal, joining Mr. Christianson and myself; Mr. Van Grootel has joined our counselling team; new teachers include Ms. McGuff in French and PE, Mr. Reich in Math, Mr. Sieben in Humanities, Mrs. Williston in Outreach, Mr. Black in Drama and English, Ms. Doruyter in Art and English, Mr. Chyplyk in Science, and Mr. Speert in Science. Ms. O'Neill has also joined us as and Educational Assistant. Welcome to each and all of you!

A special thank you to our amazing staff and community coaches, sponsors and volunteers for the work they have done to get our Fall activities off to a successful start! We have a number of sports, including volleyball, cross-country, soccer field hockey and swimming which have begun already. Our athletics program sets a high standard for our student-athletes each year, so we are grateful to those coaches for their time and energy.

We also have a number of clubs and leadership groups which are busy recruiting new members to help set a great, positive tone in the school and make our community even stronger. Student's Council, Eco-Club, Model U.N. club, triathlon club and Makerspace Club (among others) are underway with the leadership of a number of amazing students from all grades. Please encourage your child to participate with one of our Dover Bay teams and/or clubs, which is a great way to make new friends and enhance their school experience!

We will be sending a number of emails to you, as well as invite you to a MyEducationBC information session (Tuesday, September 24th) to make sure we have a proper communication channel established with you for the sharing of school information, report cards, attendance, etc. Please feel free to use that platform to communicate with us, or through regular email at the addresses listed on our website.

I hope to meet you at the Information Session/Open House next week, if not, please contact me at the school if you have further questions.

Sincerely,
C. Lintott

Welcome Back Dover Bay Students, Parents and Staff !

Here's to another exciting 2019-20 School year ahead! Our School PAC Meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday of the month. We meet at 6:30pm in the School Library. The PAC meetings are open to all Dover Bay Parents & Guardians. We look forward to meeting you and hearing your thoughts, concerns or ideas. Hope to see you there!

Dover Bay PAC is also on Facebook. Feel free to glance at the site or leave any questions.

Special Welcome to our New Principal & Vice Principal.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sep 24	Fire Drill – 1 pm Parent Open House – 6 pm
Sep 25	Terry Fox Run – 10:50 am
Sep 30	Orange Shirt Day
Oct 2	Canadian University Event 1-3 pm Gym
Oct 9	Fire Drill – 1 pm
Oct 11	ProD Day (students do not attend)
Oct 14	Thanksgiving Holiday
Oct 15	Early dismissal - 1:50 pm Reporting Night 3-6 pm PAC meeting – 6 pm
Oct 18	Photo Retakes
Oct 25	ProD Day (students do not attend)

TRAFIC & SAFETY

Traffic Safety: Student Drop Off and Pick-Up

The Dover Bay parking lots are extremely busy before and after school, and the safety of everyone is our priority. To help with this, we ask that when students are being dropped off and picked up that the proper areas are used.

Students should be dropped off and picked up in **THE MAIN PARKING LOT ONLY**. To access this, enter off McGirr Road (near the McGirr Field Sport Complex) and follow the outside of the parking lot to the drop off area

adjacent to the bus loop. There are then two exits: the first near the front portable, is a right turn only, and the other near the McGirr Fields is a right/left turn exit.

Please do not drive your vehicle into the entrance for the bus loop or enter the fire lane parallel to McGirr Road. We also ask that you do not park anywhere with a yellow curb.

We thank you for your help in keeping everyone safe.

Needle Safety

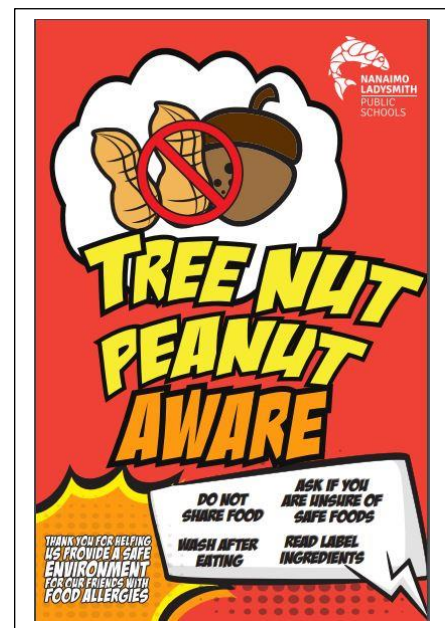
In the last year, there have been a handful of incidents where needles were found on or in the vicinity of Dover Bay property. In homerooms, teachers have reviewed the proper safety procedures with students in case they find a needle. Please review the following with your student:

- Leave the needle where it is
- Students should **NEVER** touch or pick up a needle
- Students must always tell a staff member immediately if they see a needle

Tree Nut Awareness

Dover Bay is a tree nut aware school. We do have students with allergies, and we ask that fellow students and staff use the following guidelines (see poster below) to keep everyone safe.

These posters have also been posted throughout the school to raise awareness.



COUNSELLING

Dover Bay Counsellors have changed – please see below for the name of your student’s counsellor:

Counsellors by alpha:

A-F Burton Wei

G-K Rick Rathy (in for Lisa Sunde)

L-P Louie Van Grootel

Q-Z Leah Pond

International Students- Nancy Stigings

Change of Address information: We would like to remind parents of the importance of having your current email address and information on file. You will be receiving a 1701 form to fill out and update your information to the school.

Absences: Please call to report an absence. Available 24/7, leave a message at **250-756-4595**. You will receive notification of a student’s absence via the email address you have provided to us. Please make sure this is accurate as this is typically the only notification you will receive.

When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.

** If you receive absent emails home but your student says they are late, please contact the teacher to confirm. Teacher Email Addresses can be found on the [Dover Bay website](#) under the top tab titled “Resources”.*

Report Cards: You can access through MyEd BC through the Parent portal. Please contact the front office (number above) if you are not able to access this. Paper reports are no longer sent home.

Maintaining Communication with classroom Teachers supports student success

Remind parents to fill out 1701 and the importance of having current parent email addresses and phone numbers

MISCELLANEOUS

All Candidates Debate and Mock Student Vote Election
On October 16th at 10:00am (block "A"), students will be invited to attend a debate between the candidates who are running to become Nanaimo-Ladysmiths Member of

Parliament in Ottawa. Paul Manly (Green Party), John Hirst (Conservative Party of Canada), Chief Bob Chamberlin (NDP), Dr Michelle Corfield (Liberal) and Jennifer Clark (PPC) have all confirmed they will be in attendance and are looking forward to fielding questions from Dover Bay students.

Unfortunately, the debate is for students only. Members of the public will need to attend other forums being held around Nanaimo-Ladysmith in the lead up to the federal election taking place on October 21st.

After the debate, students will be invited to take part in a school-wide mock election to cast their ballot for the candidate they like the best. In a similar event held for the by-election, more than 50% of the student body took the time to vote. Paul Manly of the Green Party of Canada was the victorious candidate. Organizers are hoping voter turn-out will be even better for this election.

CAREER CORNER

Upcoming Career-related Events:

Sept. 27, lunch, Dover, Room C104: University of New Brunswick

October 2, 1-3 pm, Dover: CUE - Canadian University Event

November 8, 8:30 - 11:30 am, Dover: BC Post Secondary Institution Tour

November 14, lunch, Dover, Room C014: Gustavson School of Business at UVIC

November 28, 9-2 pm, Beban Social Centre: Education and Career Fair

April 7 & 8 - Capstone - CLC - grade 12 only

DOVER ATHLETICS

It has been a busy start up with securing coaches, running tryouts and having meetings with new students, but we are happy to report that the following Fall sports are underway:

- Grade 8 Girls & Boys Volleyball
- Junior Girls & Boys Volleyball
- Senior Girls & Boys Volleyball
- Senior Boys soccer
- Junior Boys Soccer
- All grades and gender Swimming and Cross Country
- All grades girls field hockey

We would like to thank all the teachers, alumni, senior students, and parents that have stepped up to help with our Fall sports teams. We couldn't run all these fantastic teams without all your help.

Reminder that there is an Athletics Website found as a tab at the top of our new Dover Bay website:

<https://sites.google.com/learn68.ca/dover-athletics/home>

This is where you find everything to do with sports; gym schedules, home games, tryout information, coaches contacts, etc.. You can also follow us on Twitter @doverathletics , Instagram and Facebook. #doverpride

Wrestling season is quickly approaching! School District 68 has a district co-ed wrestling team/club. It is open to male and female students in grades 4 to 12 from all of our schools. The season starts on Monday, October 7, with practices being held on Mondays and Thursdays. Practices are held at Island ConnectEd K-12 (4355 Jingle Pot Road). For more information, please visit the club's website:

<https://sites.google.com/view/nanaimowrestlingclub/>.

If interested in joining the club, a registration link is located on the website!

For Parents of School-Aged Children
October 8, 2019 6:30 PM to 8 PM + Q and A
Cedar Elementary School Gym

With society heading in a direction of being constantly connected to technology, what do we need to know as parents to protect our children and teach them responsible and appropriate use of technology? The parameters of rules and expectations that you put in place at home will undoubtedly guide their behaviour in the years to come. Please join us for an informative presentation which will cover the following topics and more!

PARENTS: Do not miss this free event!

- Social Media Update - The most current apps & trends in their social media lives
- Pick Your Battles! - You will have to balance the yin with the yang, promote independence whilst taking a strong stance on certain subjects
- Current Research - Brain development & technology, violent video games
- Digital Footprint and Reputation - With their future approaching, recruiters and employers are taking note – What will they find?
- Tips & Tricks to Use at Home

Please RSVP to cedarelempac@gmail.com to reserve your seat! Refreshments available in a limited quantity. Arrive early!

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