

OSOYOOS SECONDARY SCHOOL

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"To enable learners to achieve their individual potentials and to become healthy productive citizens of a global society."



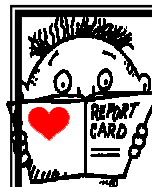
February 2011



On Wednesday, January 26th, the Board of Education voted not to pursue the recommendation to close Osoyoos Secondary. This decision does not mean that the Board will not pursue this option in the future but, for now, Osoyoos Secondary is not being considered for closure. We applaud the board for their thoughtful comments and their recognition of the important role OSS plays in the community of Osoyoos. Thanks to all of the staff, students, parents, media, citizens and town council members who attended this important meeting.

COURSE FAIR

In the near future, OSS will be holding a Course Fair for grade 9 - 11 students. At this time, students will have an opportunity to discover the many course offerings at OSS prior to making their course selections in April. Teachers will explain their courses in a brief ten-minute session and give students an opportunity to ask questions and discover how courses fit into their graduation and career plans.



REPORT CARDS

*Semester 1 final report cards will be mailed home the week of **Monday, February 7, 2011.***

HONOUR ROLL CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all of those students on our Principal's List, Honour Rolls, Vice-Principal's List and Improvement List. Students on the Principal's List have straight A's and must be enrolled in at least three classes. Students on the First Class Honours List have an average better than half A's and B's in their classes, and students on the Honours List have no less than a "B" average. The Vice-Principal's list is for students who receive "G's" in all of their classes for work habits. If we have missed anyone we apologize; please inform the office and we will update our list. A full list of honour roll students is attached. Well done!

SATISFACTION SURVEYS

The Provincial Satisfaction Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective. This month the Satisfaction Survey will be administered to students in grades 10 and 12, their parents, and all school staff. We encourage parents to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus for improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province. This year, the survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the internet at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. All that is required is a logon number which will be provided in a letter with the report card. Provincial, district and school reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site, without a logon number. The e-survey site will be open until mid-April.

PASSPORT TO EDUCATION

PROCEDURES AND DECISIONS

The Passport to Education Program recognizes and rewards student achievement in Grades 10 to 12 in a broad range of academic and non-academic areas according to guidelines set out by the Ministry of Education. The intent of the program is to motivate all students to study consistently during the years leading to graduation, and to encourage secondary school students to pursue further education through post-secondary institutions and job-training programs. Passport awards are used to assist students with tuition towards their post-secondary education and/or job training programs.

General Criteria

For Grade 10 and 11 stamps (each worth \$250):

1. Two-thirds of the weighting must be on the academic component - on a student's course grades - the best five provincially authorized courses and/or BAA (Board/Authority authorized) courses, (locally developed courses should not be included). We take the best mark (school mark, or combined school and provincial). Work experience, withdrawn, adapted/modifieds are not included.
2. One-third of the weighting should recognize the non academic components such as effort, work habits, citizenship and school/community involvement.
3. A student does not have to graduate to earn a Grade 10 and/or Grade 11 stamp.

For Grade 12 stamp (worth \$500):

1. Two-thirds of the weighting must be on the academic component - on a student's course grades - the best five provincially authorized courses and/or BAA (Board/Authority authorized) courses, (locally developed courses should not be included). We take the best mark (school mark, or combined school and provincial). Work experience, withdrawn, adapted/modifieds are not included.
2. One-third of the weighting should be based on a student's Graduation Transition Standards, also recognizing effort, work habits, citizenship and school/community involvement.
3. A student must be a graduate to receive the Grade 12 stamp.

STUDENT PARLIAMENT IS HOSTING SPIRIT DAYS

Student Parliament is planning a school Spirit Week this month. Each day has a dress-up theme, with fun activities at lunch in the gym. The theme days are:

Monday, February 21 - **PJ and Crazy Hair Day**; Tuesday, February 22 - **Business (suits) and Jersey Day**; Wednesday, February 23 - **Pink Shirt Day** (anti-bullying); Thursday, February 24 - **Twin Day**; and, Friday, February 25 - **Old Sweater Day** (to be donated)

Everyone is encouraged to dress up and participate this week. Pink "Anti-Bullying" shirts will be on sale for \$10 this month. *"We've got spirit, yes we do. We've got spirit, how 'bout you?"*

OSS "RATTLER ROOKIE CAMP" RETURNS FOR THE 20TH TIME!!!

A highlight of the spring returns, this time though Rattler Rookie Basketball Camp will take place just before Spring Break. Osoyoos Secondary School will host "Rattler Rookie Basketball Camp XX" from Monday March 14 through Friday March 18. The five-evening camp will run each of those nights from 6:30 until 9 pm. The final evening of Camp will continue to be a special night and culminate with player contests and parental 'play'. Participation is open to any student from Grades 4 to Grade 7. The cost is only \$30.00 which includes a Camp T-Shirt, a basketball, opportunities to win prizes throughout the week, evening snacks, Friday's "Tube-steak" Banquet, and a week full of "FUN & ENERGY!!!" Registration forms can be picked up in the Elementary School Office, or at the OSS Office.

If you have questions, please call Camp Director Stan Coutu at 250-495-6559.

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR OUR GRADS!

****THE NEXT PARENT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 AT 7:00 PM IN THE LIBRARY****

In the weeks and months to come, Grade 12 students will be required to keep up with "GRAD" and "DRY GRAD" activities. Even though a student may not be involved with Dry Grad, there are still responsibilities that he or she must meet in order to make this final year of high school a success. For example, you as a Grade 12 student must make sure you have the courses and credits to graduate. It is your responsibility to achieve the minimum 80 credits necessary to receive your Dogwood Diploma. Should a student fail a course and lose credits, he/she should immediately see Mr. Coutu or Mrs. Nazaroff to determine how this might affect your grad status. Students and parents are reminded that only those Grade 12's who are able to graduate in June will be allowed to take part in the Graduation Ceremonies on June 11, 2011.

Following is an 'unofficial' list of

'musts' before June:

1. **Have Dry Grad Activities Input submitted as the plan required by the Board for its approval: Deadline: Our next Parent/Grad meeting on February 9, 2011.**
2. **Sign Up and have Grad Photos taken February 14, 15, and 16. See Mrs. Schroeter.**
3. **Get measured and sized up for your grad gown (pay rental fee) - early April.**
4. **Select (via survey right after Spring Break):**
 - **Class Valedictorian**
 - **Select a Speaker for the Ceremony**
 - **Select Grad Songs (in and out of ceremony)**

FINANCIAL AID

We are heading into the last half of the year and it is time to start thinking of making plans for next year. If you are planning to attend a post secondary institution next year, you need to have applied, or begin applying to schools/

programs of interest. Check out the individual school sites online, or make an appointment with Mr. Coutu if you need some help. For information on student loans, go to StudentAid BC website at <http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc/welcome.htm> Most institutions begin taking applications in the spring.

VALENTINE'S RAFFLES

On February 9, the draw for the OSS Grad "Champagne & Chocolate Interlude for Two Raffle" was held and the lucky prize winners were as follows: Kirsten McLean won the one-night stay at the Watermark Beach Resort with chocolates, champagne and \$50 gift certificate for the Wine Bar; and Natasha Mitchener won the two-night stay at the Coast Beach Hotel with chocolates, champagne and a \$50 gift certificate to Campo Marina. The OSS Class of 2011 would like to thank all those who supported this raffle. Congratulations to the winners!!

DRY GRAD 2011

The grads of 2011 would like to thank all of the grads and parents who have assisted us in the first five months of our senior year. They are all looking forward to the grad preparations and activities that will be happening in the upcoming months.



2011 SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

We are anticipating a great selection of scholarships and bursaries to be available to students for our 2011 Graduation Ceremony on Saturday, June 11, 2011. A meeting for Grade 12 students (graduates) will be held in February 17 to review the application process for the various awards. To ensure sufficient time for the selection process, completed applications must be received in the school office by Friday, March 4, 2011. Students will be considered for awards only if the required application forms/letters are submitted.



GRAD PHOTOS... Graduation photos are scheduled from Monday, February 14 to Wednesday, February 16. This year, the photographer is encouraging students to bring along items that are significant to them. Needless to say, items must be appropriate for a school picture. See Mrs. Schroeter to book your photo time.

GRADUATION TRANSITIONS

Graduation Transitions is a graduation requirement. While all of the grade 12 students have received information about the Transitions Program, none have yet fulfilled the requirements of the program. A package containing all of the required elements can be accessed through the student's TLC account. Students are expected to complete the required material prior to the end of March. For more information see Mr. Schulting.



WORK HABITS CRITERIA

Below is a summary of the Works Habits criteria we are using to assign a work habit (G, S or N) on the report card. It is our hope that this information gives greater meaning and clarity to the work habits mark on the report card. If your child would like to improve his/her work habits mark, please consult the criteria and focus on areas that need addressing.

CRITERIA FOR WORK HABITS MARKS**G = GOOD**

- responsibility (assignments consistently turned in on time, on time for class, prepared for work)
- leadership and cooperation (consistently works well with teacher and other students)
- motivation (consistently self-motivated, maintains a respectful attitude)
- independence (consistently completes tasks on his/her own)
- participation (consistently involved in class activities)

S = SATISFACTORY

- responsibility (most assignments turned in on time, seldom late, usually prepared to work)
- leadership and cooperation (usually works well with teacher and other students)
- motivation (usually self-motivated, and usually maintains a positive attitude)
- independence (works independently for short periods of time, sometimes needs teacher direction)
- participation (usually becomes involved in class activities)

N = NEEDS IMPROVEMENT

- responsibility (many assignments missing or of poor quality, often late to class, often not prepared to work)
- leadership and cooperation (does not work well with teacher and other students)
- motivation (demonstrates lack of motivation, does not stay on task)
- independence (is not able to complete tasks on his/her own, needs one-on-one direction)
- participation (seldom becomes involved in class activities)

OSS PAC MEETING

A reminder that the February PAC Meeting takes place on Tuesday, February 22 at 7:00 pm in the OSS Library.

2011 PROM**SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2011
WATERMARK BEACH RESORT****MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

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GRADE 8

Principal's List

Prabhjot Brar
 Parveen Chauhan

First Class Honors

Amneet Brar
 Allana Davis
 Jenna Kelly
 Mandeep Sekhon
 Nicholas Silva

Honors

Mathew Najmeh
 Christen Rausch
 Sukh Sidhu
 Jacob Borges
 Connor Hass
 Viveka Jensen
 Cameron Kelm
 Kelsey Loura
 Cailyn Mocci
 Kaiden Moeder
 Toni Petit
 Breanna Yuzik

Vice-Principal's List

Amneet Brar
 Christen Rausch
 Sukh Sidhu
 Prabhjot Brar
 Parveen Chauhan
 Allana Davis
 Viveka Jensen
 Jenna Kelly
 Toni Petit
 Mandeep Sekhon
 Nicholas Silva
 Breanna Yuzik

GRADE 9

Principal's List

Sydney Fernandes
 Catie Gordon
 Lily Lu
 Brynn Pendergraft
 Christyn Zaruk

First Class Honors

Jasmin Bains
 Manheet Brar
 Kristi Gehringer
 Steven Lindsay
 Catrina Sapach
 Courtney Shaw
 Kayla Turnbull

Honors

Justine Chartier
 Eric Diessner
 Nole Dos Santos
 Sarah Duperron
 Tyler Holz
 Blake Loura
 Robin Malcolm
 Nikol Moamar
 Ben Petreny
 Dalton Rose
 Christen Sapach
 Shelby Schroeter
 Sirena Schroeter
 Simran Tejay

Vice-Principal's List

Jasmin Bains
 Manheet Brar
 Sydney Fernandes
 Kristi Gehringer
 Catie Gordon
 Lily Lu
 Brynn Pendergraft
 Courtney Shaw
 Kayla Turnbull
 Christyn Zaruk

GRADE 10

Principal's List

Balpreet Sandhu

First Class Honors

Honors

Ceanna Borges
 Amrit Dhaliwal
 Lucki Mundi
 Helen Powers
 Jenna Riznek
 Raymin Samra
 Jessy Tavares
 Jenna Vieira

Vice-Principal's List

Ceanna Borges
 Amrit Dhaliwal
 Gurvir Gill
 Jenna Riznek
 Balpreet Sandhu

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GRADE 11

Principal's List

Tyson Costa

First Class Honors

Karlene Carvalho
Dylan Holz
Candace Sapach
Tianna Smith
Colten Wimmer

Honors

Randi Ball
Erin Burk
Navjit Gill
Shane Hanna
Larresha Moeder
Sonpreet Mundi
Ivy Myge
Miranda Pendergraft

Vice-Principal's List

Erin Burk
Karlene Carvalho
Tyson Costa
Navjit Gill
Dylan Holz
Nicole Malcolm
Larresha Moeder
Sonpreet Mundi
Miranda Pendergraft
Tianna Smith
Colten Wimmer

GRADE 12

Principal's List

Brock Pendergraft

First Class Honors

Tanner Braithwaite

Honors

Brock Anderson
Ryley Ball
Tanner Braithwaite
Andrea Clarke
Jack Crouch
Connie Diessner
Marina Hiebert
Gursheen Kambo
Brandon Moody
Jane Spencer
Jonathan Spencer

Vice-Principal's List

Veerpal Gill
Gursheen Kambo
Amanda Loura
Brock Pendergraft
Jane Spencer
Vanessa Vieira



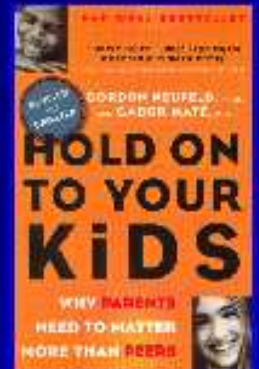
Anxiety and Young Children: Surprising Solutions to a Growing Problem with Dr. Gordon Neufeld

The escalating evidence of anxiety in our children begs for an explanation. Dr. Neufeld, internationally renowned clinical and developmental psychologist and bestselling author (*Hold On To Your Kids*), sheds fresh light on this age-old problem, paving the way for natural interventions that can get to the root causes as opposed to just managing the symptoms.



**February 17, 2011
7pm—9pm**

**Hollywood Rd. Education Centre
1040 Hollywood Rd., Kelowna**



Register at: registration@catchcoalition.ca

For more information on this and other CATCH events, visit the CATCH website at www.catchcoalition.ca or phone (250) 769-3893

THIS FREE PRESENTATION IS INTENDED FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, SOCIAL WORKERS, HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, EDUCATORS, ADMINISTRATORS, CLERGY, AND CHILD CARE PROVIDERS.



***CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE
AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25
(Central Okanagan)



Together We Learn

February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ABCD		1	2	3	4	5
6 CABD	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 BCAD	14 <i>Grad Photos</i>	15 <i>Grad Photos</i>	16 <i>Grad Photos</i>	17 Grad Scholarship and Bursary Meeting	18	19
20 ABCD	21 <i>STUDENT PARLIAMENT SPIRIT WEEK Pj and Crazy Hair Day</i>	22 <i>Business and Jersey Day PAC Meeting 7:00 pm Library</i>	23 <i>Pink Shirt Day</i>	24 Idaho Band Trip <i>Twin Day</i>	25 Sr. Girls and Boys BB Valley Champion- ships <i>Old Sweater Day</i>	26 → →
27 CABD	28					
Idaho Band Trip						