

Ravens Athletics

A new school year has begun and we are continuing to see a growing interest in Ravens Athletics teams in 2010. Sign-up sheets are filling to overflowing and there is an enthusiastic buzz in the air making for a very exciting time. The challenge and discipline, the team work, the leadership, goal-setting, and pursuit of excellence, the opportunity to participate in the wonderful learning experience of competitive sport are all available to those students who take advantage of this opportunity to get involved. If you are interested in joining a school team and would like more information, please see **Mr. Chatha** for assistance. Go RAVENS!

CLUBS AND ATHLETICS AT MACNEILL

Games will be starting next week for most sports! Here are the fall sports teams currently in training:

Bantam girls volleyball
 Juvenile girls volleyball (grade 9)
 Junior girls volleyball (grade 10)
 Senior girls volleyball (grades 11+12)
 Junior boys volleyball (grade 10)
 Senior boys volleyball (grades 11 + 12)



Cross country
 Swim team
 Dance team
 Boys soccer



MacNeill teachers also sponsor clubs such as Drama Club, Eco-POWER Green Team, Raven Review, Raven Readers, Library Club, The Buzz, and the yearbook. There are many things to do at MacNeill!

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Volunteers Club An excellent turnout of volunteers for positions as Library Club monitors has got the library off to a roaring start this year. Training sessions after school and at lunch in the second week of school help volunteers learn the ropes. By volunteering in the library, students learn valuable skills, meet new people and earn service hours. See Ms Phillips in the library for details.

Raven Readers MacNeill's Readers Club shared raves, faves and rejects at their first book club meeting of the 10/11 school year. Our next discussion date is Tuesday, October 12th, at lunch in the library, to discuss *How I Live Now* by Meg Rosoff and *Shadow of the Minotaur* by Alan Gibbons. We share a book-related snack and our reading impressions on the second Tuesday of every month. New members are always welcome. See Ms Phillips in the library for details.

Raven Review Our school newspaper is gearing up for a new season, with an enthusiastic turnout for its first meeting. Student publishers Steven Chang and Andrea Bazon are taking over from last year's excellent leaders, who graduated in June. Applications to join the paper are available from Ms Phillips in the library.

Library Collection Check out the results of our summer book shopping on the displays in the library. New titles range from the *2011 Guinness Book of World Records* to the latest Percy Jackson installment, *The Last Olympian*, to the popular new Novel by Andrew Davidson, *The Gargoyle*.



MacNeill FieldTrip Opportunities 2009/2010

As a Ministry of Education requirement, follows is a list of planned field-trip experiences for this school year. This list is as complete as possible as for October 2010. The intent of this list is to assist you to plan for these special events.

Field Experience.	Teacher.	Date.	Approx. Cost.
Peer Tutors	Ms. Misfeldt	Late Oct/Nov 2010	\$15.00
Gr. 8-12 Bands UBC Chan Ctr.	Mr. Anderson	November 18 2010	\$ 5.00
Provincial Law Courts	Mr. Klose	December 2010	\$ 5.00
Law 12/Gr. 12's Career Fair	Mr. Klose	January 2011	\$10.00
Law 12 Vancouver Police Museum	Mr. Klose	May 2011	\$30.00
Social Studies 11- Legislature Visit	Mr. Klose	May 2011	\$55.00
Physics 11/12: Playland	Mr. Kwan	May 3,2011	\$25.00
Physics 11	Mr. Kwan	TBA	TBA
Planning 10	Mr. Fretz	TBA	\$22.00
Foods 11 & 12 Granville Island	Ms Belonio	April/May 2011	\$15-20
PE 9/10 Lazertag	Mr. Charlton	October 2010	\$55.00
Snow Tubing		January 2011	
Rockclimbing		May 2011	
Go Karting		June 2011	

Take Our Kids To Work Day

TOKW day is Wednesday, November 3, 2010. This year students in Grade 9 will have the opportunity to spend a day at work with you, another family member, or a family friend. The intention is to give students a chance to see what workers actually do on the job site. There will be no classes scheduled for Grade 9's that day, so students will not be missing school work by participating in this opportunity. Students will be bringing home permission forms to be signed by you later this month.

MACNEILL STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Our student council meets every Monday at lunch to talk about and organize many activities and events to promote a positive, fun and inclusive school environment for the entire student body. These include dances, POWER rallies, and theme days. All students are welcome to attend these Monday lunch hour meetings.

The following students make up this year's Students' Council Executive:

Co-Chair: Katrina Nacu & Hussien Mohaidly

Co-Vice Chair: Lydia Choi & Daniel Wang

Secretary: Jennifer Wu & Hilary Tang

Events Coordinator: Dominik Lee & Jennifer Liu

Public Relations: Thilina Ratnayke & Sandy Wai

Grade Reps Grade 8: Jasmine Aldaba

Grade Reps Grade 9: Jeanell Aldaba & Joshua Enns

Grade Reps Grade 10: Cindy Fu, Mae Anne Dimaano And Kenneth Moy

Grade Reps Grade 11: Denzil Muncherji, Nicole Wong, Jaya Dhillon, Tiffany Cheng, Ayesha Ali & Amy Li

Grade Reps Grade 12: Kelsea Farley, Vi Phan, Megan Chuang, Gigi Ip, Pamela Disua and Leo Li

Upcoming Important Dates



Oct. 4-6	Grade 8/9 Outdoor Camp
Oct. 11	Thanksgiving (school closed)
Oct. 13	PAC Meeting (AGM) 7:00 pm
Oct. 15	Photo Retake Day
Oct. 23	Pro D Day (students not in attendance)
Oct. 27	Early dismissal 1:00 pm
Oct. 27	Parent Teacher Conferences 2:00 – 4:00 pm
Oct. 28	Early dismissal 2:00 pm
Oct. 28	Parent Teacher Conferences 3:00 – 5:00 pm & 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Teen2Teen Tutoring

Is your son/daughter struggling in school? Then why not take advantage of MacNeill's Teen2Teen Tutoring Program? Trained Peer Tutors, in grades 10-12, tutor students at the school (before school, at lunch or after school), under the supervision of Ms. Catriona Misfeldt, who will also coordinate the day(s), length and focus for the tutoring sessions. While it is not always possible to find a match,

Ms. Misfeldt will work to find a tutor who has the skills and abilities to tutor your son/daughter in the specific subject requested.

Please contact her at cmisfeldt@sd38.bc.ca if you have questions or would like to enroll your son/daughter in this program. Tutors charge \$10/hour.

World Teachers Day – October 5, 2010

As we celebrate World Teachers Day on October 5, the Board joins with students, parents and our community to recognize that dedicated and highly capable people, and on this occasion particularly teachers, are critical for providing quality education. Through their daily work of leading, coaching, mentoring, illuminating, enabling, encouraging and inspiring, our staff makes a tremendous contribution to sustainable development by building its human foundation - development of a child's capacity and desire to learn.

Today is only one opportunity to celebrate teachers. The best celebration is a practical one, where 365 days a year we show our appreciation and understanding of the noble and complex role that is a teacher.

The Board recognizes how important teachers are and celebrates their hard work and dedication to inspire excellence in learning and to improve the life chances of our children. Teachers, of course, work in partnership with many administrators and support staff in the schools and with parents in the community.

In these difficult economic times the Board especially wants to thank all of our staff and acknowledge that it is through the partnerships and relationships that we are able to achieve such exceptional results and provide the high quality of life and learning experience that our children deserve.

Celebrating excellence in the classroom means celebrating those who inspire, challenge, and influence the future.

Thank you for making Richmond public schools a great place to learn.

Linda McPhail
Chairperson

On Behalf of the Board of Education (Richmond)

Parents are reminded to call the Early Warning number at 604-668-6278 when their child is going to be late or absent.

