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Parent Newsletter – February 2011

This February brings in the “Year of the Rabbit” with the lunar New Year on February 3rd. Schools in Richmond are also beginning to plan and organize for next year’s new school year. MacNeill counsellors: Ms. Kwon, Mrs. Pasin and Mr. Hirayama have been visiting grade 7’s in our catchment schools: Anderson, Cook, Talmey, Tomsett and DeBeck. Our Grade 7 Parent meeting was held on February 1st. Our counsellors will be meeting with our grade 8 through 11 students in the coming weeks for program planning. Students will be asked to share the course selection process and decisions with their parents. There is information to parents about MacNeill program planning and courses in the handbook which can be accessed on-line through the school web-site. Parents are also invited to attend several parent meetings scheduled to be held at the school.

**PROGRAM PLANNING EVENING
FOR GRADE 8 – 11 PARENTS
Wednesday, February 16, 2011
6:45 p.m. at MacNeill School**

Parents of students who are currently at MacNeill in grade 8, 9, 10 and 11 are invited to meet with our counsellors, Ms. Kwon and Mrs. Pasin, who will be addressing program planning, course selection and the graduation program. **For additional information on dates, timlines and events please see the January 2011 newsletter.**

**MacNEILL INCENTIVE OUTDOOR ACADEMY
PARENT INFORMATION MEETING
Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at MacNeill School in Room 260**

This is the third information meeting for parents and students to learn about the Incentive Outdoor Academy. Each year 30 grade 8 students are accepted into the program which continues for three years. After this meeting on Tuesday, February 15, parents and students are invited to attend the Incentive Academy Science Fair, which is being held the same evening from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Incentive Academy classrooms.

Applications forms for the Incentive Academy are available in the school office or at the parent meeting on February 15th. Completed applications are to be submitted to the MacNeill School office on or before Monday, February 25th, 2011.

**MACNEILL PAC MEETING
Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library**

The new provincial Mathematics curriculum is now being implemented in high schools. At this PAC meeting, from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. Ms. Padmanabhan, Mathematics Educational Facilitator at MacNeill, will be making a presentation about the new Math curriculum, its implications at MacNeill, Graduation Program and post-secondary requirements. This is another opportunity for parents to learn about what their child is and will be experiencing. The PAC meeting will follow Ms. Padmanbhan’s presentation.

There will be a District School Planning Council Meeting at MacNeill School on Tuesday, February 8th at 7:00 p.m. MacNeill SPC parents, Alice Wong, Sarosh Muncherji and Carla Kalalo, will be attending this District meeting.

MacNEILL DRY GRAD 2011

The Winter Formal for our Grads of 2011 was held last Friday at Mayfair Lakes. A wonderful time was had by all grade 12s and the 18 MacNeill staff who attended. The grads are working very hard at school and are diligently completing applications for post-secondary placements and scholarships.

The Dry Grad Parent Committee continues to seek your support in helping with the organization and planning for the Dry Grad on June 29th. Important at this time is the need to continue to help with fundraising. Cinema tickets sold briskly and are no longer available. Unfortunately the Pub night had to be cancelled as not enough tickets were sold. We do need parents to help sell **tickets for the “Dream Vacation Raffle”**. **The prize includes a Cruise Vacation of your choice from Capital World Tours. Tickets are \$20.00. Orders for the Dream Vacation Raffle are being taken at the school office.** Help support your Dry Grad Parent Committee. Join the parents at their next meeting.

**RICHMOND DISTRICT CONVENTION
“LIVE LEARN LEAD”
February 11, 2011
Cambie Secondary School
All Schools in Richmond Closed
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

Dance and Theatre News

Footloose and High School High dance competitions are quickly approaching, Feb. 25th & 26th respectively. Pre-sale tickets will be available this month for purchase through dance team members or through **Ms. Mullens**. Ticket prices increase at the door so be sure to buy yours in advance!

Rehearsals for MacNeill Secondary's spring production of Roald Dahl's The Twits, adapted by David Wood are well underway and it's setting up to be an entertaining evening of hilarity and audience participation (don't fret...you won't be asked to leave your seat ;-). Ticket prices are \$8.00 for evening performances (March 16th, 17th, 18th) and \$6.00 for matinees (March 15th & 16th). Look for upcoming ticket sales this month in the lounge at lunch times.



Amica's Adventures

Amica, MacNeill's multicultural friendship club, has been hard at work this year planning activities that celebrate different cultures, friendship and diversity. So far, we have had had our Third Annual International Potluck and enjoyed a delicious variety of food from around the world. We have also had a bake sale fundraiser and hosted a Secret Santa Gift exchange, complete with cookies and hot chocolate. Also, Amica helps MacNeill celebrate Lunar New Year every year by decorating the lounge distributing lucky red pockets filled with chocolate coins.

This month, we are very proud to host Richmond in 3D. This group helps foster communication and acceptance in high schools around Richmond, and MacNeill is honored to have their workshop in our library February 9th.

Amica meets every Friday at lunch in room 221. All students are welcome to help plan future fun activities!

MacNeill Ski/Snowboard Club is off and rippin!!!



With the cold and moist weather systems that have been moving through Vancouver over the past 2 months, the ski season is truly off and running. This year's ski club has signed up for two trips to Cypress Mountain for afternoon & night skiing (Jan 26 & Feb 16) then head away to the beautiful Okanagan Region to ski for a 3 day get-a-way in Kelowna B.C at Big White Mountain in March. Our first adventure to Cypress Mountain on Jan 26th saw the members of the club enjoy a beautiful clear evening of skiing & boarding. Following a 90 minute lesson with trained professionals the students then skied in groups till 9pm. Lots of snow & great visibility allowed for students to have a super opening to their season.

27 members have signed up for this club for the 2011 season, and are really looking forward for the next days of action. This is an awesome club for both beginner & experienced skiers/boarders to improve their skills, enjoy a lifetime winter recreation experience, to make new friends & to have a blast.

With another trip to Cypress coming up, and the highlight for this season (3 days on Big White) still to come—our ski club has lots to look forward to as the winter continues. Let it snow!!!!

Mr. Charlton & Mr. McDowell - Ski Club Co-ordinators

RAVEN ATHLETICS

Fall Sports

Cross Country Running: Coached by **Mr. Thackwray** and **Ms. Hoy** had an excellent showing at the district championships and we had a first place finish at the Junior Girls level.

Swimming: Coached by **Ms. Patterson** had 7 swimmers qualify for the BC Championships in Nanaimo and the Raven did extremely well at the District Championships.

Volleyball: Raven volleyball had an excellent season all around.

Winter Sports

Basketball: All of our teams have qualified for the playoffs and we are hosting the Bantam Boys playoffs the week of Feb. 7-10 and our Bantam Girls, Juvenile Girls, and Juvenile Boys are also in Playoffs that same week at Hugh Boyd, McRoberts and Richmond High. The Bantam Boys recently placed 1st at the Sutherland Secondary Tournament, great job boys!!!

Table Tennis: Has begun and games are scheduled through March, good luck Ravens!!!

Curling: The Girls curling team will be in Playdowns from Feb 10 – 12 in Tswassen, good luck Girls!!!

Badminton: Tryouts will be held soon if you are interested in playing please see, **Mr. Charlton, Mr. Kwan, Mr. Wong or Mr. Chatha**.

Spring Sports to look forward to:

Juvenile & Bantam Boys Volleyball **** Track and Field **** Golf **** Tennis

MacNeill Idol

Thanks to all students who came out to audition for this year's MacNeill Idol! More than 40 MacNeill students showed us their amazing talent this year. The competition was fierce, as was the decision making process! **Congratulations to this year's finalists: Celeste Chamberlain, Ariel Diaz, Nathan Gan, Andrena Liu, Vi Phan and Daniel Zhang!** We can't wait to watch you perform live in front of our entire student body on Thursday, February 10th @ lunch in the large gym...no pressure at all ;) Parents are welcome to attend. Admission: 25 cents (includes a ticket for ONE vote). To the non-finalists, keep up the singing! We hope to see you again next year!

Students' Council will be hosting a dance on Friday, February 18th from 6:00-9:00pm.
Come and check out Black & White Masquerade!

30 Hour Famine

Can you imagine a hand outstretched across the world to a child in need? With World Vision and the 30 Hour Famine you could help be a lifeline for a someone. According to the World Health Organization, every 5 seconds a child under the age of 5 dies of malnutrition or unsanitary conditions. That is someone's son, daughter, brother or sister that they will never see again. The numbers add up, that's 700 kids every hour, 16,00 every day and 6 million a year. We have the power to stop this cycle by raising awareness! This is the generation that can evoke a positive domino effect.

MacNeill holds an annual event where students raise money and awareness for those in developing countries. After the fundraising is said and done, the fun begins for the participants. Students become "Hungry for Change" by fasting for 30 hours. The fun carries on into the night as students may come to a supervised sleepover in the school gymnasium. Games and entertainment such as RockBand continue throughout the night until the 30 hours have been completed! The empty stomachs will be filled with a delicious breakfast which has been donated by various food companies. This event is a great way for students of all ages to bond with their fellow schoolmates because there's nothing like playing Call of Duty or watching a movie until the early hours of the morning with your buddies! This will be a night to remember. The 30 Hour Famine will be held on April 15, 2011.

For more information, you can contact **Megan Chuang** by sending an email to megan-chuang@hotmail.com or talking to the teacher sponsor, **Mr. Henders**. Meetings will be held at lunch in Mr. Henders room on Thursdays.

30. The number of hours it takes to make a difference

1. The number of students it takes to create a change.

Come be a part of the 30 Hour Famine 2011!

See you at the February 24th Richmond School District's Fine Arts Fair!

The Richmond School District in collaboration with Aberdeen Centre, Nova Food and Richmond News presents the 4th Annual Fine Arts Fair! At this showcasing event you will be able to cheer on our Richmond Students in the Fine and Performing Arts! There will be 9 extraordinary performances on the Aberdeen Stage including the Hugh Boyd Secondary Drum Circle, Richmond Secondary Japanese 12 Singers, Steveston-London Secondary Singers, McRoberts Secondary Theatre Troupe, **MacNeill Secondary Junior and Senior Dance Teams**, Richmond Secondary Vocal Jazz Ensemble, and McRoberts Secondary Instrumental Musicians. In addition, Alea Andaya, RichCity Idol Winner 2010 will inspire you with her powerful voice. Don't miss the special appearance by Stephanie Sy, Steveston Secondary Graduate and award winning choreographer, dancer, instructor, and actress. She will be at the Fine Arts Fair to greet her fans, sign a few autographs and perform with her dancers! Furthermore, at the event, you will be invited to check out the creative artwork of our student artists from Steveston-London Secondary and MacNeill Secondary Schools! It promises to be yet another fantastic showcase of Richmond Students at their best!

See you on Thursday February 24th, 4:00-6:30pm
at Aberdeen Centre by the Fountain Stage!

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the 4th Annual Fine Arts Fair!
Thursday February 24, 2011, 4:00-6:30
Aberdeen Centre 4151 Hazelbridge Way (at Cambie Rd)

Student performances at the Aberdeen Fountain Stage:

- 4:00 Fountain Show, Welcome From MC's, Courtesy from Stephanie Sy, Award Winning Choreographer, dancer and actress
- 4:15 Hugh Boyd Secondary Drum Circle
- 4:30 Richmond Secondary Japanese 12 Singers
- 4:45 Steveston-London Secondary Singers
- 5:00 McRoberts Secondary Theatre Troupe
- 5:15 MacNeill Secondary Junior and Senior Dance Teams
- 5:30 Alea Andaya, RichCity Idol Winner 2010
- 5:45 Stephanie Sy and Dancers
- 6:00 Richmond Secondary Vocal Jazz Ensemble
- 6:15 McRoberts Secondary Instrumental Musicians
- 6:30 Closing Remarks

Event Sponsors:

- Richmond News
- Nova Food

Visit with student artists at the MacNeill Secondary and Steveston-London Schools' Arts Exhibits!

Don't miss this year's outstanding Fine Arts Fair! See you on Thursday February 24!

For more information, visit www.sd38.bc.ca

Dates to Remember

Feb. 11 Pro-D – school not in attendance

Mar 9 PAC Meeting

Feb 16 Program Planning Evening

Mar 16 Term 2 Reports sent home

Full day schedule with 3:10 disn

Mar 18 Spring Break – school dismissal @ 2...

May 20 Pro-D – school not in attendance

Important DATE!

For information on **Richmond Apprenticeship Program** opportunities:

see the website:

www.sd38careerprograms.bc.ca

or contact your school Counsellor or Career Information Advisor

Career Centre News

Visit the Career Centre News for complete details: <http://public.sd38.bc.ca/~ccnews>

*Make sure your applications to **BC universities are received by Feb. 28** (Early Admission deadline for most universities) Although some universities accept applications after this date, if you apply early it is to your advantage as you will have a greater variety of courses available to you.

*Arrange to take the TOEFL or LPI if you have not already done so.

***Post-Secondary Institute (PSI) Choices Forms** are available online at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/student/welcome

By completing this form you are giving the Ministry of Education permission to release your marks to the colleges/universities to which you applied. Your marks will be sent electronically in early May and again in early July. If the post secondary /program/institution requires transcripts at an earlier time (such as Emily Carr, BCIT, etc) you must contact the school's office. Interim transcripts cost \$5 each.

UBC STUDENT RECRUITMENT & ADVERTISING OFFICE:

TEL: 604.822.9836

You.ubc.ca Admission requirements, financial support, events and visits in your region, how to apply and how to register for a campus tour.

www.facebook.com/youbc - Join an online community of prospective students and connect with current UBC students

www.twitter.com/youbc - follow UBC and stay up to date on UBC news and happenings

UBC School of Music Audition and Entry Requirements for Sept. 2011 Auditions will be held during March. Information the program, admission and audition requirements and how to apply can be found at: <http://www.music.ubc.ca/programs-and-admissions/undergraduate/bmus-welcome.html>

SFU REGISTRAR and INFORMATION SERVICES

Maggie Benston Centre Tel: 778.7823397

9 am-6 pm, Monday ñ Thursday

10 am ñ 4:30 pm, Friday

KWANTLEN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CLOVERDALE CAMPUS

5500 N 180th Street, Surrey, BC

Faculty of Trades and Technology Open House

4 pm ñ 6:30 pm February 7th, 2011

You are invited to visit the Cloverdale Campus to tour the shops and to speak with the instructors one on one about the content of the programs and ask questions about work in the trades and technologies. Visit: www.kwantlen.ca/trades

Nursing Program: Applications for the Sept. 2011 intake is now closed. Applications for the Jan. 2012 intake will be accepted from **March 1 - 7, 2011**, and an official transcript showing interim grades is required.

BCIT Campus Tours

Tours of the Burnaby Campus for individuals and groups will be offered regularly throughout the year. Tours are lead by Student Ambassadors who will take visitors to a variety of pe-determined campus destinations. These tours are offered 2-3 times per week. Register online at: www.bcit.ca/tours or by calling 604.432-8583

FEBRUARY 2011 SCHOLARSHIP INFO (There are more, check Career Centre News website)

Studentawards.com re-launches scholarship website! - Students create a profile online and are matched with a personalized list of scholarships.. Questions about the new site? email: info@studentawards.com
www.studentawards.com/

FEB. 21 /11 - BC School Trustees' Association Scholarship deadline - Five BCSTA Awards, valued at \$500, are available to students who have demonstrated exemplary citizenship within their school and community and who will be graduating from a BC public school in the 2010-2011 school year. ~Applicants must include a 500-word essay that defines what citizenship means to them, as well as, sponsoring letters from a school official and a community organization. Students may download an application form from the BCSTA website at: ~<http://www.bcsta.org>~. ~For further questions, students may contact the Awards Coordinator, Melanie Jackson, via e-mail: ~mjackson@bcsta.org. ~The completed forms can be mailed or faxed to: ~British Columbia School Trustees Association - 4th floor - 1580 West Broadway, Vancouver, B.C. V6J 5K9 - Tel: ~604-734-2721 ~Fax: ~604-732-4559.

MAR 1/11- Miller Thomson Foundation Scholarship deadline - \$3,000 will be awarded to 100 graduating students planning to enter a Canadian college or university in the Fall. Candidates must have demonstrated a high level of academic achievement, made a positive contribution to their school through involvement in extracurricular activities and have significantly contributed time and energy to community service programs. Applications must be submitted on line. ~For More information contact Lesley Lawson, Executive Director, Phone: ~416-597-4307 or email l.lawson@millerthomson.com. ~To access the application visit website: ~www.millerthomson.com~and click on the link to Miller Thomson Foundation.

MAR 15/11: Trevor Linden Community Spirit (The Canucks for Kids Fund) Scholarship deadline- The Trevor Linden Community Spirit Scholarship recognizes 4 student leaders in the province of British Columbia entering their first year of post secondary education (full time), in good academic standing by awarding \$2,500 to candidates that have made exceptional. ~See the website to learn more about essay required in your application. ~ For more information and to access the application visit: www.canucks.com/scholarship