

Springwood Middle School

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PARENT NEWSLETTER #2

September 18, 2009

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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| Tues., Sept. 22 | Meet The Teacher Night at 7:00 pm |
| Wed., Sept. 23 | Grade 6 Band Instrument Rental Night (7:00 – 8:30) |
| Fri., Sept. 25 | School Planning Day (no students in session) |
| Mon., Oct. 5 | Grade 6 Immunization @ 9:00 am |
| Mon., Oct. 12 | Thanksgiving Day (no students in session) |

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On Meet the Teacher Night and School Teams

Dear Parents /Guardians:

We have just completed our first two weeks of the year and if they are any indication of what is to come we are in for a great 2009/2010. Our meet the teacher evening is next Tuesday @ 7:00 pm. Our Parent Advisory Council will graciously be providing burgers (meat and veggie) and hotdogs, beginning @ 5:30 and ending at 6:30. We look forward to seeing you here that evening. We remind parents that this is an opportunity to be given an overview of your child's year to come and that the night is tight in respect to time. If you would like to talk to your child's teacher in more depth please make arrangements to meet or communicate through e-mail, or their planner.

Although our main focus at SMS remains the education of our young people we also hold a belief that a well-rounded school day is our responsibility. We aspire to provide extra-curricular activities that both support curriculum and provide for positive social experiences for students. One of the best examples of this is our inter-school athletic program. In this endeavor we provide an opportunity for any and all students who desire to play on a school team to have that opportunity. Our first season of play is volleyball with practices beginning this week or next and games starting in the first week of October.



We ask parents to join us in impressing upon their children that they are STUDENT athletes, with the priority being their studies. Incomplete assignments, work not handed in, or poor effort may result in missing out on opportunities to participate.

We appreciate all our parents support in this area and look forward to seeing you at the games. Schedules and permission forms will be coming home with your child over the next few days if they have not already been distributed. If you have any questions regarding teams at SMS please contact your coach or Mr. Brad Davidsen at bdavidsen@sd69.bc.ca. **GO SPRINGBOKS!**

Respectfully,
Brian Nikula (Mr.Nik),
Principal



WELCOME TO THE SMS MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2009 Time: 7:00 pm – 8:30pm



Overview of the Evening:

- Presentation in the gymnasium
- Greetings from Mr. Nikula
- Welcome from the PAC Chairperson
- Introduction of the staff
- Physical Education Presentation
- Parents will follow their child's timetable and have the opportunity to meet the teachers

Purpose of the evening:

- Meet your child's "new" teachers
- Establish a rapport with the teacher
- Be provided information regarding course requirements
- Obtain information about the school and our various school programs.

We look forward to seeing you at this worthwhile event and building a network of support for your child's education.



DINNER ON THE PAC – Come and meet the teachers and have dinner on the PAC. Enjoy a burger or hot dog between 5:30 and 6:30 pm on Tuesday, September 22nd, 2009.



GRADE 6 BAND INSTRUMENT RENTAL NIGHT – On Wednesday evening, September 23rd between 7:00 pm and 8:30 pm the band students and their parents should come to the SMS band room to rent/purchase a band instrument from a Long & McQuade representative. Your child will be bringing home a letter during the first week of school explaining the process of selecting a band instrument and a price list and information about renting/purchasing a band instrument.



SMS RUN CLUB – The new Springwood Middle School Run Club will be on Mondays right after school in most weather conditions. All ages and levels are encouraged to join. Come next Monday and check it out. It will be done as a drop in format, so just come when you can.

VOLLEYBALL – The following is a schedule for the grade 6 – 8 volleyball teams. It will also be posted on our website for your information. The practice schedule and expectation criteria for each team will have been handed out to the team members already. Please see your coach if you have any questions or concerns.



| TUESDAY GAMES | | | | THURSDAY GAMES | | | |
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| DATE | GR.8 GIRLS | GR.8 BOYS | GR.6 BOYS | DATE | GR.7 GIRLS | GR.7 BOYS | GR.6 GIRLS |
| Oct. 6 | @ QBMS | @ OMS | @ SMS | Oct. 8 | @ SMS | @ QBMS | @ OMS |
| Oct. 13 | @ SMS | @ QBMS | @ OMS | Oct. 15 | @ OMS | @ SMS | @ QBMS |
| Oct. 20 | @ OMS | @ SMS | @ QBMS | Oct. 29 | @ QBMS | @ OMS | @ SMS |
| Oct. 27 | @ QBMS | @ OMS | @ SMS | Nov. 5 | @ SMS | @ QBMS | @ OMS |
| Nov. 3 | @ SMS | @ QBMS | @ OMS | Nov. 12 | @ OMS | @ SMS | @ QBMS |
| Nov. 10 | @ OMS | @ SMS | @ QBMS | Nov. 19 | @ QBMS | @ OMS | @ SMS |

- Please note that Oct. 22 is a Reporting Day for OMS



RECYCLE FOR EDUCATION – SMS is registered with Staples Business Depot's Recycle for Education program. A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the recycle for education program last year. In May of 2009 our school received a gift card from Staples for **\$344.00** to put towards supplies for our school because of your efforts. Please bring in your used computer ink and toner cartridges for recycling. There will be a box at the front of the school to drop them off.

HEPATITIS B, MENINGOCOCCAL C, VARICELLA and HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS IMMUNIZATIONS – Grade 6 students will receive the first of two Hepatitis B immunizations on the morning of Monday, October 5th, starting at 9:00 a.m., an immunization for Meningococcal C, Varicella (Chickenpox) and Human Papillomavirus for girls only. Immunization cards have been sent home with all students, 1 for boys and 2 for girls. Please return the **Consent forms**, to your child's teacher before Tuesday, September 22nd. If you have any questions, please call the school's public health nurse, **Christine Urquhart**, at 248-2044.

VERIFICATION SHEETS - Students brought home this sheet to gather information. Please update/complete, sign the sheet and return it to the school as soon as possible to help us update our records. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated. Thank you!



ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES – Please phone the school in the morning if your child will be late or absent.

UPDATED BUSSING INFORMATION - Thank you to all the parents who have made application for bus passes for their children. The goal was to have all applications in by September 11, 2009 and to first assign seats for all the eligible riders. Once that was done, remaining available seats would be assigned to courtesy riders and those parents/guardians would be contacted, informing them of their eligibility. The intent was to have this process completed by September 18th. As most applications have been made in the last week and to ensure the information is correct and children are properly accommodated, the process should now be completed by September 25th. **PARENTS/GUARDIANS WILL BE CONTACTED DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21 – 25, 2009 IF THERE IS A COURTESY PASS AVAILABLE FOR THEIR CHILD. PASSES WILL BE ISSUED UPON PAYMENT. ALL STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW THEIR PASS TO THE DRIVER, STARTING SEPTEMBER 28, 2009.**



SMS WEBSITE - Please visit our website www.sms.sd69.bc.ca to read about upcoming school events and **subscribe to our newsletter mailing list.**

COMMUNITY NEWS (THIS SECTION WILL INCLUDE ONLY NON-PROFIT AND VOLUNTEER ADVERTISING)

Check the Community News and Events link (second tab on the left side) of the School District website. www.sd69.bc.ca You can also access this from the same location on our school website at www.sms.sd69.bc.ca.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK – This year Oct. 4 – 10, 2009 is Fire Prevention Week. Parksville Fire Department is having their annual Open House on Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. There will be refreshments, apparatus and equipment displays, as well as demonstrations for the public. For more information, please contact Assistant Fire Chief, Tyrone Heigh, at 250-954-3071.

MUSICAL and DRAMATIC THEATRE – Classes for ages 7 to 13 will be held Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:30 pm beginning on October 7th. For information contact tstavroff@shaw.ca or 250-752-9867.

OCEANSIDE MINOR HOCKEY – It's not too late to register for hockey for the 2009-2010 season. Registration packages can be picked up at Sports Traders or Oceanside Place. For more information, please visit our website at www.oceansidehockey.com or e-mail leslieklassen@shaw.ca.

OCEANSIDE NAVY LEAGUE CADETS (ages 9 – 12) and SEA CADETS (ages 12 – 18) – Fun, Adventure and a Challenge – Drill team, first aid team, corps of drums, guard, outdoor adventure training, sailing and on the water training, sports, making new friends, be a part of a team, leadership and much more. Navy League Cadets meet every Monday from 6:15 pm – 8:45 pm and Sea Cadets meet every Wednesday from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm at Parksville Elementary School. For more information contact the Oceanside Navy League Office at 250-248-2677.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR CADETS – Ongoing registration every Tuesday beginning September 15, 2009 at Oceanside Middle School from 6:15 pm to 9:00 pm. For more information contact: CO Capt. J. Cloke 250-716-9149 or Capt. E. Reid 250-752-5382 or CI L. Farrell 250-468-1448.

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