

Bowden Grandview School

December 15, 2011.

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School Success

As the calendar year pulls to an end, it is time to recognize the excellent work our staff and students have been doing in the first part of our school year. This excellence ranges from hard work on academics that students are demonstrating in the classroom and the quality program delivery by our teachers and educational assistants, to the social mindedness of our students, such as those who took part in the Vow of Silence last week (many will have seen the picture of Ayleena Wick in the Province this week, and the article to go along with it). Our volleyball season wound up with the teams representing Bowden well; we are now into basketball and look forward to some great games. Well done everyone, and keep up the excellent work.

EXAM Schedule

Semester 1 exams are coming up quickly for the 30 level diploma classes. Please make note of the following

dates if your child is in any of the following grade 12 classes:

January 12: Social Studies 30 -1 & 30-2, Part A

January 20: Social Studies 30 -1 & 30-2, Part B

January 25: Pure & Applied Math 30

January 26: Chemistry 30

January 31: Semester break

Donations and Sponsorships

Once again I would like to present the opportunity to community members and businesses for donation and sponsorship of items to the school. Last month I put out my feelers for items that may be available in the community and that could benefit the school and that individuals and businesses may be willing to sponsor. This month, we have added a section to the newsletter that recognizes and thanks our sponsors for what they have done to benefit our great school.


In the same vein, I would like to once again put

out the request for a sea-can of any size to add as a storage facility at the back of the school, along with someone who can deliver the sea-can. We are nearing the crunch point with the change in semesters where we will need the garage for our shop classes, and which is currently stuffed to the brim with desks. If you have a line on one of these, please contact me at the school number.


Merry Xmas

With fewer than two weeks left before Christmas, spirits are rising in anticipation of the coming holidays. Staff are making plans for the events of the afternoon on the last day of classes, and Ms. Lentz and helpers are working hard at putting the Christmas concert together for the evening of the 20th.

On behalf of the staff of Bowden Grandview School, I would like to extend a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of our students and their families. Happy holidays to all.



Christmas Concert
December 20th @
7:00pm. Students
please be in your
classrooms by
6:40pm



Thank you to the following sponsors and donors:

- ◆ Dakota Comforts & Designs
- ◆ A Gallery of Floors

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the staff of Bowden Grandview School





SR HIGH VOLLEYBALL



The senior girls volleyball team had a great year! The season, unfortunately, ended sooner than we had hoped, but the girls and coaches definitely had a lot of fun!

We entered two tournaments this season, one in Olds and another one in Rimbey where we stayed over. The girls represented our school very well and continued to smile even when the ball landed on the wrong side of the court.

Thank you to all the girls for their hard work and dedication throughout the season. The Sr. Girls are: Kendra Reimert, Elo-rah Robertson, Kathleen Teuling, Kayla Pineau, Stephanie Baiko, Iris Bottenberg, Marta Grove, Courtney Houchin, Melissa Anderson, Courtney Ryrrie, Chelsey Jasper, Shaelynn Houchin, Tamika Robertson, Judith Korber and Haruka Hori.

A special thank you to Mrs. Anderson for being our manager and keeping us all organized and going in the right direction. Also, thank you to the parents who helped us to travel to all our different locations and then stayed and cheered us on! We couldn't have done it without you!

Thank you as well to Mr. Watson for keeping us informed with the league information throughout the season.

Thanks again for a great season and for allowing me to be part of it! Karen Fagan

JR HIGH VOLLEYBALL



To the Jr. High volley ball team of 2011. What a great season, you all have done an amazing job this year and you should be very proud of yourself and the team work and bonds you have all developed. Kayla Morton, Kia Seely, Alana Meyn, Brittany Houchin, Blaire Bradshaw, Danielle Brooks, Jordan Storvik, Kim Dixon, Shae Berreth, Lotte Bottenberg, Cheyenne Cocke, Mackenzie MacGonigill, and Sophie Graff. Congrats again on a great season. Hope to see you all back on the court again next year! Merry Christmas! Tammy Cocke



Grad Fundraiser

The Grads will be having a bake sale at the Elementary Christmas Concert December 20th

Grade 6 Fundraiser

The Grade 6 class is having a bottle drop off on Saturday, January 7 to raise money to go to Camp Evergreen. Please bring your bottles to school between 10:00 and 11:00

Grade 8 Renaissance Faire

December 20th in the wellness room with viewing from 10:00-11:15 and 12:30-1:30. Join us to discover how the European Renaissance changed the course of history and laid the foundations for the modern world!

Grecian Odyssey!

Get out of the classroom and experience firsthand the people and places you've learned about. Experience history amid the ancient ruins of Greece!

The Greece Odyssey Educational Tour will occur in April 2013. Contact Mrs. Sinclair for more information. Watch for an upcoming information meeting.





Bowden School of Dance bottle drive will be held January 4th & 5th, if you have any early donations we will pick it up. Please call any dancer or Alicia Heit at 403-224-3737 or 403-392-0368.

Our **Winter Recital** and **Chili Supper** fundraiser will be Saturday, January 28th from 2pm-6pm, please come out and watch the kids and have some good food after.



Friends of Bowden Grandview

On behalf of F.O.G. I would like to extend a huge thank you to all that donated and participated in the Little Shoppers that was held Dec 1st and 2nd. It was a huge success. The kids really enjoyed picking out gifts for other people. We raised \$377.40 for the breakfast program. Once again to all that donated, wrapped, and helped out. A huge thank you to Mrs. Rankin for letting us use the library.

Cookie dough and muffin dough orders went home this month. Unfortunately I don't have the final tally, but I will have for the New Year. The amount is over \$2300.00. A huge thank you to all that participated. A huge thank you goes once again to Mrs. Rankin for letting us use the library. Also a huge thank you to all those who unloaded, sorted, and handed out; especially Kim Rude, Shannon Belton, Alicia Heit, and Barb Chopko, Tyler Rude, and Rebecca Heit.

Our next meeting will be on February 15, 2012 in the school library at 6:15 pm. For any other information contact Carla Sparks @ 403-224-2907.



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INTERACT

Our Interact group has now in its fourth year of operation. We currently have 30 members in grades 7 to 12. During the past month the students wrapped up our Sumo Challenge which was fun for all involved and raised money and food for the Innisfail foodbank. During Bully Awareness Week, Taylor Bennett chaired our committee which had a couple of guest speakers in Junior High Classes on Bullying Prevention, a day where students dressed in pink to show support that you shouldn't get bullied for what you wear and a Chains of Kindness Challenge which was won by Grade 5 with 134 chains in just 2 weeks. We recently helped support Ayleena Wick with her Vow of Silence Project in support of Free the Children's annual fundraising and awareness-raising campaign that engages participants to stand up for children who are being silenced by poverty and exploitation. 58 of our students made a great

attempt at 24 hours of silence and some of them made it through the entire time without speaking a word! Wylie Ness recently attended Adventures in Agriculture in Saskatchewan which was once again sponsored by the Innisfail Rotary. He had a great time, learned a lot and represented our school well.

Our Christmas projects are well underway. We collected 40 shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse from Bowden Grandview School. Ms. Sinclair's class collected the most with 8. All students who participated should be proud of their ability to think of others during this time of year. In addition, our door decorating contest is well underway and the Christmas Spirit (and the spirit of competition) is quite strong this year. The Silent Santa program in our community has also asked us to help collect donations, so we have placed collection boxes in all of the classrooms.



Our club continues to meet on Tuesdays at lunch and Randy McDonald comes occasionally to provide information and support. Each meeting is an excellent opportunity to share ideas for future events, plan, reflect and learn about upcoming opportunities such as leadership trips and scholarships. Non-members are welcome to apply for Rotary sponsored events and may choose to attend meetings or speak with Ms. Routhier to stay informed. We have tentatively scheduled the date for the **Variety Show** to be February 28, 2012, so check your calendars. We try to present this information far in advance so that students can prepare. Some ideas that students might be interested in are airband, magic tricks, comedy, dance, karaoke, martial arts demonstrations, playing an instrument and skits.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Our division has paid to have all students in grades 9-12 able to access a powerful new program called "my blueprint". To get started, simply go to the website www.myblueprint.ca. There will be a blue box on the left side that asks for an activation key. Type bowden with no capitals. Enter the grade that you are in. The next screen will prompt you to enter your email address and a password that you will **remember**.

Once you are registered, you can:

- Complete an Interest survey for career planning (Click on Explorations)
- Set Goals

Complete the High School Planner. This is the most important step. Once you've entered the courses that you've completed or enrolled in, it will remind you what classes you still need to graduate and suggest some possible college or university programs. At this point, you will be able to compare programs at different schools as to how long they take, how much they will cost and whatever benefits that school has to offer. All Alberta schools are in this software from 2 month programs to 7 year programs. It is simple to use and very powerful.

Please work through this with your students and revisit their profile to update it at least twice a year (at the end of each semester). Grade 12s were introduced to this on the first day of school, but are welcome to come see me if they have any issues.

POST-SECONDARY OPPORTUNITIES EVENT JANUARY 20TH 10:15—12:20

All high school students and their parents are encouraged to come to this information session at the school where we will be discussing local and provincial scholarships and providing more application forms. We will be demonstrating the ALIS website, but you are encouraged to explore it ahead of time as it is quite user friendly. On this site: www.ALIS.gov.ab.ca you can get your student number, apply for transcripts, student

loans, and scholarships, explore all Canadian Post-secondary schools, apply for a trade, and look at the transferability of programs; among many other things. We will have guest presenters from **Red Deer College, Olds College, Concordia, UofA, Augustana, Lethbridge College, SAIT, and UofC** who will be available for questions and will demonstrate the application procedure for many other scholarships. It is vital that all

high school students and interested **parents** attend this informative event. Students will be taken during block 2 to hear the presentations. Grade 12s will come as soon as they are finished their Social Diploma. Many have already decided where they will attend, but should still come to see if they have any further questions about scholarships and residence.



Grad meeting

There is a grad parent-meeting on January 12 @ 7:00pm in the Bowden School Library. For more information please contact Ms. MacEachern or Mrs. Hannett @ 403-224-3422

ATTENTION MOMS WITH PRESCHOOL CHILDREN—YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED!

There will be a meeting for moms with preschool children at the Lions Hall in Bowden on January 19th at 9 am. Come and tell us what services and activities you would like to see offered for both moms and preschool children in Bowden. If you would like further information please contact Corrie Monk, Bowden FCSS at 403.224.2207 or Gaye Grenier, Family School Wellness at 403.224.2264.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

A Boys & Girls Club will be starting in Bowden in February 2012. Look for more information in the January Newsletter.

PEER MENTORING



Bowden Grandview School has again partnered with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Innisfail to offer peer mentoring. Every Monday high school students spend their lunch period with a younger elementary student. This year we currently have 17 matches. A big thank you to our high school students as well as Teresa Ainscough from Big Brothers Big Sisters. Anyone who is still interested in becoming a peer mentor should contact Ms. Routhier or Ms. Grenier for an application form.



Student Council is hosting a dance for grades 7-12 on Friday, January 6th from 7-11 pm.



A big thank you to the Bowden Reddi Mart for their generous donation to the Tools for Schools program.

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3	4	5 <i>Day 1</i>	6 <i>Day 2</i> <i>School Dance</i>	7
8	9 <i>Day 3</i>	10 <i>Day 4</i>	11 <i>Day 1</i>	12 <i>Day 2</i> <i>DIP SS 30-1 & 30-2 Part A</i>	13 <i>Day 3</i> <i>Robbie Burns Day</i>	14
15	16 <i>Day 4</i>	17 <i>Day 1</i>	18 <i>Day 2</i>	19 <i>Day 3</i>	20 <i>Day 4</i> <i>DIP SS 30-1 & 30-2 Part B</i>	21
22	23 <i>Day 1</i>	24 <i>Day 2</i>	25 <i>Day 3</i> <i>DIP Math 30(P&A)</i>	26 <i>Day 4</i> <i>DIP Chemistry 30</i>	27 <i>Day 1</i>	28
29	30 <i>Day 2</i>	31 <i>Semester Break</i>				