



This Week in the Dog House



<http://belmont.sd62.bc.ca/>

October 10th, 2016

Thank you Belmont and the City of Langford!
We raised \$1648.35 for the Tour de Rock campaign with our donation BBQ during the "pit stop" last Wednesday.

The Senior Girls Volleyball Team continued their impressive string of tournament victories, this last weekend going undefeated to win the Camosun College Tournament. The girls defeated Seaquam of Surrey in the semifinals and then Mt. Doug in a thrilling final. Miranda Cyr and Gracie May were named all-stars, while Savannah Purdy was named MVP. With this tournament win Belmont has pulled off the "triple crown" of winning the UBC, VIU and Camosun tournaments. Way to represent ladies

Check out the information about the Wellness Centre at Belmont(WC@B) at this link off of our website:

<http://belmont.web.sd62.bc.ca/nlc/wellness-centre-at-belmont/>

Here is something new. Mindfulness for Students at lunch on Wednesday in the WC@B
More information coming in TAG this week

MONDAY, October 10th

- Thanksgiving (school not in session)

TUESDAY, October 11th

- Belmont Cheer Team practice @ 3:30 pm
- Staff mtg. @ 3:40 pm in the Lecture Theatre
- Swim Team meet @ YMCA 3:45 - 4:45 pm

WEDNESDAY, October 12th

- Belmont Cheer Team practice @ 3:30 pm
- Lakeside Café will be offering food choices on Wednesdays at lunch. Today is cheesy Nachos, fudgy brownies.
- Mindfulness for students at lunch
- SPEAC Event on "Resilient & Flourishing Kids" at Belmont 7:00 - 8:30 pm

• Post-Secondary application & scholarship prep

THURSDAY, October 13th

- Belmont GSA meet at lunch in Room A205
- Swim Team meet @ YMCA 3:45 - 4:45 pm

FRIDAY, October 14th

- ABCD - just like last Friday. ☺

We are looking for photos to be included in a **Belmont historical timeline project**. If any parents or grandparents have interesting pictures that capture a memorable or interesting school event, we'd love to see them (you could either email them to ccullen@sd62.ca or drop them off at the office and we would scan them and return them to you). All photos are welcome, but in particular, this coming week we are hoping to locate photos of Belmont's early years, including its initial 1946-47 year at the Albert Head annex, as well as the two mosaics created by Nancy Adams' yearbook class that used to be in the former Belmont hallway beside the library.

Girls basketball drop ins are starting this Friday from 230-4 for all grades. All girls interested in playing basketball are encouraged to attend. Please see Mr Walushka in the PE office and sign up for girls basketball this year.

The senior boys volleyball team participated in the VIU Tournament this weekend taking sets off of Uculet, Parklands, and Timberline. The boys played the number 4 ranked Dover bay extremely tough, and lost to Royal bay in the round of 16. Their next action is weds night at Royal bay starting at 6pm.



Congratulations to the winners Cynea Londsdales first place, Hailey Allden second place and Chiara Pastusiak third place, in the first Fantasy Cosmetology Competition at Belmont Secondary School. All the participants did an outstanding job in just over four weeks of instruction. It was difficult for the judges to choose the winners

Hey Belmontonians, we are getting ready to start intramurals. The first sport soccer and games will be played Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch in our gym. Please put your name forward and we will make the teams balance by grade, gender etc. You can sign up by going to the gym and placing your name on one of the three bulletin board sign-up sheets. Once we have all the names, we will make the teams and schedule and have fun!!

Grade 11's & 12's - PLANNING 10 is still **REQUIRED TO GRADUATE**. If you know you haven't completed the course yet, please see Miss Rachael in room B210 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. It is a simple online course you can do on your own time, but you will need help to get signed up.

Coming Soon in September...

- Oct 15 - Drum Line Retreat @ Belmont
- Oct 18 - Picture Retake Day with Lifetouch
- Oct 20 - BC Shake Out @ 10:20 am
- Oct 21 - Pro-D (school not in session)
- Oct 24 - 28 - Spirit Week
- Oct 24 - BC PSI 9:00 - 11:00 am
- Oct 29 - Concert Band Retreat Day @ BSS
- Oct 31 - Halloween
- Oct 31 - MyEd Open for Mark Entry
- Nov 1 - PAC mtg. @ 7:00 pm in Learning Commons
- Nov 1 - PROM meeting at 8pm after the PAC meeting - all grade 12 parents welcome
- Nov 1 - Dept. Head mtg. @ 3:40 pm
- Nov 1 - Movember/Clothing Drive Starts
- Nov 2 - Take Our Kids to Work for Gr. 9's
- Nov 3 - WE Day
- Nov 4 - End of Term 1/Hot Chocolate Day
- Nov 5 - Soldier for a Day
- Nov 8 - Staff mtg. @ 3:40 pm in Theatre
- Nov 9 - SPEAC Event on "Sex & Drugs" at Belmont 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- Nov 10 - Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov 10 - All marks due 9:00 am/Verifications in mailbox
- Nov 11 - Remembrance Day (school not in session)
- Nov 14 - All corrections complete by 9:00 am
- Nov 14 - Report Cards printed
- Nov 14 - 15 - Comox Valley Music Festival
- Nov 16 - Belmont Family Super PAC mtg.
- Nov 16 - Report Cards distributed during TAG
- Nov 17 - "Indie" Night (poetry, music, dance, visual arts, etc.)
- Nov 21 - Dec 2 - Grad Portraits in the Learning Commons 8:30 am - 9:00 pm
- Nov 24 - 3 hr. early dismissal Learning Conferences
- Nov 25 - Pro-D (school not in session)
- Nov 30 - Movember Assembly/Clothing drive ends
- Dec 1 - Rafiki Sale starts
- Dec 1 - 12 Days of Christmas Starts

Grade 12s, Don't forget to check the scholarship weebly for updates. The applications for the Loren Scholarship are due Wednesday. <http://belmontscholarship.weebly.com/home.html>

Our launch of information sessions for learning more about Post-Secondary opportunities. We will have a series of information evenings coming in October for parents and students to attend. Please check out the attachment: **6.0 Learning more about Post-Secondary opportunities**

All events from 6:30 to 8pm and hosted in the Belmont Theatre:

- Wednesday, October 12th: post-secondary application and scholarship prep
- Wednesday, October 19th: UVic admission and program planning
- Wednesday, October 26th: Camosun admission and program planning

Who let the dogs out? Want to be featured in the yearbook with your bulldog? This year we have a section called "Belmont Bulldogs" that feature literal bulldogs that students own and love. Send us a picture of you and your pet and you'll have your own place in Belmont history!

There will be a **Scholarship 12DL** Course meeting this Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at lunch in Mr. Feser's room A207. If you cannot attend at this time please see Mr. Feser at your convenience. The course will focus on post-secondary options, scholarship opportunities, as well as educational budgeting.

Our **Elder in residence program** will starting again in October and running through until the end of May. **Elder Henry Chipps** will be here on Mondays and is available to present in our classes on a number of topics. Staff keep your eyes open for a bio and more info about the programming in your mail box next week!

In.Business

Are you an Aboriginal youth interested in creating your own business? **In.Business** teaches Indigenous youth in grades 10 to 12 the foundations of business by teaming you up with an Indigenous business mentor. During the school year, you will work on bi-weekly business challenges using social media and mobile technology and are required to attend two completely funded weekend conferences at Vancouver Island University (incl. travel, food & accommodations). More information can be found in the Career Centre or talk to Natasha Burke. An information session will be held Oct 18 or 19th.

Belmont Secondary has had a long history of supporting the Big Brothers Big Sisters Teen Mentor program. Students who are between 15-18 years old, and have one hour per week, during the school day, available to volunteer to this program are invited to apply. To find out more information, and to obtain an application package, please see Ms. Handy in the counselling suite or Mr. Morrison in the Library. It's a fabulous opportunity to make a real difference in a little person's life

Imaging Possibilities Conference

This one day conference is for female students 15-24 years old who are interested, taking charge of their own future. 15 dynamite workshops will be offered from Reaching Your Dreams with SMART Goals, Personality Power, Job Search Boot camp, Healthy Relationships,

- Dec 6 - Dept. Head mtg. @ 3:40 pm Learning Commons
- Dec 7 - 10,000 Tonight
- Dec 8 - Winter Concert in Learning Commons & Theatre @ 7:00 pm
- Dec 12 - 16 - Christmas Spirit Week
- Dec 13 - 15 - Bake for Change
- Dec 13 - Staff mtg. @ 3:40 pm Theatre
- Dec 14 - Winter Formal @ Westin Bear Mountain Resort
- Dec 16 - Santa's Breakfast in Social Commons
- Dec 19 - Jan 2 - Winter Vacation

Did you know? We give away free toast to anyone who wants it every day before school. This is operated by students who care!

Are you interested in participating in an intense week of hands-on **firefighting and rescue training** on Pender Island from March 20 to 25, 2017? This unique boot camp will help you build your confidence, strength and team work skills while being immersed in firefighting and rescue techniques. You must be 16-18 years old. Admission fee is \$200. Come to the Career Centre for more information and an application.

Are you considering a career in Aviation and Design? Mt. Doug Secondary School is offering an Aviation and Design Program second semester from February to June 2017. Students will receive 16 high school credits as well as achieve Transport Canada Ground School Certification, Co-Pilot Three Fights and work with local aviation and design employers. For more information and an application package please see the Career Centre or go to <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/programs/careers-and-transitions/aviation-design/> for information.

The Real World of Money, etc. The Live your Dreams Show will give students a chance to speak with 50 women in all walks of life about what they do and how they got there. This free conference is on Monday October 26, 2016 from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm and is presented by Soroptimist Club. Pick up field trip permission forms and a conference description from the Career Centre. Space is limited to 30 students on a 'first come first served' basis.

Belmont is participating in "Bring an MP to school day". Honorable Alistair MacGregor is booked at Belmont all day on November 9th. We will arrange a series of opportunities for our classes to learn more about our democracy with this opportunity.

Soldier for a Day

For those students interested in a little challenge and fun, the 39 Canadian Brigade Group is hosting a Soldier for a Day program on November 5, 2016. This program is an introduction to the role of the Canadian Armed forces -Army Reserve both here in Canada and around the world. See Mrs. Hyde in the Career Centre to sign up, pick up an application form and more information.

For a list of **volunteer opportunities**, please see <http://bssccareercentre.weebly.com/volunteer.html>