

THE FINE ARTS NEWSLETTER

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music dance theatre visual art



Greetings from the Belmont Music Dpt.

The **Belmont Music Department** has jumped straight into things this fall. Ensembles and student combos alike have hit the ground running in preparation for a full calendar of events.

The annual fall icebreaker, “**Meet the BMD**” was enjoyed by members of all grades. Games were played, dance routines learned (thanks to student dance volunteers!), and a fantastic family barbecue ended the evening. Our instrumentalists in Concert Band and Drum Line have had day-long retreats (one each!) including guest directors to perform clinics, bonding activities, and the highlight: pizza. The Drumline had their first public gig playing for the Westshore Rebels Football team in October. They have been invited back to welcome the fans at Westhills Stadium during the Rebels’ National Championship Game on Saturday November 12th.

Concert Band and Concert Choir members are putting the final polish to repertoire in preparation for their fast-approaching two-day trip to the **Comox**

Valley Music Festival. Schools from around the island will participate in this event to share a love of music and gain valuable insight and advice from esteemed music directors. The BMD is looking forward to supporting our Royal Bay counterparts (& sharing a hotel).

As is Belmont tradition, the BMD will host our **Winter Concert at 7:00 pm on Thursday, December 8th.** All ensembles will be performing, in addition to student combos and solos. Following the successful format of last year’s Spring Concert, the Winter Concert will be held in two locations in order to highlight the nature of our variety of performers and showcase the versatility of some of the wonderful learning spaces in our new school. Admission is by donation and seating is limited, so come early!



The **Advanced Dance** classes have been working hard preparing for our performance in the **Santa’s Lights Parade November 26th**. We are excited to get in our new dance swag. You are sure to see dancers walking around in their new BELMONT DANCE jackets.

The **Dance Performance** class has completed their Jazz and Lyrical unit and is

currently working on Hip-hop. All dancers are getting ramped up for our semester end performance Jan 20st and Jan 21st.

Visual Arts Department

Teachers: Ruth Bain, Claudia Pampin and student teacher Dylan Moore (practicum Oct. 9th –December2nd).



STUDENTS ENJOYED WORKING FROM BOTH A STILL-LIFE AND A LIVE MODEL UNDER THE DIRECTION OF STUDENT TEACHER Dylan Moore. Drawing by Chris Herbert



STILL-LIFE DRAWING BY Bellen Wang

Two shows have gone up in the Belmont Bistro gallery display area: **ANIMALS AND**

BIRDS (Pen and ink drawings) and **SEASCAPES** (acrylic paintings) by Ms. Bain's Drawing/Painting 12 and Art Foundations 11/12 students respectively.



SEASCAPE by Shae-Leigh Curtis



Lucas Day



Jadyn Brown

Also students and staff have enjoyed an art display of work on display boards of surrealist drawings by students of Claudia Pampin and so to come a display of work by Dylan Moore's students.

The Belmont Film & Television Program



The Belmont Film & Television Program has hit the ground running: Students are currently engaged in creating a number of their own film projects... and, yes ☺ we are planning a **BELMONT STUDENT WORKS FILM FESTIVAL** in the Theatre in February, 2017. mid-December. We will keep you posted!

The Belmont Theatre Program



The Belmont Theatre Program is currently developing a Junior student production entitled **“The Romeo and Juliet Project”**, a series of playful interpretations on Shakespeare’s well known classic. This original production is written, directed and produced by students. We are aiming for a week long production in mid-December. We will keep you posted!

Belmont Improv Group



Meets every Wednesday in the Belmont Theatre. Student leadership has been exceptional in regards to building up the Improv Troup. Special appreciation goes out to Ev Braybrook who is spearheading the student-led troupe.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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