



WINCHELSEA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Winchelsea Open House

Meet the Teacher Night – Wednesday, Sept 23rd

School Planning Day on Friday, Sept 25th – Classes Not in Session

It's "Meet the Teacher" night and everyone is welcome to come and visit your child(ren's) classroom and tour the school from **6:00 – 7:00 pm**. Please remember that this is a social evening where general program items will be presented, if you wish to discuss your child's progress with their teacher, please make an appointment.

PAC invites you to please join them for **Winchelsea PAC's Open House BBQ**, prior to the Open House from **5:00 - 6:00 pm**. Come enjoy a free hot dog or slice of pizza and a drink and a snack with other Winchelsea families before meeting your child's Teacher.

Student Information Verification From

These forms are being sent home today. Please check to ensure that the information is correct, update as necessary, sign the sheets, and return them to the school. This is very important information, so please make sure the forms are returned to the school as soon as possible. **To ensure accurate records, and as part of our emergency plan, your attention to this matter is crucial.** Thank you in advance for promptly returning these forms.

There are a few tricky questions on this form on page 1 & 2:

Page 1 – Question: **Parental Authority for School Journeys?**

This item is not relevant to our School. We send home parental permission forms for school field trips and activities.

Page 2 - Question: **Release of student data outside of the district Y or N?** This refers to releasing your phone number to the PAC or photos/name in the media. If you allow PAC to contact you through a phone tree or your child's photo to be published in a school newsletter or the local newspaper, please check Y. If you do not want either please enter N. If your answer is N to only one choice please indicate which in the area beside the choice.

Page 2 - Question: **Emergency closure?**

We always call parents at home or work first- if you would like us to do differently, then please mark accordingly.

Tour de Rock – Cops for Cancer 12 day bike ride

On **Thursday, Sept 24th** the Tour de Rock will be stopping in for a short visit with our students. There will be a donation jar available in the school office for students to drop off a donation to this great cause.

The riders will be stopping by at approximately 2:15 pm that day and parents are more than welcome to come and listen to their presentation.



Updated Bussing Information – from School District 69

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.

Remembrance Day Choir

The Remembrance Day Choir will begin practicing on **Wed, Sept 30th @ 8:30 am** in the music room. This choir is open to Gr 4 & 5 students only. The Christmas Choir will be open for Gr 2-5 students and will start practicing once Remembrance Day has passed.

Criminal Record Checks

The School District requires Criminal Record Checks for all parents/guardians/community members wishing to act as a school volunteer. If you have previously had a Criminal Record Check completed for Winchelsea Elementary School, the RCMP has informed us that a new form is not required. All new volunteers must go to the Oceanside RCMP Detachment in Parksville and complete a "Consent for Disclosure of Criminal Record Information" form.

Recorders for Music Class

Students in grades 3, 4 & 5 and including Ms Trelawny's gr 2/3 class will require recorders for their upcoming music classes. Many of our students have a recorder at home and for those who need to order, an order form will be sent home attached to next week's newsletter. Please bring in your recorder from home by Oct 2nd.

PAC News

Please see the attached green order form for the Winchelsea School Clothing Line. Orders need to be in by next Friday, Oct 2nd.



PAC MEETINGS: children are welcome, (books, board games, colouring, and the courtyard are available for the kids, we bring our children too!) if you can't stay for the entire time, please **attend for as long as you can**. Next meeting will be on **Tuesday, Oct 20th @ 7pm**. For more information on **WES PAC** please contact Heather Mahony or visit our website www.wespac.weebly.com.

PAC VOLUNTEERS and MEMBERS NEEDED!

We need ONE HOUR A MONTH!

Most of us have an hour to spare and your assistance is not only appreciated by your school community, your kids will appreciate you too! Please contact PAC with your name, email address and phone number. (Leave it at the school office or e-mail wespac@shaw.ca)

Together, we make a difference!

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Without volunteers and parent involvement all of our children may not have these opportunities. Please note some of PAC's exciting, upcoming events. Winchelsea School Clothing Line is BACK! Also PAC is having a Movie Night on Thurs, Oct 1st.

Calendar Dates to Remember

Sept 23	Open House 6-7 pm
Sept 23	PAC – free light dinner 5-6 pm
Sept 24	Tour de Rock stops by @ 2:15 pm (approx)
Sept 25	School Planning Day – Classes not in Session
Oct 1	PAC – Movie Night @ WES
Oct 5	Cultural Performance in our gym @ 11 am
Oct 6	Lifetouch Photo Day (order forms will be sent home next week)
Oct 7	PAC – Family Dance @ WES with Shakewood Annie
Oct 20	PAC Meeting @ 7pm

Community Events

Please check the Community News and Events link (second tab on the left side) of the School District website. www.sd69.bc.ca Also the same tab on our school website will take you to the same information. Community events continually get added to this website – latest is: information for the synchronized swim club – **The Ravensong Waterdancers**

Musical and Dramatic Theatre classes, for ages 7 to 13, will be held Wednesdays from 4-5:30 pm beginning on Oct. 7th. For information contact tstavroff@shaw.ca or 250-752-9867

Awana: Oceanside Community Church in Parksville are running the Awana Program this school year for children ages 5 - 11yrs. It is a fun packed program that children love - call 250- 248-5333 if you have questions or require further information. . An information BBQ is planned for Wednesday, September 16th at 5:30pm at 1420 Alberni Hwy. RSVP

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.

PAC Presents: Movie Night @ WES – Thursday, Oct 1st

Oooze gonna save us?



Monsters Vs Aliens is going to invade the Winchelsea Gym

Thursday, October 1st
Doors Open @ 6:00pm
Movie Starts @ 6:30pm
Rated PG

This is a **free** family event but a parent must accompany children. No outside food or drink is allowed but there will be a concession selling popcorn, water, & licorice. Come check out our large new screen. Bring a blanket & teddy if you wish, chairs will be out for your comfort.

Water \$1
Licorice 50¢
Popcorn \$1

To provide us with an idea of numbers please complete this and return to the school by Monday, September 28th. Tickets will be given to students on the 30th but you don't need a ticket to attend.

Child's name: _____

Classroom: _____

Number of people planning to attend: _____

Number of popcorn: _____

Licorice: _____

Water: _____

**This form does not hold you to purchase these food items. It just gives us an idea of how much we need. Thank you.