

Summerland Middle School Newsletter September 2009



<http://sd67.bc.ca/schools/sms/>

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Welcome to the 2009-2010 School Year!!

I'd like to extend a very special welcome to all of our new grade 6 students and to our new students in grades 7 and 8. Welcome back to returning students and families and to the Summerland Middle School staff. Thank you for your patience at the beginning of the year while we established the permanent classes.

We look forward to the continued support of our parents in formal (Parent Advisory Committee and School Planning Councils, etc.) and informal (classroom contacts, homework support, attendance and student events, etc.) ways. We know that this is a key partnership ensuring the success of our children!

On a personal note, I continue to look forward to meeting more parents and families from the Summerland community so that we may work together to ensure a fantastic year for the students of Summerland Middle School. On behalf of the staff at SMS I would like to invite you to our **Open House** on **Wednesday, September 30th** from **5:30 to 7:00 p.m.**

Mrs. Katie Hicks
Principal

School Photo Retakes

Photo retakes will be on **Monday, October 19th**. If you wish to have your child's photo **retaken** or if your child **missed** having their photo done the procedure is:

- Pick up an order form in the office
- All photos and packages must be **PRE-ORDERED AND PREPAID**
- All pre-orders/pre-payments must be in the office before **Monday, October 19th**

PARENT ADVISORY MEETING –

Monday, September 28th

7:00 p.m. in the Library

Student Information Verification Form

In order to assist with communication and ensuring we have proper contact information we are asking parents to complete the forms attached with this newsletter. It is important for the school to have as many contact numbers as possible (home, work, etc.) as well as to have an emergency contact for your child. We are also going to continue our practice of e-mailing the monthly newsletter home and would therefore appreciate an up to date e-mail address for an adult contact.

In addition as we are all becoming more environmentally responsible, we ask to indicate if you **DO NOT** wish to have your e-mail used to e-mail our monthly newsletter to you. We have found this to be a very successful practice in the past and ensure your privacy by using the "Bcc" feature. Thank you for getting this form back to us in a timely fashion.

Literacy Now

Building on the many literacy opportunities already available in our communities, 'Literacy Now' brings family literacy to the centre once again. Under provincial 'Legacies 2010' funding, this project is designed to provide support for literacy skills development, across all age groups. The South Okanagan Similkameen Literacy Now project was planned in 2007 and you can read the full document, 'A Tapestry of Stories,' at www.sd53.bc.ca or at www.sd67bc.ca. The new coordinator for the project is Caroline Pennelli, a teacher and writer of literacy texts. Based in Oliver, Caroline's role is to work across the region, with all literacy groups, raising awareness, building capacity and ensuring access to services. If you are interested in learning more, or want to be on the mailing list for the 'Literacy Now' newsletter, please send an email to literacynowsos@gmail.com, or call 250 698 0552.

SMS Wave Wear for Sale

Wednesdays are "Wave Wear" day at Summerland Middle. If you are looking to purchase Wave Wear, look for a display at our Open House on Wednesday, September 30th. We have a variety of high quality Athletic Wear items available in forest, navy or grey. These items include T-Shirts, Hoodies, Toques and Sweatpants. We also have new items which will be on display at the Open House and may be pre-ordered on Wednesday or until mid-October.



Volunteers Wanted

The school is in need of parent volunteers for the Safe Arrival Program, Hot Lunch program and the Breakfast Club. If you are able to help out, please contact Ms. Shaw at 250-770-7685. Your help is GREATLY appreciated!!!!

Scholastic Book Fair



Once again we will be hosting our **Scholastic Book Fair!** The Fair begins September 28th and ends October 1st. It will be open during the day and at the Open House on September 30th. Please stop by during these times. Thank you for your support.

Canadian Parents for French (CPF)

Welcome back. The goal of CPF is to provide information and opportunities to use French outside the classroom activities. Our first meeting this year will be September 29th at KVR Middle School at 7:30 p.m. The president of the CPF-Okanagan-Skaha is Ms. Paula Baker.

Quebec Trip 2010

Is your child interested in a trip to the Quebec Winter Carnival and Montreal this February? An information meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22 at 7 pm in room 205 at Summerland Middle School. We will discuss the tour costs, the trip itinerary and answer any questions that you may have about this adventure! If you are not able to attend the meeting, but would like more information, please contact Diane Haddow at dhaddow@summer.com

Support the SMS Terry Fox Run

Summerland Middle will once again be holding the Terry Fox Run. This year's run is on **Friday, September 25th at approximately 10:00 a.m.** We are encouraging students and families to donate and run for someone that may have been impacted by cancer. Last year was our biggest year ever as we donated \$3000. towards cancer research. We also encourage families to come and join us for the run on Friday!



Athletic Extra Curricular

As our first seasons of play are about to get under way we are looking for parents to assist with our teams. We have some areas where we have no coach at all to date (Boys Rugby) and some areas where we have teacher coaches and could really use parent helpers. Teams have up to two practices a week and one game a week.

Any parents who may be able to assist our teacher coaches are asked to contact Mrs. Hicks or Mr. Lou Lemire @ 250-770-7685. It's a wonderful way for parents to be involved at Summerland Middle School!

The seasons from September to December are:

Grade 7 and 8 Boys Rugby

Grade 8 Girls Volleyball

Grade 8 Boys Volleyball

Grade 6 and 7 Boys and Girls Volleyball

BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program

Summerland Middle School is now part of The BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program. This Program is part of ActNowBC, an initiative to improve the health of BC children and families.

Students and school staff will receive a fresh fruit or vegetable snack twice a week every other week. Eating the recommended amounts of fruits and vegetables improves children's health and improves children's ability to concentrate. The fresh and nutritious fruits and vegetables to be served in the Program will be grown in BC, subject to availability.

Attached to this Newsletter is a permission form which needs to be completed and returned to your child's teacher as soon as possible in order to have your child participate

Aboriginal Education Program

School District No. 67 is pleased to offer a district wide Aboriginal Education Program for aboriginal students from K-12. Any students of aboriginal ancestry are eligible to participate in the program.

The purpose of the Aboriginal Education Program is to enhance academic achievement and to increase cultural learning opportunities for students.

One of our Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement goals is to increase the awareness of aboriginal history and culture by both the aboriginal and general population of students in schools across the district. We do this by offering school wide cultural events such as a District Pow Wow, Metis cultural performances, and aboriginal theatrical productions. In addition, we put on an annual aboriginal cultural event called Building Cultural Bridges to teach elementary students about various aspects of aboriginal culture in Canada.

Aboriginal students who were in the Aboriginal Education Program in the 2008-2009 school year will continue to be in the program for this coming school year unless parents notify the school. New aboriginal students to the school will be given a consent form to fill out. Please complete and return the consent form to school as soon as possible.

If you are wondering if your child is eligible to participate in the Aboriginal Program, please contact Kathy Pierre the Ab Ed District Vice-Principal at 250-770-7674 (Work) or 250-462-0455 (cell) for more information.

Nesters Points Cards

Do you buy your groceries in Summerland? SMS now has a points card at Nester's Market which credits our breakfast program. Please consider donating your points to our school should you forget your card at home, or if you do not have a card of your own. Tell your friends and neighbours about this. It is a simple way to shop and help our school at the same time.



The Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club provides a nutritious and balanced breakfast for only 25¢. We feed from five to twenty five hungry students daily. The Club needs several adult volunteers to work for an hour once a week preparing and serving breakfast. FoodSafe is an asset but not a necessity; what we really need are cheerful 'morning people' who enjoy kids and are looking for a way to contribute. Please contact Gwen Shaw at 250-770-7685 if you are able to help out with a really important part of our students' school experience.

Free Computers

SD67 has a limited number of older surplus computers available to SD67 students at no cost. These computers are offered on a first come first serve basis, limited to one per family. A typical system is a Pentium III, 256 RAM, 20 GB hard drive, Linux preinstalled. No warranty provided. To participate in this program, please contact 250-770-7771.

This opportunity has been made possible by the School District's participation in Industry Canada's Computers for Schools and Community Access Programs.

Hot Lunch Program

Summerland Middle School offers the following for hot lunch each day:

Mondays	*Wraps \$2.50
Tuesdays	Hamburgers \$2.00
Wednesdays	Pizza \$1.75
Thursday	Pizza \$1.75
Friday	Hot Dogs \$1.75

*Wraps are ordered by students on Friday at nutrition break through Mrs. Perrin

There is no pre-orders on our hot lunch items (except wraps), however, we remind parents that our program is a supplement to items students bring. It is suggested that fruit, vegies and a drink are great additions to what we offer. Summerland Middle is a "closed campus" which means students are not permitted to leave the school grounds during the lunch hour.

Hot lunch cards are also available for purchase. You can purchase 10 lunches for \$17.50 or 20 lunches for 35.00. If you are interested in purchasing a lunch card, please see Ms. Shaw in the office.

Summerland Middle School Staff for 2009/10

Teachers

- Mrs. A. Devito, Humanities 8, Leadership 8
- Mrs. A. Martin – Core 6, Home Ec 6, 7, 8
- Mr. N. McPhedran – Core 6
- Mr. N. McCallan – Core 6 and 7
- Mme D. Haddow – French Imm 6
- Ms. K. Robertson – Core 7
- Mr. J. Broadbent, Core 7
- Ms. T. Steves, Core 7, Art, Drama
- Mr. S. Cargin, French Imm 7
- Mrs. K. Stewart, Math/Science 8
- Mr. K. Bond, Humanities 8, Tech. Ed.
- Mr. J. Arcuri, Math, Science, Eng 8
- Mr. R. Papineau, English 8, Band
- Mme. M. Hunter, French Imm 8

- Ms. H. Colquhoun, Librarian
- Ms. C. Hope, Counsellor
- Ms. K. Bell, Special Education
- Mrs. T. Delaquis, Special Education/LAT
- Ms. M. Stewart-Heal, Enrichment
- Mr. L. Lemire, PE
- Ms. R. Thorpe, Drama

Support Staff

- Mrs. B. Perrin, CEA.
- Mrs. L. Blake, CEA
- Mr. J. Pacliocchini, CEA
- Ms. B. Syskakis, CEA
- Mrs. R. Aschenbrenner, CEA
- Mrs. P. Parker, CEA
- Mrs. A. Moyls, Librarian Assistant
- Ms. G. Shaw, Secretary
- Mr. J. Mayert, Custodian
- Mr. M. Chadburn, Custodian

Administration

- Mrs. K. Hicks, Principal
- Mrs. A. Devito, Vice-Principal

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