



# ÉCOLE BAYSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## CALENDAR

### March

- 5.....Pizza Day
- 5.....“Putting on a Show” performance
- 8.....“Spring Ahead” Time Change
- 9-20...Spring Break Holiday
- 23.....School Re-Opens
- 23.....FAAS #3
- 24.....PAC Meeting; 7:00 pm
- 25.....Report Cards Distributed

### April

- 2.....Pizza Day
- 3.....Good Friday Holiday
- 6.....Easter Monday Holiday
- 14.....PAC Meeting; 7:00 pm
- 15.....Class Photos
- 24.....Non-Instructional Day – No School for Students

### May

- 4.....Non-Instructional Day – No School for Students
- 7.....Pizza Day
- 7.....Band Concert; 7:00 pm
- 10.....Mother’s Day
- 18.....Victoria Day Holiday
- 19.....PAC Meeting; 7:00 pm
- 21.....Early Closure @ 1:33 pm
- 28.....Newsletter Distributed

### June

- 4.....Pizza Day
- 14.....Father’s Day
- 16.....PAC Meeting; 7:00 pm
- 22.....Grade 8 Farewell
- 24.....Grade 8 Awards Ceremony
- 25.....Report Cards Distributed
- 25.....Last Day for Students; Dismissal at 10:00 am
- 26.....Admin Day – Staff Only



### SAFE ARRIVAL

bsms\_attendancealert@sd63.bc.ca  
or call 250-652-8653

Please email or phone if your child will be absent or late.

## February 26, 2015

## NEWSLETTER

### FROM THE ADMIN

Although Spring Break is almost here, Bayside continues to be a very busy place! Our Canoe Project is well underway, the school was a sea of pink on Pink Shirt Day (for Bullying Prevention), and our musical, *Best of Both Worlds*, is just around the corner. We have about 40 competitors attending the Skills Canada Competition, and a number of classes going to Camosun to watch and participate in trades awareness activities. Our Jump for Heart Campaign continues, and we have very active swim, volleyball and rugby teams.

Just a reminder that Stelly’s Transition Forms are due Wednesday, 4 March at the Bayside Office, and we have begun planning with our feeder elementary schools for our incoming Grade 6’s in September. We know it seems early, but there is a lot of planning and organizing that goes into welcoming our new students in September and saying good-bye to our departing students in June.

Our second term is nearly completed and our third term will begin just after Spring Break. Report Cards will be distributed 25 March. As we look towards the end of this school year, we look forward to our Japanese and Mexican student visits, the Grade 7 Quebec Trip, the Grade 8 Camp Imadene Trip, the Grade 8 Farewell, and a whole host of other activities.

If you are in the school next week, please take a moment to peruse our lost and found and you may find an item or two that belongs to your son or daughter. Any items not claimed will be donated to charity so please check on or before 6 March.

We hope that everyone has a restful and relaxing Spring Break, and we wish to thank our dedicated staff for their hard work as well as our supportive parents for the time and effort you commit to our Bayside community.

Please do take the time to read the rest of the newsletter as well as keep up to date with information on our website.

Don’t forget to “Spring Ahead” on March 8!

### STUDENT YEARBOOK

The deadline for pre-ordering a Yearbook is THURSDAY, APRIL 2. Please note that Yearbooks will NOT be on sale in June, which is different than in previous years. Yearbooks cost \$35 each.

### “BEST OF BOTH WORLDS” PERFORMANCE – Bayside’s first ever Musical!!

Currently, 46 grade 8 students from the brand new FAAS course, “Let’s Put on a Show!”, are working very hard for their two upcoming performances of “Best of Both Worlds”. The performances will take place in Bayside’s multi-purpose room on Thursday, March 5 at 7:00 pm. The evening show is geared towards family, friends and the community. The cost of an adult ticket is \$5.00 each; children’s tickets are \$2.00 each. Proceeds go towards the considerable cost involved in mounting this production. Tickets can be purchased in the gallery at lunchtime during the week of the show. Tickets will also be available at the door. We look forward to seeing you at our show! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Benetti at [hbenetti@sd63.bc.ca](mailto:hbenetti@sd63.bc.ca)

### CAFÉ FRANÇAIS AT “BEST OF BOTH WORLDS” PERFORMANCE

*J’aime Paris* J’ADORE Bonjour, prior to our “Best of Both Worlds” performance on March 5<sup>th</sup>, CPF will be hosting a Café Français from 5:15 pm, in the small gym. The gym will be decorated with a French theme so as to portray a café. CPF will serve Ham & Cheese and/or Chocolate Croissant, Poutine, Crepes with Ice Cream, Juices, Coffee, Tea. This should be fun and we hope you’ll join us for some delicious treats!

### INPUT & CLASS PLACEMENT FOR 2015/2016

Beginning in May, we start to look at grouping students for the next school year. We are asking this year's Grade 6 and 7 parents who wish to have input into class placement, to book an appointment with one of our administrators.

**NOTE: This DOES NOT apply to next year's Grade 6 students – you will share information with your current school about your child's Grade 6 placement needs.**

*Opportunities for input into classroom placement will be available on May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> between 1:00 and 6:00 pm.*

Phone the school office (250-652-1135) between 8:00 & 3:00 and the office staff will book an appointment for you with Mrs. MacDonald or Mr. Newlove. These meetings will provide parents/guardians an opportunity to discuss **educational reasons related to their child's placement**. If these times are not convenient, please request an alternate date. Also, be aware that we would like to have all parent conferences related to class placement completed by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL [PAC] NEWS



The next PAC meeting is Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm in the school library. All parents/guardians of Bayside students are welcome to attend. Our April meeting is Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, and the May PAC meeting will be May 19<sup>th</sup>. We hope you can join us!

### FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

#### Head Lice Awareness

Outbreaks of head lice are common throughout the school year. Although head lice are a nuisance, **head lice are not a health risk**. Head lice spread quickly by close, head-to-head contact. Lice cannot live on furniture or carpet, and they cannot jump or fly. There may be few or no symptoms, but itching may occur.

You can help by:

- Checking your child's head with the wet-combing method of detection once a week throughout the school year.
- Encouraging your child to wear their hair tied back, and avoid touching heads with other students.
- Using the wet-combing method of treatment if you notice lice on your child's head.
- Telling the classroom teacher if your child has head lice, so other parents can be notified.

### GRADE 8 TRANSITION TIMELINE

Monday, March 2	Stelly's Counsellors available to meet with Grade 8 parents and/or students, by appointment
Wednesday, March 4	Stelly's Course Selection Forms due at the BAYSIDE School Office

May 12<sup>th</sup> & May 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Each day, four Grade 8 classes will go to Stelly's from 8:55-11:30 am for orientation. Students will walk to, and be bused back, from Stelly's Secondary School.

### UPCOMING SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET MEETING



A public Budget Consultation meeting will be held Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 pm at Bayside Middle School. Public input, comments and suggestions are encouraged as the board works towards adoption of the 2015/16 budget bylaw.

### MOVING?



We will soon begin our planning for the 2015-2016 school year. *If you know that your child will not be attending Bayside next year, please send a note to the office.*

### A PLACE OF BUSINESS

Spring can be a time when adolescents begin showing a "romantic" interest in one another. At Bayside, we discourage hand-holding and other expressions of affection. It is important to keep a business-like atmosphere so that student boundaries are clear and students can focus on their school work.

### LAST MINUTE PHONE MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS



The office staff does their best to get important messages from parents to their children, but with the size of our student population we cannot guarantee that messages will get delivered.

### NEXT NEWSLETTER

Bayside's next and final newsletter will be distributed on Thursday, May 28, 2015.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Parenting Workshops** - The Boys and Girls Club is offering workshops that may be of interest to you: Parenting Our Emerging Pre-Teen; Are they talking? Are you listening?; and, Parenting In A Digital Age. For further details or to learn how to register, check the school webpage and the Community News link, on the left side.

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