

HUSKY NEWS

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Greetings Abby Middle Parents and Students!



This year has been filled with remarkable opportunities for students to learn, work and grow. They have found out more about themselves as learners and global citizens through exemplary opportunities in athletics, arts and socially relevant experiences.



Amongst the many things students have done for the surrounding area include efforts to raise money for a piece of equipment for the new hospital. Thanks to Abby Middle students, families and staff, a Dash 5000 vital signs monitor will be provided for the Pediatric Ward.



When the new year begins on September 8th we'll have the second phase of our alternate energy program in place. Currently solar panels along with the new wind turbine, which is under construction, will herald a new era in the schools. Coming in the new year, the people powered part, the electricity generating bicycle will be in place making Abby Middle the only school in the world that has implemented three forms of alternate sustainable energy to power our learning resources. That's an amazing accomplishment in terms of making a positive environmental statement and as the world comes to BC for the Olympic games our school is planning to have all three forms of energy working ...solar, wind and human power.



Many elements of our school make it such a special place and that has been done through

the amazing efforts and commitment the staff has made to make Abby Middle an exemplary Middle school.




As is always the case, a dynamic organization is continually changing. Some staff will move on to new challenges and we will welcome a few new faces. Mrs. Turek, Mrs. Beisiegel and Mrs. Koop will all be leaving for maternity leaves. These extremely popular teachers are going to be dearly missed and we all wish them all the best as they have their babies.

As this newsletter goes to print three of our very special new teachers are still awaiting their 2009/2010 assignments. We may see them return to Abby Middle in the near future but just in case a special thanks goes out to Miss Hare, Miss Herbert and Mr. Mani for their special contributions to Abby Middle.

Two familiar faces will be back at Abby Middle next year with both Ms. Kamiya and Mrs. Ronning returning from maternity leave.

On the support staff front we all want to thank Ms. Reid who has worked in Mrs. Convery's Learning Support Program as she will be re-assigned next year. Thanks to all these educators for their contributions.

Another big part of our school will be changing and that is my current partner principal, Mr. Levings. When being assigned to

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Gr 6/New 7's & 8's BBQ (11 am - 12:30 pm)	4	5
						
6	School Not In Session - Labour Day 	7 First Day of School! Half day Dismissal	8 PAC Meeting - 7 pm in the Library	9	10	11
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 School Not In Session - Admin Day	26
27	28	29	30  Newsletter Day			

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DID YOU KNOW?

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Abby Middle last year I was delighted to be reunited with Mr. Levings as we had opened Eugene Reimer Middle school together. Mr. Levings' involvement in the school and his excellent work will be greatly missed by his students, the Abby families and his colleagues.

Joining us in September will be Mr. Horton who comes to us by way of Clayburn Middle school. We are looking forward to welcoming Mr. Horton as he assumes his duties at Abby Middle School as our new Vice Principal.

Over the course of the first week of school, teachers will be assembling class lists and it is very likely your child will be moved to a different class than the one they were initially assigned to on the first day of the new school year. Our staff has to firstly determine the enrolment meaning they must determine the whereabouts of students who were expected and didn't show as well as register students who have just arrived. The goal of the staff, with respect to this, is to get the class lists finalized as quickly as possible.

For day one of the school year all the children will be **tentatively** assigned to a division which most likely will be adjusted over the course of the first week. **Tentative** class lists will be posted on the windows at the front of the school at the end of the business day on Friday, September 4th.

Grade 6 students and new grade 7's and 8's can expect notification in the mail mid-summer giving information regarding the first week of school.

From all of us at Abby Middle school we extend our thanks for your support and wish you a very happy and fun filled summer season. We will look forward to the 2009/2010 school year starting on September 8, 2009.

Warm Regards,
Jim MacDonald, Principal

SCIENCE OLYMPICS WINNERS

Abbotsford Middle School entered four teams in this years Science Olympics at Yale Secondary School on May 9th. Team one consisted of Gurwinder Johal, Soon Yoon, Elizabeth Guichici and Lihn Ngyen. Team two, of Patrick Carlos, Paul Okano, Parnav Arya and Aneal Sharma. Team three, of Jaskiren Pandher, Paige Schievink, Vienna Langton and Jane Kim. Team four of Rachel Palmer, Maegan McKay, Gary Sharma and Beth Hand. There were 20 teams that competed in the five events that made up the competition, total. Team one received a third place trophy in the biology challenge. Team two received first place trophies in the biology, robotics and boat building challenges (their aluminum foil boat held 602 pennies.) The biggest accomplishment, never done in Abby Middle history, was when team two scored the most points of any team there and won the entire competition! Great job Einstein Huskies!

2008/2009 YEARBOOK - NOW AVAILABLE!

The 2008/2009 yearbook is available for purchase at the cost of \$35.00 each. A limited number of last year's yearbook is also available for sale at the cost of \$10.00 each.

We will only accept cash or money order. Sorry the school does not currently offer debit card service.

A BIG thank you goes out to Mr. Howe for his many hours dedicated to this huge project and also to the students who have participated in the creation of this year's annual.

LOST AND FOUND

Parents are asked to come to the school to claim any lost clothing items from our lost and found.

Items are bagged up and donated to The Salvation Army at Christmas Break, Spring Break and then again at the **end of the school year**.

The staff and students of Abbotsford Collegiate Invite the Class of 2013 Link Crew Grade 9 Orientation

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Thursday, September 3, 2009 In the Gymnasium

The purpose of this orientation is to make the transition from middle school to high school a positive one. Grade 11 and 12 students will be serving as Leaders and mentors to the Grade 9 students. Large and small group activities are designed to address student's needs and concerns in an enjoyable manner. Wear comfortable clothes and don't bring all your stuff ... travel light!! If you have any questions, please call our Link Crew Coordinator - Carla Campbell at 604-853-3367.

Attention Parents!! During the Grade 9 Orientation, there will be a Grade 9 parent meeting in the Cafeteria from 8:15 am to 9:15 am



IT'S BEEN OUR PLEASURE TEACHING YOUR CHILDREN THIS YEAR!! HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER AND WE'LL SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Beginning July 6th and until August 28th Abby Middle's office hours this summer will be as follows:

Monday - CLOSED

Tuesday to Thursday - 8:00 am to 12:00 noon

Friday - CLOSED

PLEASE NOTE: Report cards not taken home on June 25th by students will be available for pick up throughout the summer during office hours. **REPORT CARDS WILL NOT BE MAILED OUT.**

NOON SUPERVISORS NEEDED

Abby Middle is in need of noon supervisors. This would be for 1 hour per day from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm, Monday to Friday. This position pays \$11.00 per hour. Duties would include supervising students during lunch break. If interested, please come to the school's office to fill out an application form and interview with Mr. MacDonald, our principal.

STREAM OF DREAMS A HUSKY SUCCESS!

All students from grades 6-8 took part in a school wide event known as the Stream of Dreams. The society came to the school in the week of May 25-28 and educated the students on awareness of local streams, watersheds and fish preservation. Each division attended a lecture on these issues and then each student painted a fish as a reminder to them and the community of how their actions affect fish populations. Come walk, bike or drive along Bevan Avenue and see the Stream of Dreams that the students have created on the school fence!

A big thank you to Blackwoods for donating all of the plywood, and to Benjamin Moore Paints for donating half of the paint needed for the project!

MESSAGE TO DRIVERS

As we head into drier and warmer weather, ICBC and police want to remind drivers to slow down on the roads. On average, around 8,200 speed-related collisions cause around 5,500 injuries and 161 deaths each year in BC (2003-2007 police data).

So ICBC and Police have kicked off a month-long awareness and enforcement campaign targeting speeding.

You can help us change driver behaviour by promoting our road safety message. We encourage you all to check the information at: www.icbc.com

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