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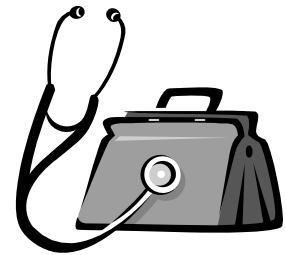
*Welcome to our September 2011 electronic bulletin. Please note only brief information is listed here.
For more detailed news, please go to our website: www.seycove.ca.*

Medically Diagnosed Health Conditions

Ensuring a safe and healthy school environment is a responsibility shared by students, parents and staff. It is important that all members of the school community are aware of their role in promoting that child's safety.

Please notify the school if your child has a **MEDICALLY DIAGNOSED** health condition/s, which may require emergency care at school. This includes:

- Anaphylaxis
- Diabetes
- Severe asthma
- Seizure disorder
- Blood clotting disorders
- Serious heart conditions



For more information, please click [HERE](#).

Absence Reporting

Please make sure the school is aware of excused absences for your child by calling the Absence Call-back Line at 604-903-3673 leaving brief details of your child's absence as follows:

- student's first and last name (spell last name please)
- grade
- date of absence
- times of the absence if it is not all day
- short reason for the absence (e.g., illness, dentist, excused, etc).

If your child is absent due to illness, please specify symptoms as this will assist Public Health in monitoring/following up communicable illness in the school community.

Expect a call/email if your child has an unexcused absence or more than two lates from classes during the day. Remember, students may not call to excuse themselves. If you would like more information about absence procedures, please visit www.seycove.ca.

Traffic Flow



As the season turns to Fall, it is a good time to remind parents of Seycove's traffic flow: Once entering Seycove property cars dropping off or picking up students should proceed down the hill and loop around in front of the cafeteria before proceeding back up the hill and off school property. Please note there is no stopping on the driveway down the hill – stopping here causes traffic congestion and poses a hazard to students trying to cross the crosswalk. There are ample spots at the bottom of this route to pull over and drop off students without impeding the flow of traffic. It is hoped that this will alleviate the bottleneck that causes traffic to back up onto Strathcona and sometimes onto Deep Cove Road. As always, Seycove strongly encourages all students to walk, bike or bus to school whenever possible.



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Reminder about Filming, Photography & Student Privacy

With all the exciting school activities that occur throughout the year, we provide this consideration regarding the filming and sharing of student photographs and videotapes of student events.

Parents are welcome to photograph and videotape school events. However, the potential promotion, exchange or sharing of student images raises privacy issues that are important to be aware of.

A parent wishing to film or photograph students and then post these images to a website (i.e. YouTube) needs to have the signed permission of the students in the video before posting their photos. To do so without signed permission is a violation of student privacy.

While any liability would lie with the photographer/videographer in a situation like this, we feel it's important to remind all parents to respect the privacy of other students and their families. While it's understandable that many families would appreciate being able to exchange photographs or videotapes of school events, privacy concerns must take precedence.

Thank you for your understanding.

Victoria Miles

Communications Manager, North Vancouver School District

Challenge Exam

For Seycove students wishing to challenge a language, The Delta School District on behalf of the Coast-Metro Challenge Consortium is again offering Language Challenge Exams for Grade 11 and 12 Language Courses. This year we will be offering Language Challenge Exams for the following courses: French 11/12, German 11/12, Japanese 11/12, Korean 11/12, Mandarin 11/12, Punjabi 11/12 and Spanish 11/12.

Students must complete registration by October 20 in order to take part in the 2011/2012 language challenge.

Student completes Student application Package online (pages 10-11) at our website before printing it for submission to their school (discuss with parents). <http://web.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/secondary/challenge-exams>.

Student completes the Challenge Application Form on website and prints (includes supporting documentation) and returns this form to Mark Fetterly who reviews the student's readiness to challenge the course with the student.

After review by the Counsellor, the student must submit for attachment to the Challenge Application Form:

- \$50.00 cheque payable to the Delta School District. (Cheque must have student's name and school clearly marked on the back – this is returned to you on exam day – if you are unable to attend the exam you will forfeit this money). Independent, International and Adult Students (not registered in the Adult Grad Program) attach \$135 cheque.
- Current school year photo ID that has been endorsed (signed) by a school official.

Check the Language Challenge Web page for additional information:

<http://web.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/secondary/challenge-exams>.



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Take Our Kids to Work

The annual Take Our Kids to Work day takes place on **Wednesday, November 2nd, 2011**. This job shadowing initiative allows the entire community—parents, teachers, employers and workers—to play a part in the career development of Grade 9 students.

The primary objective of Take Our Kids to Work is to link classroom learning with the workplace. It also allows students to see their parents in a workplace role and to help them understand what work their parents actually do to support a family. This job shadowing activity supports learning outcomes found in Career and Personal Planning 8 to 12. Classroom follow-up assignments are a valuable basis for class and family discussions and evaluation of the day. In the past, we have had excellent parental support and we look forward to your support again this year.

Watch for further information in mid-October, when we will be sending an information package home with your child.

For further information please contact **Neeru Parmar** @ nparmar@nvsd44.bc.ca

Seycove Community Garden -

With the help of our Special Ed students, Craig Johnston and Kerry Findlay introduced seed planting in the classroom, transferred the plants outside, watered, weeded and then picked the fruits of their labour. They were able to provide the North Vancouver Edible Garden Project with over **18 bags** of produce this summer. All veggies go to low income families here on the North Shore. They grew two types of squash, carrots, chard, rhubarb, blueberries, green onions, yellow beans, snap peas and of course their specialty: Seycove potatoes (*tons of them!*).

From Kerry: Thanks to all the neighbourhood dog walkers, runners and local Seycove students who supported our garden with friendly advice, compliments and most importantly leaving the garden alone to flourish. Much appreciated!

Seycove Model UN Team

Are you interested in current events or environmental issues? Would like to know how you can make a difference in the world? If so, come to the next meeting of the Seycove M.U.N. Club. Our meetings involve the planning and preparations for the next MUN conference in January 2012.

MUN is an academic simulation of the United Nations. Students are assigned to represent a nation in an engaging debate regarding the pressing morale issues that the global community faces. The different divisions in MUN cover a diverse range of topics including global health, environment, security, finance, economies, human rights, and development. It helps familiarize students with the UN procedures as well as the variety of global events that occur in the world. In addition, MUN teaches delegates the importance of negotiations and listening to others as they work with other nations in hopes of producing a comprehensive resolution to address the topic of debate. MUN is also an enriching experience as it encourages students to investigate and be considerate of perspectives other than their own.



Contacts:

Teacher Sponsor: Mr. Yip (Room 220)

Lead Students: Zoe Luba (Gr. 12), Emily Luba (Gr. 12), Jahaan Pittalwala (Gr. 12)



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Although you need to be in grade 9 and up to attend the M.U.N. Conference, all grade 8's are invited to attend meetings to get a sense of what M.U.N. is about. Please see one of the people listed above or attend one of our regular meetings on Friday at lunch. Listen to the announcements or see the hallway monitors to see when we are meeting next.

Fruit & Veggie Program



Seycove is again fortunate to participate in the BC Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program. With the support of the Home Ec and Spec Ed departments, students receive a fruit or vegetable snack in their classroom. For those new to the school, students eat the snack during class time; this snack is not meant to replace the foods students normally eat at school. Students can make their own decision on whether to taste the fruits or vegetables offered.

Please note that if you do not wish for your student to participate, you must fill out and return a reverse consent form, found [HERE](#).

For more information, please visit: <http://www.aitc.ca/bc/>

Athletics

Seycove's athletics programme is off to a fast start with a number of sports starting practices and competition. We have five girls volleyball teams whose season begins during the week of September 19 to 23. Junior and senior boys soccer teams are also practising and gearing up for their games. We have a number of swimmers training at Ron Andrews pool early in the morning twice a week, as well. Our senior girls field hockey team has been taking advantage of the new indoor facility at Windsor, practising 'in the bubble'. Rugby has started for our bantam and juvenile boys, just in time for the World Cup of Rugby. And we have a good number of students participating in our cross country programme.

Many thanks to the coaches and sponsors of these teams, whose efforts make it possible for our students to participate in Seycove athletics.

Sincerely,

Dennis Braam, Athletic Director



Dates to Remember:

Oct 4	Early Dismissal (1:00pm) District Employee Training Session	Oct 17	Post Secondary Night (at Windsor)
Oct 5	School Based Professional Day	Oct 20	Grad Photos (Mountain West, Oct 20-22 & 25)
Oct 10	Thanksgiving (no school)	Oct 22	Professional Day (no school)
Oct 11	7:30pm PAC Meeting	Oct 25	Photo Retakes
Oct 12	Grade 12 Parent Meeting	Oct 31	Mobile Blood Clinic
Oct 13	Me to We Day	For a complete calendar, please follow this link .	