



Seycove News

Winter 2009

Welcome to our Winter 2009 electronic bulletin. Please note only brief information is listed here. For more detailed news, please go to our website: www.seycove.ca.

Principal's Message – Karim Hachlaf

As we near the winter break and look forward to spending some quality time with our friends and families, I have some updates to share as we prepare for the New Year.

Staff Collaboration

On November 26th, the entire Seycove staff collaborated together for the afternoon as we assessed ourselves as a professional learning community and considered areas for continued growth. Specifically, we explored current and new ideas that will allow us to further interact, collaborate and dialogue on issues and goals that are important to us. Moreover, dialogue itself surfaced as a powerful tool both outside and within the classroom setting to extend new insights and deepen knowledge and understanding which ultimately leads to increased student achievement. As some next steps, we have collated the ideas generated from the afternoon for the entire staff to take back to their respective departments and look at incorporating them in a meaningful and relevant way within their department goals. The staff feedback from the afternoon was overwhelmingly positive and we will continue to build on this momentum.

On behalf of the entire staff, I want to express my sincere appreciation to all of our parents for your support as you represent an integral part of our learning community.

Report Cards – Term One

Our term ended last Friday and report cards will be distributed at the end of the day on Wednesday, December 16th.

Seycove Auction

Our Seycove Auction committee is in full gear with a core group of parents donating their valuable time at making this annual event a huge success. The Auction is scheduled for Saturday, March 27th, 2010 and once again this year we will have a drop off box in the main office for any Canadian Tire money donations. Additionally, if you wish to make any donations for the auction, please contact Helene Mears at hmears@telus.net.

Upcoming Music Concerts

This Wednesday, December 9th and Thursday, December 10th, our Music Department is hosting two Winter Concert Celebrations. Hope to see you there.

Spirit of Giving

Our students continue to recognize the importance of helping others and consequently, have been able to raise donations in order to give back to our community. These selfless acts include:

- Grade 11/12 students heading to the Dominican Republic this summer babysat children from our elementary schools during the last Professional Day helping local families. Additionally, students held a “Vow of Silence” to recognize the rights of children. The money raised from these events went to Hero Holiday – a Canadian based charity responsible for helping global communities.
- Social Justice 12 students collected non-perishable food items to donate to the Harvest Project for a ‘Halloween for Hunger’ campaign.



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- The Graduating Class of 2010 have been donating blood to Canadian Blood Services as part of their Community Connections Project. On Sunday, December 13th, our grade 12 students will be heading to Vancouver's Downtown Eastside to open up a "Free Market" to help some of Vancouver's less fortunate.
 - Seycove students, led by our Student Council, are currently donating non-perishable food items for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank.
 - PE 12 students are assisting with this year's Santa's Breakfast and the proceeds will be donated to a local children's charity.

I wish all of you the best this holiday season!

Santa's Breakfast

Please join us for Santa's Breakfast! All are welcome!

Friday, December 18th (7:30am – 9:00am)

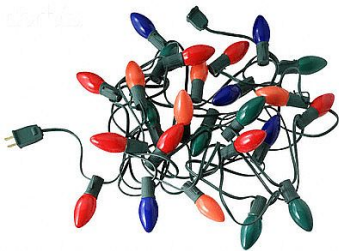
Tickets cost \$5 (all proceeds going to a children's charity)

Sponsored by Student Council



Technology Education – Kelsey Lawson

This year, we are getting creative with regards to funding our Technology Education programs:



If you are upgrading your Christmas lights this year, please consider donating your old strings of lights to the Tech Ed program at Seycove. The lights will be taken to a local scrap metal recycler, and the proceeds put towards materials for Technology Education projects.

We would also greatly appreciate donations of 4HP or 5HP engines with horizontal driveshafts in operating condition which you no longer use.

Please contact Ms. Lawson at klawson@nvsd44.bc.ca to arrange drop-off of any materials for donation or recycling.

Poppy Project – Peter Cardle

The Poppy Project is an initiative of the Royal Canadian Legion in which students plant poppies on their school grounds. We tried this at Seycove on Tuesday, November 17th with one of my Socials 11 classes which recently finished a unit on World War One. The seeds were planted in the shape of a maple leaf on the grass patch near the entrance door by the music rooms, which leads to the back parking lots. The students laid down the maple leaf with blue string then scattered seeds provided by the four members of the legion. Watch for the poppies to bloom in May!





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Rotating Art Gallery – Margie Arnold

The rotating art gallery in Mr. Hachlaf's office is up and running once again. This month, four talented Seycove visual arts students had their Remembrance Day posters framed and placed on display:

<p>Nicholas W.</p>	<p>Kimya T.</p>	<p>Ashley B. and Freya D.</p>

Grade 12s – Andrea Yeo

Seycove's Grade 12s participated in a panel discussion on Wednesday, November 25th to tackle some of the issues surrounding poverty, homelessness, addictions and mental health issues. On Sunday, December 13th they will head downtown to the Crosswalk Shelter to open up a "Free Market" and continue with their community connections project. Donations welcome (e.g. shoes, socks, underwear, non-perishable food, etc). Please email ayeo@nvsd44.bc.ca

O'Nakile – Andrea Yeo

Seycove's Nakile group had their 3rd annual Vow of Silence campaign to recognize the 20th Anniversary of the Rights of the Child. Proceeds from the Awareness fundraiser are going towards the Humanitarian trip to the Dominican Republic to help pay for medical supplies for the orphanage and building supplies for the school. Thank-you to everyone who supported this event!



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Spirit School – Petra Willemse



Just a reminder to all about our Spirit School community entry!

Check out: <http://www.gamestown2010.ca/North-Vancouver>.

Recent entries include an Olympic torch visit, the fruit and vegetable program and a WWII veteran's visit!

Show Offs – Margie Arnold

Mark Thursday, April 15, 2010 on your calendars...it's time for Seycove to SHOW-OFF!!

Time: 7:00pm (doors open at 6:30pm)

Where: Cafetorium

Why: A chance for our students to Show-Off their amazing talents and accomplishments!!

What:

- Fashion show
- Film premiere
- Art & photo exhibition
- Culinary delights prepared by our foods students
- Tech displays
- Plus fabulous displays from all subject areas!!

Tickets: \$5 for adults; \$2 for students

All money raised will be put towards scholarships for students in these areas.

Jazz in the Box CD

Makes a great gift! Just \$15...copies available in the Main Office. Check out www.seycove.ca to hear a music sample!



Athletics – Paul Shtenko

The Fall Athletic Season was very successful for Seycove. The Grade 8 Volleyball Team coached by Sarah Dolan played very well during the regular season. Unfortunately they did not reach the play-offs but showed a lot of promise for next year. The Grade 9 Girls Volleyball Team coached by Shirley Fraser made a play-off appearance but fell a little short against a strong St. Thomas Aquinas side. The Junior Girls Team had an extremely successful year coached by Christie and Veda and will have a very strong Senior Team for next year. The Senior Girls Volleyball Team functioned all year without an experienced coach. Luckily Mr. Russell stepped up and did an admiral job as coach and sponsor. He learned a lot about volleyball during the year and gave the girls much needed guidance and support. His contribution to the season is greatly appreciated by the school. The Senior Girls qualified for the Lower Mainland play-offs but lost in the qualifying round. The girls worked very hard this year and should be proud of their accomplishments.



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The Senior Boys Soccer Team competed and finished 3rd in the Provincials. They had an extremely talented side led by Blake Van Blerk. This is Seycove's second banner in the last 3 years - an incredible accomplishment for our school! The boys should be very proud of their hard work this year. Mike Brown and Dave Crowe have done admirably as the coaches this year. The Junior Boys Soccer Team were equally successful this year as they qualified for the North Shore Finals against Argyle. Unfortunately they lost to a very talented side which consisted of all Grade 10s. The school would like to thank Julian Hansell again for coaching and guiding these young men all year.

The Field Hockey Team struggled for team members this year - hopefully we will side a very strong team next year to compete in the fall season.

The Grade 8 Boys Rugby Team competed very well this fall and won a few tough games. They started to play very well toward the end of the season. In the last game of the season we lost by only one try against Collingwood - the top team in the North Shore. Both their coach and the referee commented on how much Seycove had improved this year. The notable stand-outs were Cam Cianchi, Kyle Landon and Imre Mihalik who truly distinguished themselves this year. The Team has a lot to be proud of!

The Aquatics Team coached by Sue Langdon performed very well in the Provincials with James McQuade swimming his best time in the finals...an excellent way for him to finish his High School career. James has an outstanding future in swimming and we wish him the best of luck in the future. Finally, our Cross Country Team coached by Sandy Campbell and Peter Cardle had a very high turn-out this year and ran very well in numerous races this past season. Outstanding athletes were Carley McClements, Hannah Kapur, Ashley Garnett, Chantal Mears, Mike Kim and Dylan Collier Van-Born.

Many thanks to all our coaches and sponsors this year for volunteering their time and energy this year.

Happy Holidays!
Paul Shtenko, Athletic Director

Some Dates to Remember:

Dec 8	Winter Boat Cruise PAC Meeting (7:30pm – Library)
Dec 9/10	Winter Music Concerts
Dec 16	HOMEROOM (Report Cards distributed)
Dec 18	Santa's Breakfast Winter Break begins
Jan 4	School reopens
Jan 12	Career Fair (Grade 10) Gr. 9 Immunizations PAC Meeting (7:30pm – Library)
Jan 22	School Professional Day

For a complete calendar, please follow this [link](#).