



Seycove News

September 2010

*Welcome to our September 2010 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

It is hard to believe that we have already completed our first month back to school – it has certainly been filled with a variety of activities and events. These include our fall sports program taking off, a great turnout for our Grade 8 Parent Night, a fun filled BBQ for our International students, great parent involvement at our first Seycove PAC and Auction meetings and finally, our successful CLASS afternoon and Grade 8/12 BBQ. Regardless of the event or activity, I encourage you to take the time to ask your children about their Seycove experiences both inside and outside the classroom.

On a timetable note, a thank you to our parents and students for a successful transition to our new start time this year. Together, we continue to stress the importance of punctuality as it represents a critical ingredient for student success. Beyond developing a committed travel schedule, we teach our students that punctuality is about having the right mindset that leads to developing successful habits.

We are looking forward to an exciting October!

Karim Hachlaf

Back to School Information

The following notices were sent home with students in homeroom. If you have not already done so, please have them completed and returned to the Main Office:

- Student Invoice
- Photo Release Form
- Demographics Update Form

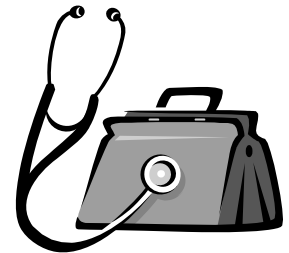
Medically Diagnosed Health Conditions

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](#).



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Take Our Kids to Work

The annual Take Our Kids to Work day takes place on **Wednesday, November 3rd, 2010**. 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

Suzanne's Seycove Soiree – Friday, October 8th

Suzanne Cook {nee Timothy}, our teacher, director, mentor, muse, advisor, colleague and friend, is hanging up her Melpomene {tragedy} and Thalia masks {comedy}.

Those of us fortunate enough to be a part of Suzanne's 25 years of excellence in The Seycove Drama Department will be gathering on October 8th in order to remember, replay, recollect and reconnect in joyous celebration of Suzanne's legacy as an educator and a human being.

This soiree comes earlier than planned for Suzanne: she took time off work in 2009 in order to receive treatment for ovarian cancer and, although she planned to return to teaching this fall, a recurrence prevents her.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Attend! There will be a pot luck for dessert finger foods.
- Volunteer! Sign up for duties designed to make this party rock @ wendyvanriesen@shaw.ca
- Send pictures! We want your photos with Suzanne, of Suzanne. Send them with a blurb about what was happening in the photo to wendyvanriesen@shaw.ca
- Offer anecdotes (send to wendyvanriesen@shaw.ca)
- Perform live on the night! Sign up to share a memory, sing a song, tell a joke, or make a toast or find your former classmates and re-create a scene from a Seycove Drama Program production! Showtime 8:30 to 10:00 on the Vortex Stage. Open Mike. {Assistance will be offered with lights, sound, props, and costumes.} wendyvanriesen@shaw.ca or call her at 604 929-5848
- Send this information to anyone and everyone you know who'll want to attend Suzanne's Seycove Soiree!



Thanks and hope to see you October 8th, 7:00pm to 11:00pm in the Cafeteria and Vortex Theatre in Seycove Secondary School.



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Vancouver Coastal Health

Remember to check out our Parent Resources section of our webpage...you will find Health Bulletins, immunization information, and parent workshops! Click [HERE](#) to find out more ...

SCHOOL NURSE CONTACT: DONNA COATES 604-418-7153 (cell)

YOUTH ON-CALL NURSE: Monday- Friday 8:30-4:30 604-983-6714

NORTH SHORE YOUTH CLINICS:

MONDAYS 3:15-6:15 John Braithwaite Community Center , 2nd Fl.

TUESDAYS 2:30-4:30 West Community Health Center, 1st Fl.

THURSDAYS 2:30-4:30 Parkgate Community Center, 2nd Fl.



On Our Website:

Don't forget...the following IMPORTANT information (and much more) can always be found on our website

(www.seycove.ca):

- This Week at Seycove
- Daily Announcements
- Career Prep News (look under Work Experience)
- Grad Bulletins
- Calendar
- Parent Resources

Homework Site

Several teachers have set up their own homework sites! Please check it out at www.seycove.ca and click on "Teacher Sites".



Fruit & Veggie Program

The Trucks are Rolling Bringing Fruit and Vegetable Snacks to Our School!



Did you know that once again our school is participating in the BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program?

Read the Monthly [Newsletter](#) for September!

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](#):



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Athletics

I want to take the opportunity to welcome everyone back from your summer holiday; I hope it was restful and enjoyable for you and your family.

Seycove had a very successful year for athletics in 09/10 and we would like to build on that success for 2010/2011. Our success is directly due to the countless hours our volunteer coaches and sponsors spend with our student athletes. We need this commitment from our community once again. So if you are able to assist in our athletic program in any capacity, the effort is certainly appreciated and needed from the school.

Athletics is a very important aspect of high school life and one that aides in the development of our youth both mentally and physically. I am an avid proponent that if we are healthy in body and mind we will be a much more successful person in whatever endeavors we choose to pursue in life.

Furthermore, athletics facilitates in building relationships for our students. The relationships we build in high school through the course of athletics is special and they are memories your sons and daughters will carry with them throughout not only their time at high school, but will continue well beyond the walls of Seycove and can be maintained throughout their adult lives.

The athletic program does take time and commitment from our athletes, however this does not mean that their academic success should be jeopardized due to their participation, rather it helps build responsibility and a loyalty to the teams they participate in and the teammates they are involved with. Many of our highest academic achievers are those that participate in our athletic program.

To close, I welcome all members of the community that would like to volunteer their time this year at Seycove. Please contact me via e-mail or by phoning me at the school. Our athletic program cannot be successful without your continued support. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Paul Shtenko, Athletic Director



Dates to Remember:

Sept 30	Black Tusk Trip (Mr. Earl)	Oct 21	Interims Mailed Home (all Grade 8s, other grades if applicable)
Oct 7	7:00pm Grad Parent Meeting	Oct 22	District Professional Day (no school)
Oct 8	Drama/Ms. Cook Appreciation Night	For a complete calendar, please follow this link .	
Oct 11	Thanksgiving (no school)		
Oct 12	7:30pm PAC Meeting		
Oct 18	Photo Retakes		
Oct 19	Lunch Scholarship Meeting		
Oct 20	Post Secondary Night		
