



Seycove News

October 2011

*Welcome to our October 2011 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

Thank you for taking the time to read through this month's e-bulletin. As always, you will find a variety of useful updates that capture the current events at Seycove. On a similar note, I will be transitioning to a blog over the next few weeks that will allow me to post updates and insights throughout the school year that will be aimed for the entire Seycove community. As opposed to a monthly principals' update in our e-bulletin my goal is to add blog entries on an ongoing basis that also gives the opportunity for responses.

Several assemblies have been planned for the school year that have been organized and supported by our staff. We recently had our Grade 8, 9 and 10 students watch the play 'Out in the Open,' a powerful performance by Green Thumb Theatre that takes an "honest look at homophobia, friendship, social pressure and navigating the complicated truths of teenage relationships." Our student audience displayed exemplary conduct during the performance and the positive student feedback I received clearly reinforced their appreciation for this learning experience.

We will also have our Think Day assembly on October 26 that will be intended for the entire student population. This presentation was booked last year and will provide a motivational experience for students to create a healthier and stronger local and global community. If you would like more information on this performance, please refer to their website at <http://motivate.absolute.org>.

Finally, we have invited our Grade 11's to the David Suzuki webinar that will be hosted on November 1 and encourage you to take a look at our website for more information.

On a different note, Seycove and the school district have been providing pertinent updates as it relates to the BCTF strike. We will continue to use School Connects and our school website to deliver and post information to parents. Recently, I sent a letter to all parents outlining changes to our Parent/Teacher interviews and reporting. Further, the Ministry of Education has confirmed that all school districts will continue with our obligation to maintain our reporting procedures as per the School Act. Consequently, all students will receive a report card indicating at a minimum, the student's division, teacher(s), courses, attendance and reports and or grades for any classes taught by administrators.

Thank you for your continued patience and support.

Karim Hachlaf

Homework Club

Did you know?

Seycove has a Homework Club! It is held in room 209 on Mondays for an hour after school. Students who need extra time to complete their homework tasks can drop in and get help. Popcorn is served (with butter). Students who need to do tests can also use this time to do so. We have weekly attendees and also the occasional drop-in... whatever works for you! We meet every Monday EXCEPT when it is a holiday, we will meet on Wednesday.

Any questions? Ask me!

Vicki Digby



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Governor-General Award for the Graduating Class of 2011

Congratulations to **JOHN HARVEY** for winning the Governor General Award for 2010-2011. The Governor General's Academic Medal was first awarded in 1873 by the Earl of Dufferin and has since become one of the most prestigious awards that a student in a Canadian educational institution can receive. The governor general of Canada continues this tradition of encouraging scholarship across the nation and recognizing outstanding students. A Bronze medal is awarded to the student who, in their school, achieves the highest average upon graduation from a secondary school. The average includes all grade 11 and grade 12 courses as listed on the student's official Transcript of Grades issued by the ministry of education. It must be calculated based on final results after provincial examinations.

Take Our Kids to Work – Grade 9s

Take Our Kids to Work day is Wednesday, November 2nd. We sent home through their English classes last week, a package which includes the application. Applications are due back in the office by Wednesday, October 26th.

Students not participating in Take Our Kids to Work day are expected to attend classes as usual.

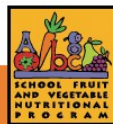
For further information please contact **Neeru Parmar**: nparmar@nvsd44.bc.ca

Students Taking Online Courses

There are many students taking courses online from school districts other than the North Vancouver school district. It is the responsibility for those school districts to inform either Seycove or the Ministry of Education about course credits they are awarding for courses taken in their districts. However, past practice shows us that students should take the initiative to inform Seycove when they are taking courses online and especially when they have successfully completed courses online.

Our request is to please inform the grade counsellors at Seycove about courses taken outside of North Vancouver. For more information please contact Student Services at Seycove.

BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program



The Scoop on this Week's Snack!

Baby Carrots

Nature's Cheezies...

What's crunchy, sweet and looks like a stubby orange finger? And, you can eat them with your hands! Baby carrots – nature's cheezies!

Carrots are nutritional heroes - they store a goldmine of minerals and nutrients. In fact, the first carrots were grown for medicinal purposes. Carrots contain more of the organic compound beta-carotene than any other vegetable or fruit; that's why they're orange. Our bodies convert beta-carotene to vitamin A. Why do you need vitamin A? It helps your night vision. It's also good for our skin, helps our body fight cancer and gives us strong bones (especially important for growing bodies). So, it's true – eating your carrots will help you see in the dark!



Crunch and
Chew!

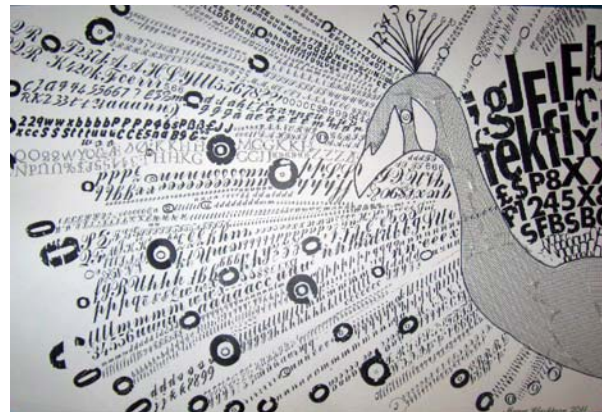
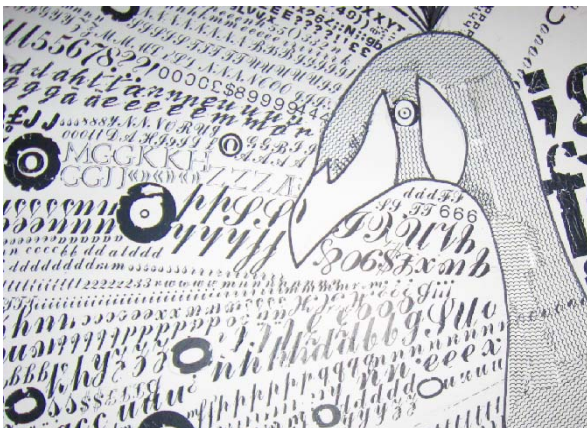
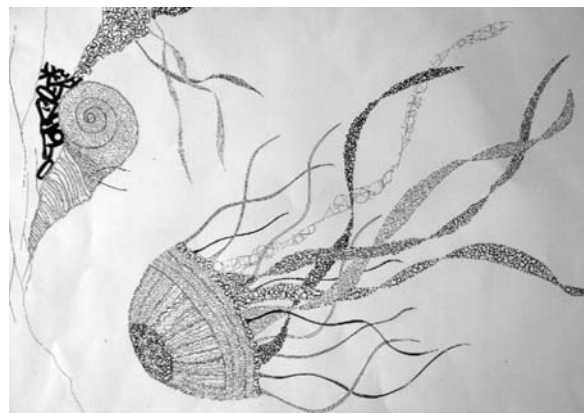
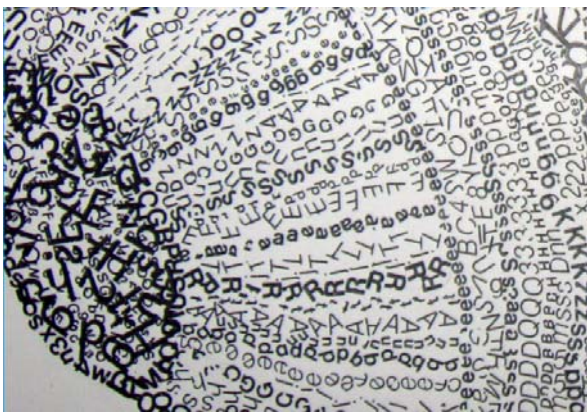


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Mr. Hachlaf's Rotating Art Gallery

Featured this month in Mr. Hachlaf's rotating art gallery are works by senior art students, Maura Blackburn and Margherita Lurani Cernuschi. The project was to create an animal portrait using letraset stencils so that the entire image is composed solely of different fonts. The results, as you can see, are stunning! Congratulations, Maura and Margherita!



Mt. Seymour - High School Sport Credits and Experience: Ski Instructor Development Practicum

This program is for all students ages 15 and up who can ski at an advanced intermediate level and who wish to explore a career in the ski industry.

Students must commit to 12 days of volunteer work for Mt Seymour Resorts Ski and Snowboard School:

- Any 6 of the following dates: Dec. 17,18,19,20,21,22,26,27,28,29,30,31
- Either Saturdays Jan. 7 – Feb. 4 or Sundays Jan. 8 – Feb. 5
- One further day during the 2011-2012 season



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In exchange Mt Seymour will provide each student with

- a Staff Season Pass, valid for entire 2011-2012 season, including staff benefits
- 4 on-snow training sessions to prepare for the CSIA Level 1 Course
- Level 1 Canadian Ski Instructor's Alliance Course and Exams free (course cost is \$365)
- Opportunity to work as a ski instructor once certified

Mt Seymour Resorts is an active member of the local community and a strong supporter of all forms of outdoor education. The objective of the Instructor Development Practicum is to offer local students an opportunity to learn about the ski industry, gain an internationally recognized, professional certification, earn credit for High School graduation and build valuable work and volunteer experience.

CSIA / CASI Level 1: UXSO 10 – 2 Credits

CSIA / CASI Level 2: UXSO 11 – 4 Credits

You will also get 4 credits for work experience. For more info please contact Ms. Lempriere or Ms. Parmar.

Athletics

In athletics, we are seeing the end of the season for our fall sports teams. Over 200 student athletes have been involved in girls volleyball, Grade 8 boys rugby, Junior and Senior boys soccer, Senior girls field hockey, aquatics, and cross country. Practices and competition began at the end of September and the last events for some teams will be held in November. Our winter sports season is just around the corner involving gymnastics, ski and snowboard, as well as our basketball program. Our senior boys and girls basketball teams will be very competitive in their respective leagues and home games are usually well-attended and spirited events. Parents and students are encouraged to come to the gym and cheer on the teams this season. If any parents are interested in coaching basketball at the school this season, please contact Mr. Braam at the school as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Dennis Braam, Athletic Director



Education & Career Fair – Planning 10

Students registered at Seycove in Planning 10 are participating in a field trip to the Vancouver Education & Career Fair on November 30th. Students taking Planning 10 online who would like to attend the Vancouver Education & Career Fair have the opportunity to obtain tickets through Ms. Yeo. Please note that students taking Planning 10 online are responsible for their own transportation to/from the Fair and are responsible for their own supervision at the Fair. They would need to enter the gates to the Vancouver Trade & Convention Center at 12:30pm with the Seycove group. Ms. Yeo needs to secure tickets early so please contact her by email (ayeo@nvsd44.bc.ca) by November 16th at the latest if you would like a ticket.



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Dates to Remember:

Oct 25	Photo Retakes
Oct 26	ThinkDay Motivational Youth Presentation
Oct 29	Deep Cove PPP Fall Fair
Oct 31	Mobile Blood Clinic
Nov 1	David Suzuki Presentation (Gr 11)
Nov 2	Take Our Kids to Work (Gr 9)
Nov 3	Early Dismissal (1:00pm)
Nov 4	Early Dismissal (1:00pm)
Nov 8	PAC Meeting (7:30pm)
Nov 11	Remembrance Day (no school)
Nov 28	Professional Day (no school)
Nov 30	Education & Career Fair (Gr 10)
Dec 6	Winter Grad Cruise
Dec 13	PAC Meeting (7:30pm)
Dec 16	Santa's Breakfast

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

**DEEP COVE
PARENT PARTICIPATION
PRESCHOOL'S
15TH ANNUAL FALL FAIR**

Saturday, October 29th
10am - 2pm
Seycove School Cafeteria
1204 Caledonia Avenue

An extravaganza of fun for the whole family. Kids Fun Zone with Bouncy Castle, Massive Garage Sale, Silent Auction, Cake Walk & Food Concession.

Deep Cove
Parent Participation
PRESCHOOL