October 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Grade 8 Student Council Nominations Due	2
3	4 Spring Play Auditions 3:30, Theatre	5	6	7	8 Photo Order's Due 	9
10	11 Thanksgiving School Closed 	12	13 Grade 8 Student Council Elections Yokohama School Visit	14 Concert Choir Retreat	15 Photo Retakes	16
17	18	19 ADA AGM, Theatre @ 7:30pm	20 Interim Mail-out	21	22 Provincial Pro-D School Closed	23
24	25	26 Sr. Music Concert. Large Gym @ 7:30pm	27 Argyle Reads Week	28	29 Jr. Girls Volleyball Tournament @ Argyle	30
31 Halloween 						

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NEWSLETTER ~ October 2010

Principal's Message

The 2010/2011 school year is well underway. Although some of our students have experienced minor class changes due to balancing class size issues, the school year began very smoothly. The Argyle staff extends a warm welcome back to our parent community. Our current population is at 1520 proud students and approximately 115 staff. Our school community will continue to be guided by the vision of POWER (Pride, Open-Minded, Wisdom, Excellence, and Respect) through the creation of a caring, safe and highly supported community. We look forward to an excellent year where many success stories of Argyle will be shared in our community.

The 2010/2011 school year will bring exciting and meaningful learning opportunities to all Argyle students. September was a busy month with our traditional start-up activities. In addition to the introduction of classes and establishing curricular and extra-curricular routines across the school, we hosted the Opening Grade-wide-Assemblies, Photo Day, Terry Fox Run, the Junior Dance, and much more. A special note about the assemblies: In addition to welcoming students, we reviewed the Student Code of Conduct and General Argyle Information that students need to be aware of. Attendance, cell phone policy, and general student safety were highlighted. I encouraged parents to review this with their children as often as possible.

A special thanks to the PAC executive for 2010/2011 school year. The PAC is currently organizing topics and guest speakers that are relevant and valuable to 'the parents of teenagers'. They welcome your support in asking you to attend PAC meetings which occur every six weeks.

Another very important partnership between the school and the community is our School Planning Council (SPC). Our current parent members are Karen Dalsanto, Cathy Nesmith and Tanya Holand and our student representative is Samantha Chang-Foidl. We hope to have at least one more senior student join this group. Elections for parent membership in the SPC for this coming year will take place at the next PAC meeting, Wednesday, November 3rd.

We are again very proud to announce the academic success this past year. These successes included honour roll achievement and government exam results this past June. This information is posted on the Argyle website.

On behalf of the entire staff, our best wishes go to all students and parents/guardians for the 2010/2011 school year. We encourage students to set clear goals, work hard, utilize effective study skills, ask questions, seek opportunities for leadership, service and involvement with the classroom and across the school, and enjoy all that Argyle offers.

Argyle Has Piper Power

***P**ride*
***O**pen-mindedness*
***W**isdom*
***E**xcellence*
***R**espect*

SCHOOL GOALS

1. To Improve Students' Writing Skills Across the Curriculum
2. To Increase Students' Sense of Responsibility and Academic Achievement
3. To Increase Students' Sense of Empowerment

FRANCE - SPRING BREAK 2011

There is still room on the France trip; see Mrs. Dunkin in room 203 for more information or email her at jdunkin@nvsd44.bc.ca
This is a ten day trip to Paris and the chateaux of the Loire Valley, the beaches of Normandy, and more! Cost is very reasonable. Grades 10 to 12 students are welcome.

BC/QC SIX-MONTH BILINGUAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Argyle is once again taking part in the 6 month BC/QC Bilingual Exchange Federal Program.
In the beginning of September, we were glad to meet William Berger, Macha Bernatchez-Ouellet and Elsa Gonthier, three teenagers from Quebec. They will be living with North Vancouver families and attending classes in our school until the beginning of December. Please welcome them in our community!
At the end of January, Marc Caruth, Alanna Jones and Hayley McLeod (French Immersion, grade 10) will leave for Quebec to meet again with their 'twins' and attend a French School for three months.
Congratulation to all of them for their adventurous spirit!

TERRY FOX RUN

On September 24th Argyle continued its long participation in the annual Terry Fox Run, one of over 8400 schools to do so! The entire school walked or ran a 2 km circuit near the school in the light rain. At this writing, fund raising and pledge collecting is still under way. Students are asked to submit pledge forms, online pledge totals and monies to their block one teachers. The total raised will help the Terry Fox Foundation to fund research to find cures for various cancers. Thanks to everyone for their support of this worthy cause!

TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK

The annual Take Our Kids to Work (TOKW) day takes place on Wednesday November 3, 2010. The primary objective of TOKW is to link classroom learning with the workplace. It also allows Grade 9 students to see their parents or other adults in a workplace role, and to help them understand how the work their parents or other adults do supports a family. 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, and it supports learning outcomes found in Health and Career Education 8 and 9.

It is up to students, parents, and employers to arrange the job shadowing placements for the day, and students must have parent/guardian permission to participate**.**
Please note: There is no provincial WorkSafeBC (WCB) coverage for students participating in "Take Our Kids to Work", even if a consent form is completed. In addition, workplaces/companies are responsible for addressing liability issues, and are counselled to treat students participating in Take Our Kids to Work the same as they would another visitor to the worksite.
Please see the Liability Statement on the Take Our Kids To Work web site for information at www.takeourkidstowork.ca
A consent form was handed out in homeroom on Thursday, September 30th to the students. Completed consent forms should be returned as soon as possible to room 302. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Evelyn Aichmair at 604-903-3300 (ext. 280).

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Grade 12's: Please check the scholarship notice board outside Mrs. Bell's office in Student Services on a regular basis for scholarship updates. You can also check out **www.studentscholarships.org**, **www.bcawardsonline.org** & **www.studentawards.com** for updated information about student scholarship opportunities.
For information on Argyle scholarships and bursaries visit **www.argylesecondary.ca** and go to Departments/ Counselling & Student Services / Scholarships. The Argyle Scholarship Application will be available on the Argyle website in November and the deadline for submission is 3:30pm on January 28th, 2011. Late or incomplete applications will NOT be considered**.**

LANGUAGE CHALLENGE EXAMS OFFER BY THE DELTA SCHOOL DISTRICT

This year the Delta School District 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 need to fill in their applications online before printing and submitting to their counselors – they can google "language challenge exams" to find the website
http://web.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/secondary/challenge-exams
The deadline for receiving applications from students is October 29, 2011.

PARENTING A PRE-TEEN OR TEEN?

Holly burn Family Services, Parenting Seminar Series

A four seminar series to help parents understand:

- How to influence their kids' behaviour effectively
- How developmental stages affect behaviour
- What role a child's environment plays in affecting their behaviour
- How to engage pre-teens and teens
- How consequences affect teenage decisions
- Strategies to deal with issues that face pre-teens and teens

This program encourages parents of children aged 11 years and older to understand their role in shaping and influencing their kids, help avoid constant threats and limit setting, and feeling they are always 'taking things away' from their kids.
Cost: Free
When: Tuesday evenings, 6:30pm – 8:30pm, October 5th – October 26th, 2010
Where: #211 – 255 West 1st St., North Vancouver
Register: contact Francine Michaud by phone at 604-723-4726, or e-mail, fmichaud@hollyburn.ca
Pre-registration is required.

YOUNG WRITERS CLUB

The non-profit Lynn Valley Literary Society is offering its Young Writers' Club program for a sixth successful year. The Club is for creative young people (Grades 5 through 12) who are enthusiastic about writing and keen to learn amongst other fans of the printed word. It meets from 4:00pm to 6:00pm on the second Wednesday of each month at Mollie Nye House on Lynn Valley Road, launching on October 13th and running to June.
Participants enjoy snacks, creative challenges and encouragement from working writers and are published in a member anthology that is launched at the North Shore Spring Arts Fest in May. For more information, please visit www.LynnLit.ca or call 604 984-BOOK.

"ARGYLE CHORAL CORNER"

The Argyle Senior Vocal Ensemble is a feature group at Musicfest Vancouver again.

It was 3 years ago that the Argyle Senior Vocal Ensemble was invited to be the "workshop" choir in the educational programming portion of this annual international music festival. Then we were graced with the honour of working with world renowned "RAJATON" – a six voice acapella ensemble from Finland in a public workshop at Christ Church Cathedral.

This year the producers called on us again for the 10th Anniversary to be a part of the educational public workshop with an acapella vocal quartet from Australia, "The Idea of North". On Friday the 13th of August, members past and present of the Senior Vocal Ensemble met and prepared to be a part of this workshop, which also featured "Nite Cap" from Capilano University. A packed house listened and watched as we workshopped two of their original arrangements. It was a special honour to work with professional artists of this stature.

The great opportunities continue for this Vocal Ensemble as the school year unfolds. The ensemble has been invited as a feature performance group for the Cap Choral Intensive at Capilano Univesity, Birch Theatre on January 29th, 2011 as well as an invitation to do an evening "Showcase" concert at the Canadian Rocky Mountain Festival in Banff, April 2011.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

October is Halloween month, and although this is a fun time for little children, at times it is not so for secondary schools. Parents and students are reminded that there are District and Municipality by-laws in place that state it is illegal for any person under the age of eighteen to even be in possession of fireworks of any kind. These by-laws were drawn up in response to the number of injuries and other damage caused each fall around Halloween. Schools classify fireworks as a “weapon” under the School Code of Conduct and students are dealt with accordingly. I look forward to hearing about safe celebrations that students participate in at home and throughout the community.