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Principal's Message



The challenges of a busy September opening are now officially behind us, and we are happy to know that staff and students are settled in their classes and already looking at mid term results. We have successfully completed our first round of emergency drills and managed to safely evacuate our 1570 students and 115 staff members in just under four minutes. Our emergency drills will continue at intervals throughout the school year. Our seismic project is officially complete, and you will notice the absence of construction fences, trailers and equipment. We are looking forward to welcoming parents for parent teacher interviews on October 15, 2009. This will be a great

opportunity for parents to see our newly refurbished gym and other areas that have been upgraded. We have decided to continue with a schedule that allows for parent teacher interviews early in the semester. Staff and parents have agreed that earlier contact with parents makes for more effective intervention for students who are struggling. We are convinced that supportive parents are a huge factor in encouraging students' achievement.

Any parents who would like to become involved in our PAC and MVP (Mouat Volunteer Parent) groups are encouraged to contact the school for information about how to get involved.

We have a school dance planned for October 21 and parent volunteers are needed.

Swimming, volleyball, cross country, and football teams are all off to a great start. We really appreciate the time and effort our teacher, parent and volunteer coaches dedicate to our athletics programs. If you have not yet attended a game or event, I encourage you to come out and support our Hawk teams.

Finally, we would like to thank our Parent Advisory Committee who sponsored the *Safeteen* program for all grade 10 students on October 6. Students had many positive comments about this violence prevention program, and we look forward to offering it again next fall.

Student Attendance

W. J. Mouat is on the semester system and **regular attendance is absolutely essential** for student success.

Students arriving late to school after 8:40 in the morning or after 12:10 in the afternoon **MUST** sign-in at the office to receive a late slip. A note dated and signed by a parent or guardian, or a phone call, is required to excuse the student's lateness.

If your child will be absent, please contact the school at your earliest convenience at 604-853-7191. Following an absence, a note signed and dated is required, unless the absence was already excused by a phone call from a parent or guardian.

Warning bell	8:05 a.m.
Second bell	8:10 a.m.
Lunch	10:56-11:36
Second bell	11:42 a.m.
Dismissal	2:26 p.m.

Important Dates

October

Oct 12	Thanksgiving Day (No School)
Oct 13	Picture Retakes
Oct 15	Parent/Teacher Interviews 6-8:30pm
Oct 20	PAC Meeting 7pm
Oct 23	Non Instructional Day (No School)

November

Nov 11	Remembrance Day Holiday (No School)
Nov 17	PAC Meeting 7pm
Nov 20	Report Cards Issued
Nov 25 & 26	Early Dismissal Days (end @ 1:26 pm)
Nov 27	Non Instructional Day (No School)

December

Dec 14	Christmas Music Concert
Dec 15	PAC Meeting 7 pm
Dec 21-Jan 3	Winter Vacation (school closed)

January

Jan 4	School Re-opens
Jan 15	Non Instructional Day (No School)



Grads & Parents

Do you want to know what your son/daughter has completed for Grad Transitions?

Graduation Transitions information can be found online at: www.mouatonline.com - Select the Resources Tab and click on Graduation Transitions Online. Check the My Status link at the bottom of the menu tree.

Immunization Forms for Grade 9s

Immunization forms were sent home earlier this month. Please sign the consent form and return as soon as possible if you wish to have your son/daughter vaccinated at the school.

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The French Immersion Department is planning a trip to France for Spring Break 2011 (not this Spring Break).

Anyone interested in participating? You have 15

months to start saving for an unforgettable experience..

There will be an information meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 7:30pm in room

124. A minimum of 15 committed students is needed to make the trip go ahead. Sign up early!!!

Grade 9 Parents "TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK" DAY Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009

This year's "Take Our Kids to Work" Day for Grade 9s is on Nov. 4, 2009. Parents are encouraged to participate by taking your son/daughter to your workplace for the day. If it is not possible for you to host a student in your workplace, you may explore other options for them such as the

workplace of a friend, relative, or neighbour. Students will be receiving program information and parental consent forms in their Block B class. **Completed and signed consent forms should be returned to the Block B teacher by Nov. 2, 2009.**

Students who have returned a signed consent form will be expected to be in a workplace setting. Students without a signed consent form will be required to attend their regular classes.

For more information on the program, visit www.thelearningpartnership.ca

Students will be receiving program information and parental consent forms in their Block B class.

Mouat Pitches In October

Theme: REDUCE

Tip of the Month:

REDUCE household waste!

- use cloth instead of paper towels
- use reusable grocery bags
- use reusable lunch containers
- buy bulk
- buy reusable coffee filters
- use a travel mug
- send e-cards instead of paper ones

www.pitch-in.ca

Important Dates

October 19 – 25: National Waste Reduction Week

Join Mouat's Junior Leadership Team and people across Canada in the attempt to reduce their impact on the environment by minimizing the amount of household waste they produce each day! For more information visit <http://www.wrwcanada.com/>

Parent Alert

Parents should note that the graduation activities organized and supervised by school staff each year include **only** the **Convocation**

Ceremony, the **Prom**, and the **'Night to Remember'** - any other off-campus activities you may hear about are not sponsored by W.J. Mouat. We suggest

that parents investigate carefully to make certain that other celebrations and activities students may wish to attend are safe and healthy.

Friendships Across Cultures

Are you new to Canada? This program matches newcomers with Canadian volunteers who would like to help you by providing friendship, helping to improve English skills, and learn about

life in your new community. The Youth Buddies are also interested in learning more about you and your culture. This program is free. If you are interested in the Multicultural Club please see

Ms. Lam to fill out an application form. Youth Buddy participants can meet for lunch or participate in different activities every Wednesday in Ms. Lam's room 306.

W J Mouat Athletes of the Month September 2009

WJ Mouat Secondary School Athletics, in partnership with proud sponsors Abbotsford McDonalds, present the Mouat Athlete of the Month Program. The Athlete of the Month Program is intended to acknowledge our student athletes for their participation, commitment, dedication and performances in athletics at WJ Mouat Secondary. Each month coaches nominate players to our selection committee. Athletes of the month chosen will receive a recognition plaque and meal certificates. A photo displaying the Athletes of the Month will be on display in the gym area and on the new WJM Athletics website.

Jr Girl:	Neesha Randhawa	Volleyball
Jr Boy	JD Paul	Football
Sr Girl	Michelle Earl	Volleyball
Sr Boy	Allan Dicks	Football

Congratulations District Scholarship Winners!

The following 17 W. J. Mouat 2009 grads received a \$1000 Dogwood District Award for their projects in the specialty areas of Fine Arts, Applied Skills, Second Language or Physical Education:

Annu Bangar (Fine Arts, Writing)
Enger Bewza (Fine Arts, Digital Media)
Pam Churchill (Visual Arts)

Abigail Dahl (Visual Art, Photography)
Magan Haycock (Fine Arts, Drama)
Alanna Harms-Wiebe (Visual Arts)
Lauren Healy (Fine Arts, Dance)
Colby Johanson (Applied Skills, Drafting)
Falene Karey-McKenna (Applied Skills, Textiles)
Minji Kim (Visual Arts)
Shayna Lauer (Visual Arts)

Matthew Loehndorf (Applied Skills, Drafting)
Chelsea Rus (Fine Arts, Music)
Nolan Sage (Second Language)
Elaine Samuel (Applied Skills, Event Planning)
Kendra Schellenberg (Visual Arts)
George Toews (Applied Skills, Drafting)

Provincial Scholarship Winners

Through the hard work of both staff and students, W. J. Mouat's tradition of academic excellence continues. Our school won an outstanding total of 40 Provincial Scholarships.

Congratulations to all of our scholarship winners. They are: Kelsey Andison, Nicole Balston, Kaitlyn Baxter, Ryan Beumont, Harmanbir

Brar, Kernveer Brar, Tristan Brett, Shane Callander, Carissa Chapman, Andrea Chiney, Pamela Churchill, Paul Del Vicario, Baldeep Dhaliwal, Kamaldeep Gill, Joseph Hahm, Kimberley Hanks, Alanna Harms-Wiebe, Magan Haycock, John Heidrich, Kimberley Hornemann, Shayna Lauer, Trey Le, Eddy Lee, Mary Loewen, Jennifer Martel,

Candace Massey, Christine Nickel, Steven Olsen, Kayla Panchmatia, Grace Romund, Nolan Sage, Oana Salcescu, Elaine Samuel, Kendra Schellenberg, Stephen Sparkes, Genevieve St-Martin, Kathryn Stobbart, Manjot Toor, Sarah Truong and Saskia van den Berg.

Update to Road Closures on Maclure Road

East bound lanes on Maclure Road, from Old Yale Road to Clearbrook Road, will be closed to traffic from Oct 5 to Oct 30. Through traffic will be permitted on west bound lanes.

Lane closures for other sections of

Maclure Road are:

- Clearbrook Road to Trethewey Street, Nov 2 to Nov 20
- Trethewey Street to Gladwin Road, Nov 23 to Dec 11

Detour signs will be installed on affected roads and updates regarding road closures will be advertised on the city's website (www.abbotsford.ca) and weekly City page ads in the local newspaper.

Aboriginal Support Room News

The Aboriginal Support Room will be hosting a field trip to the Mustang Riding Stables on Oct. 21st. All students interested in going can get a

field trip permission form from Michele Schroeder in the Aboriginal Support Room. We will be away from the school that day during block A,D

and C. Students will still go to class during block B that morning then meet outside in the front of the school to catch the bus.

Language Challenge Exams

Are you fluent in a language (spoken and written)?

French 11 and 12

German 11 and 12

Japanese 11 and 12

Korean 11 and 12

Mandarin 11 and 12

Punjabi 11 and 12

Spanish 11 and 12

Deadline for application: October 19, 2009

Pick up an application package from your

Counsellor:

A to F Ms Merrick

G to M Mr Lee

N to Z Mrs Nyberg

Regular student cost: \$50 deposit—
refunded when Challenge is complete.

International student cost: \$125 non-refundable charge

Language 12 Ministry exams are optional---check with your counsellor to discuss what is recommended for you.

Get full credits and a percentage grade for the course by successfully completing the challenge exam.

LPI Exams

LPI (Language Proficiency Index) **exams** are required for most BC **Universities** and **Colleges**. The exam will be held at W. J. Mouat on Thursday, December 3rd from 2:45 to 5:30pm. The cost is \$55.00.

Mrs. Nyberg will visit all the grade 12 English classes at the end of October to explain the registration process. **LPI review sessions: Nov. 19 & 26** after school. Deadline to apply is November

22nd, 2009.

Students should check if the post-secondary institution of their choice requires the LPI and what their exemptions are.

Varsity Football Update

The varsity football team is currently sitting with a 2-2 record, having defeated Rick Hansen and Holy Cross and losing two close games, one to New West 36-33 and one to Centennial 24-21.

This Friday we host defending provincial champs Terry Fox, again ranked number one in AAA this year. This key league game will give the Hawks a good indication of our strengths and weaknesses at the present time.

After Terry Fox, the varsity team has two weeks of non-conference play. We travel to Dayton, Oregon for a game on October 16th and to Kelowna to play Rutland on October 24th. These two games will give the team some valuable bonding time before the last two league games, against St. Thomas More and Lord Tweedsmuir.

The varsity team has done some excellent fund-raising this year, working at the Abbotsford Air Show in August and selling Mouat Gold Cards the past few weeks. These have netted the team approximately \$7,000 which goes toward our road trip expenses.

Team members currently have Tupperware order forms and catalogues. If you are interested in these products, see one of the boys.

So far this season our outstanding players have been running backs Allan Dicks and Drew Chung, linebacker Tyler Declare, receiver John Watson, kicker Nick Naylor and defensive lineman Trevor Iacovone. Our quarterbacks, Cam Bedore and Brady Churly have shown steady progress and our defensive backs are getting better each week.

Running back/linebacker James Brodland had an outstanding showing against Centennial as he filled in for Dicks who had food poisoning. Declare currently leads the province in tackles.

For up to date info about Mouat football, go to www.wjmouathawksfootball.com

English For Living & Working

Looking For Work? We Can Help!

A Job Search and Computer Skills Program for ESL adults who are unemployed or working less than 20 hours a week.



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Mothers Who Care

Mothers Who Care is a Campus Crusade for Christ Ministry, offering support to staff and students of W.J. Mouat through prayer and encouragement. We are interdenominational and meet once a week. For more information contact Caroline Thurley at 604-850-5754.



PARENT ADVISORS

1-888-351-9834

Help! Do you need some?



Do you have a school related question or concern? Call the BCCPAC Parent Advocacy Help Line at 1-888-351-9834 and leave a message. A parent advocate (confidential, trained volunteer) will return your call.

PAC News

The next PAC meeting will be on October 20th at 7:00 in the library. Please join us.

Paula Kast
WJM Chair

Free Tutoring

The Benevolent Nerds, a group of senior students, are offering tutoring to all Mouat students on a daily basis after school in the library. Instruction is in all subjects to all grades and in five languages...English, French, German, Korean and Punjabi.

Dogwood District/ Authority Award

(formerly known as District Scholarship) Applications are now available via your school counsellor. Students have an opportunity to win a \$1000 scholarship by completing and presenting a 100hr project in their specialty area.

A meeting explaining the process took place on October 8.

Deadline for applications is October 30th, 2009. See Mrs. Nyberg in the counselling centre if you have questions.

Junior Varsity Football News

The Jr. Varsity Football Team's season is off to an outstanding start with 4 wins, 0 losses. Scores include 40-16 (Seaquam), 33-8 (Rick Hansen), 28-6 (Carson Graham) and most notably, last night's 40-0 triumph over Terry Fox. Next home game is Oct. 15th against St. Thomas More with kick-off at 6:30 pm. Come on out!