

# *Nakusp Secondary School Newsletter*

December 10, 2009

“Prove it Possible”

## Principal's Message

The buzz in the classrooms and hallways is very positive with first term over and holiday plans in the works. Only one week of school days left, packed with all sorts of holiday activities put on by Students' Council!

The annual food bank drive is well under way; we always hope to fill our display case with non-perishable food items or presents for those in need (the winning house team, will have their picture in the newspaper and gain spirit award points for the new Principal's Spirit Award).

Students will decorate classrooms and lockers, send chocolategrams, have their pictures taken with Santa, do a fashion show, find hidden presents, etc". Thanks to Ms. Andrea Clark and the Students' Council and to Mr. Morrison for organizing all these activities. Thanks also to the staff for their assistance and cooperation at this hectic time of year. Please see the full schedule of events later in this newsletter.

Thank you to all the parents who came to the parent-teacher interviews on November 26th. Your continued support of your children and our school is greatly appreciated!

Many of our students are involved in *Grease*, a wonderful musical that I hope the community will come to see in January 2010. Stay tuned for the exact dates.

First day of classes in the New Year is Monday, January 4! I hope that everyone has a fun and safe holiday! See you in 2010!

Susan Paterson  
Principal

## Important Dates:

Dec 16	Band Concert 7:00 pm <b>at NSS</b>
Dec 18	Last day of classes for 2009
Jan 04	First day of classes for 2010
Jan 14	Newsletter #6
Jan 15	Professional Development Day—no classes
Jan 19	EF Tour 2011 meeting, 6:30 pm
Jan 25 to Jan 29	Grade 10 to 12 exams
Jan 27	PAC Meeting—7:00 PM—Library
Jan 28	Turn Around Day—NO CLASSES
Jan 29	Turn Around Day—NO CLASSES
	Last day of Term 2, Semester 1

### Important Dates cont'd:

Feb 01	First day of Semester II, Term 3
Feb 05	Term 2 Report Card issued
Feb 10	Recognition Assembly—9:50 am <b>*note this is a date change</b> Newsletter #11
Feb 12	Last day to drop Sem II course w/o penalty
Feb 19	Professional Development Day—no classes
Feb. 24	PAC meeting—7pm NSS library
Feb 26	Ski Day

### **January, 2010 Exam Schedule**

#### Monday, January 25

<b>9:00 – 11:00</b>	English 11 – Class Exam
<b>12:00 (1:00) – 3:00</b>	Chemistry 11 – Class Exam

#### Tuesday, January 26

<b>9:00 – 11:00</b>	<b>Communications 12 (PROVINCIAL)</b>
<b>12:00 (1:00) – 3:00</b>	<b>Principles of Math 12 (PROV) – PMA 12 – Class Exam</b>

#### Wednesday, January 27

<b>9:00 – 11:00</b>	<b>English 12 (PROV)</b>
<b>12:00 (1:00) – 3:00</b>	<b>Social Studies 11 (PROV)</b>

#### Thursday, January 28

(No Classes) **“TURN AROUND DAY”**

<b>9:00 – 11:00</b>	<b>BC First Nations Studies 12 (PROV)</b>
<b>12:00 (1:00) – 3:00</b>	<b>History 12 ((PROV) All Grade 10 Maths Applications of Math 12 –</b>

#### Friday, January 29

(No Classes) **“TURN AROUND DAY”**

### **NSS TAKING DONATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICES FOOD HAMPER**

Nakusp Secondary School is once again taking donations for the Community Services food hampers. Students are asked to bring non-perishable food items and new toys, books or clothing for all age groups, if they are able. The house team bringing in the most donations to the hamper will have their picture in the paper. Deadline for donations is Dec. 17th.

**Please come to the next NSS PAC meeting!**

**Wednesday, January 27th**

**7:00 PM**

**Library**

**We encourage parents to attend and let your voices be heard. A reminder that, without a PAC, we cannot provide input into decision making at Nakusp Secondary. You are an important part of the school.**

**The PAC extends wishes for a very Merry Christmas and all the best to you and yours in 2010!**

**Student's Council 12 Days of Christmas Activities**

December 10th	Bring your own mug—Hot chocolate door/class decorating Hat and or Scarf day Chocolate Truffles sales begin—\$2ea.
December 11th	“Don't Forget the Lyrics” contest
December 14th	Hidden presents day-25 cents per entry
December 15th	Candy jar guess—25 cents per entry
December 16th	Christmas themed Fashion Show
December 17th	MADD presentation—9:30 Pictures with Santa—\$1.00 ea. Red & Green day Chocolate Truffle distribution day
December 18th	Wear your PJs day Movie afternoon—25 cent entry

**!!Christmas Truffles for Sale!!**

The NSS Sustainability Club is selling melt in your mouth Organic, Fair Trade, Locally-made truffles.

There are six different flavours in both milk and dark chocolate to choose from.

Truffles are \$2.00 each or 6 for \$10.00

Your support will bring joy to those that eat them, support for your local school, support for a small local business that makes them, as well as the Fair Trade communities that supply the awesome ingredients. A win-win all around!

Truffles are available from the school office or through a Sustainability Club member.

Thanks for your support!

### **Junior Girls Volleyball**

Our Junior Girls Volleyball team had a very successful season this year. We attended 3 play days in Nelson, Golden, Mt. Sentinel and hosted one. We were undefeated in 3 out of the 4 play days, so this set high hopes for the finals.

On November 25<sup>th</sup> we set off to Nelson for the West Kootenay Volleyball Finals. In our first match against Nelson we came out on top. The first game was won 25-8 and the second 25-11. Going into our 2<sup>nd</sup> match against Trail we were feeling quite confident. During the first game we were behind by 10 points, but made a heroic comeback to win that game 25-22. The next game Trail won 25-15 resulting in a sudden death tie breaker game to 15. We were behind 6-12 when our coach, Ms. Mense, called a time out. She gave a very inspirational pep talk which lifted the team's spirit immensely. We then stepped on the court with a "do or die" mentality. After this every girl gave 150% and everything they had was left on the court. We made an outstanding comeback but then tragically lost 12-15. Trail later went on to win the West Kootenay Finals. As you can imagine the team was incredibly disappointed going into our final match. This match was against Salmo, a team we had beat earlier in the season. The whole team thought it would be an easy win, but to their surprise Salmo had improved a lot. We lost our first game 16-25, but won our second 25-18. Going into the tie breaker game the team was sadly disheartened. The game was tied all the way until the end when Salmo pulled ahead by 2 points, just enough to take the win. The end score was 17-15. Our team went home with a respectable 4<sup>th</sup> place title.

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### **Grade 8 & 9 Social Studies Students & Parents**

#### **Medieval Dinner**

**Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> – 5:30pm sit down dinner  
In the NSS gymnasium**

- this is a pot luck style dinner – bring your favorite medieval dish
- dress in period costume, as a peasant or a nobleman or noblewoman
- be sure to bring your own plate, cup and cutlery

**Social Studies presentations and Band Concert to follow the dinner**

**Come One, Come All !!! December 16th—7:00p.m. NSS GYM**

**Poinsettia orders can be picked up after the concert.**

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## **Nets for Botswana**

Looking for a unique Christmas gift? The Sustainability Club is selling anti-malaria mosquito nets to give to people in Botswana. Nets are only \$10.00 with all the money going directly to purchasing nets. In recognition of your purchase you will receive a certificate you can use as a gift showing the net was given that person's name.

Nets are available from NSS or from What's Brewing, Prima Materia, Little Mountain Outdoor Gear, Grooming by Til, Spiritwood, Nakusp Veterinary Clinic, Dog Sense Boutique and Kootenay Savings.

### **PARENT ADVISORY NEWS**

Items to look for in the coming months include the new School Growth Plan at NSS, a complete revision of SD #10 policy 3150: School Closure and Reconfiguration and once again, School Calendar options. We strive to voice the opinions and concerns, of the parents of NSS students, to NSS staff and the Board of Education. Come out to a monthly meeting and be heard. Your input is welcome and appreciated.

### **Nakusp Secondary School Parent Advisory Council AGM Minutes October 28, 2009**

**Present:** Jennifer Cliff-Marks, Stephen Marks, Beth McLeod, Louella Cann, Karen Likness, Lee-Anne Marshall, Susan Paterson, Kees van der Pol, Bill Hilton

1. Called to order at 7:02 pm
2. Motion to accept minutes from Sept 30, 2009 meeting by Steve. Second – Karen. Carried
3. Additions: 11.4 Soup Fundraiser
4. Correspondence: Board Agenda pkg., Okanagan College, Recreation Equip. catalogue

#### **Reports:**

5. Treasurer's Report – Gaming account balance: \$2,706.71 General account: \$5,852.11
6. Principal's Report
  - New Bell Schedule – Edgewood bus needs more time.
  - Hallowe'en Activity Day on Friday Oct 30th
  - 4<sup>th</sup> ABC Performance on Nov 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Sr Boys to Soccer Provincials in Abbotsford Nov 4 – 7 Less funding available from District & school
  - Elaine Tupper will be the new teacher in the Learning Centre. She was also the staff rep on the BC Student Leadership trip – perhaps speak to her re:

presentation next meeting.

- Soup Days going well
- School Photos
- New Denver Post Secondary Liaison Day
- Julia Flesaker & Liza Ireland took 25 girls (grades 8-12) to “Girls Talk Tech”
- Sue Paterson will be the organizer of the 7<sup>th</sup> NSS Tour to Europe – 2011 Spring Break
- Interim reports have gone out. Some parents reported only receiving 2 or 3; Kees suggested contacting the teachers for a progress report

7. Trustee's Report – attached.

8. Student Council Report – none

9. DPAC Report – none

10. SPC Report – Kees gave an overview of the Growth Plan. Our PAC approves.

### **11. New Business**

11.1 Karen Likness nominated Louella Cann as Director. Louella nominated Karen as a Director. Both accepted. No further nominations were made for the executive positions. All nominations were carried. Our new executive for the 2009/2010 school year is:

- Lee-Anne Marshall - Chairperson
- Stephen Marks – Vice-President
- Jennifer Cliff-Marks – Treasurer
- Darcy Wanstall – Secretary
- Karen Likness, Louella Cann – Directors

11.2 BCCPAC Fall Conference – if anyone would like to go please let Lee-Anne know.

11.3 BCCPAC Membership Renewal – discuss in November

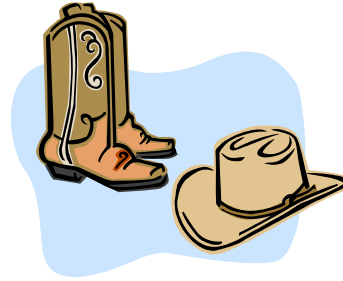
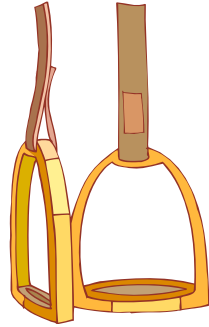
11.4 A Soup Fundraiser was discussed.

### **12. Old Business:**

12.1 We have 42 soup bowls of similar size. We could use another 20, preferably Corelle bowls.

13. Motion to adjourn at 8:05 pm

14. Next Meeting: November 25, 2009



# **HorseBack Riding Lessons** **Children to Adult**

**Horse riding lessons are available at Fox Meadows Equine Center. All lessons are conducted by an Equine Canada Certified Level 1 Coach ~ English and Western**

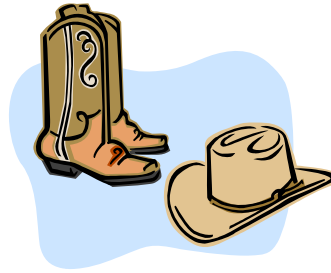
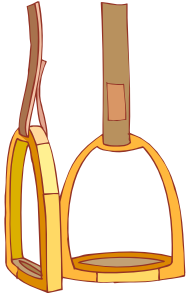
- 🌐 EARN HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS (British Columbia)
- 🌐 LEARN SAFE HORSE HANDLING
- 🌐 PROMOTE HEALTHY LIVING WITH OUTDOOR EXERCISE
- 🌐 LEARN ABOUT HORSES FROM THE GROUND UP
- 🌐 LEARN BOTH ENGLISH AND/OR WESTERN RIDING STYLES

**Weekly lessons are available as a group or private format.  
Own horse is not a necessity. Call for more information.  
All lessons given by Equine Canada Certified Level 1 Coach.**

**Our Motto is: A safe, friendly and caring environment for all horse enthusiasts and their horses with solid, quality instruction to encourage and nurture the desire to learn and provide the means to achieve fine horsemanship.**

**Riders are strongly encouraged to join Horse Council of British Columbia.  
All riders **MUST** wear ASTM approved helmet for lessons and safe riding boots.**

**Contact: *Faye Fox*  
~Equine Canada Certified Level 1 Coach, English and Western  
~ 1-250-265-4393 OR [foxmeadows@hughes.net](mailto:foxmeadows@hughes.net)**



# **FUN** with **HORSES**



## **Day-Camps 2010**



- Camp 1~ ~ July 6, 7, 8 ages 12+**
- Camp 2~ ~ July 13, 14, 15 ages 9-12**
- Camp 3~ ~ July 20, 21, 22 ages 7-9**
- Camp 4~ ~ July 27, 28, 29 ages 4-6**

Campers *must* pre register. We will only be accepting a maximum # of campers per session, so sign up quickly. Day-Camp sessions will run from 9am-3:30pm. Drop off starting at 8:30am and pick up till 4:15pm. Day-Camp only \$225.00 per week.

Lessons given by Equine Canada Certified Level 1 Coach.

Day-Campers will learn about:

- 🕒 English and Western Riding
- 🕒 Horse and Rider Safety
- 🕒 Brushing, Tacking, Anatomy,
- 🕒 Horse Language
- 🕒 Horse and Equipment Care
- 🕒 Horse Games
- 🕒 And much more!!!

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