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Newsletter #3

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we finish Term 1 and start Term 2, there are a number of important information items we would like you to be aware of. We have had a very positive first term and look forward to what the rest of the year brings. The teacher job action continues but, for the most part, the impact has been minimal from the student's perspective. The most noticeable impact from the parent's perspective will be with the current reporting process. Please read over the information below and pay close attention to the messages included with the report card itself.

The next month is a very busy one at the school and we encourage you to make yourself aware of the upcoming activities.

Sincerely,

Bill Village
Principal - bill.village@sd71.bc.ca

Upcoming Events and Information

1. Term 1 Reporting – As part of the teacher job action, the reporting process is different than you would normally experience. Instead of the report card coming as a single document in the traditional manner, your child should be receiving a progress report from each of their teachers. You may have already received a number of these. In addition, the Ministry of Education has directed the school to send home the "official" report card which provides information about your child's attendance.

A school focus shared with the students and staff for this year is in developing a "culture of completion" in the school. The goal for every student should be to complete every homework assignment. If a student fails to do so then the expectation is that teachers will use the structures that are in place to accomplish that goal. Teachers can choose to:

- work with students outside of class time,
- assign students to Room 100 at lunch,
- assign students to the P.A.S.S. Program after school on Wednesdays,
- assign students to X - Block on Friday afternoons to complete work.

If you are convinced this is not happening for your child you are encouraged to contact the teacher directly to find out why.

In addition, parents should be aware that we will be unable to produce Honour Rolls as we normally would at this time. Due to the fact that the teachers are not "posting" their marks in the computer system, we are unable to compile results for this purpose.

2. Parent-Teacher Interviews – Thursday, Nov. 24th is a non-instructional day to provide time for parents and teachers to meet to discuss the progress of their child. We plan for 15 minute interviews between 9:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. Please call the school office to book your appointment(s). If you are unable to meet during this time frame you can e-mail the teacher directly to see if you can arrange an alternative time. The teacher's e-mail addresses are listed on the school's website.

3. Grad Fashion Show – Our Grad class is busy preparing for their annual Grad Fashion Show taking place Monday, Nov. 21st at 7 P.M. in the gym. The show for this year has a circus theme and promises to be very entertaining. Doors open at 6 pm. for everyone to enjoy a "midway" concession and entertainment, raffle tickets and even shop for grad merchandise and poinsettias available for Christmas. Tickets are \$5 at the door so come out and support our first Grad 2012 fundraiser. It promises to be an entertaining evening.

4. Drama Production – The Isfeld Drama Department is embarking on a busy schedule. The school is offering a fun musical called the "Fabulous Fable Factory" that will be running this month from Nov. 28th- Dec.2nd at 7:30 P.M. at Mark R. Isfeld. This cute and quirky play is fun for the whole family. It will have you laughing and crying all while stealing your heart away with its memorable characters and hilarious puns. It is being performed by the Theatre Preparatory class of the school, so come and cheer on this year's fun and funky musical. Tickets are only \$10 and are available from Mr. Smith or at the door. If that isn't enough laughter for you, your family can then come and support the Senior Improv Team at their exhibition round at Highland Secondary Dec. 3rd. at 7:00 P.M. Prepare yourself for a hilarious and crazy show.

5. Parent Workshops – You are invited to attend an interactive 3-hour session for parents and other adults who want to improve the knowledge and skills they need to be approachable, non-judgmental sources of reliable sexual health information for their children. The workshop is sponsored by the School District put on by "Options for Sexual Health (Opt)" who are Canada's largest non-profit provider of sexual health services. There are three workshops to choose from: a) Tuesday, November 22, 2011 from 6 – 9 P.M. at Lake Trail (K-12), b) Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012 from 7 – 9 P.M. at Mark R. Isfeld with a K-7 focus, and c) Thursday, May 3, 2012 from 5:30 – 8:30 P.M. at G.P. Vanier (K-12).

6. Important Dates

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| Monday, Nov. 21 st | - Grad Fashion Show at 7 P.M. in the Gym |
| Tuesday, Nov. 22 nd | - North Island Choir Festival, Northgate Foursquare Church, 3:15 – 4:00 P.M. |
| Wednesday, Nov. 23 rd | - North Island Band Festival, Sid Williams Theatre, Gr 9, 11:00 – 11:30 A.M. |
| Thursday, Nov. 24 th | - North Island Band Festival, Sid Williams Theatre, Sr. Band, 1:30 – 2:00 P.M. |
| Monday, Nov. 28 th – Dec. 2 nd | - Non- Instructional Day for Parent /Teacher Interviews |
| Monday, Dec. 12 th | - Theatre Production in the Multipurpose Room |
| Saturday, Dec. 17 th – Jan. 2 nd | - Christmas Concert at 7:00 P.M. in the gym |
| Tuesday, Jan. 3 rd | - Winter Break |
| Monday, Jan. 9 th | - School re-opens |
| | - P.A.C. Meeting |

7. School Website – the website is constantly being updated. We encourage you to visit it regularly for up to date information on the school. The website address is: www.isfeldschool.com