



# Gold River Secondary School

October 14, 2009

## School Improvement Plan 2009-2010

### GOAL # 1

To promote a sense of belonging and community throughout the school; express a sense of ownership and pride in the life of the school and community.

#### Why We Chose This Goal:

- To reduce bullying and promote awareness of bullying behaviour.
- At our PAC meetings, discussion has frequently focused on the need to involve students, staff and parents in working together to create a more vibrant, eye-appealing and congenial environment.
- Students have expressed a desire to have the school painted through input in the suggestion box.

#### How We Will Address This Goal:

- Annual review of and implementation of Code of Conduct (input from students, staff, and parents).
- Student Leadership Group (focus on Student Government).
- Allocation of teaching staff to alternate and transition students.
- Anti-Bullying/Anti-Racism Pledge by everyone in the school (reaffirmed annually)
- Annual Parent/Student survey
- Local Education Committee
- Culture Awareness Week
- Grade 7 Transition visit

#### How We Will Track Progress:

- Satisfaction Survey Results
- Survey of Students, Staff, Parents
- Bullying survey for students
- Anecdotal reports by staff of Nootka Discovery and Transition classes

Watch for our  
November Open House Date  
Join us for the  
Canucks game on the Big Screen



## Parent Advisory Council

Meeting Date Changed

to

**October 20, 2009**

**7:00 p.m.**

### ADVISING CENTRE NEWS-Mr. Lake

#### Scholarships

A meeting was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October to discuss scholarship applications. Application forms for local scholarships are available on the student dropbox. Information about many other scholarships is available in the top drawer of the file cabinet in the Advising Resource area. The next scholarship and bursary meeting will take place after school on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October in room 111.

#### Post-Secondary Institutes Visit

Students in grades 10-12 have signed up for our annual PSI Visit. Representatives from nine post-secondary institutes will be meeting with students on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October. This is another opportunity for students to explore options and to gain information about post-secondary admission requirements. A useful online tool for students and parents exploring post-secondary programs and prerequisites may be found at [www.educationplanner.bc.ca](http://www.educationplanner.bc.ca). Students can make use of this resource during the Career and Education Exploration component of their Planning 10 course.

#### Encounters With Canada

A record breaking number of GRSS students will be travelling to Ottawa this year to participate in Encounters With Canada! Through EWC students learn about Canadian institutions, explore career themes, and develop their leadership skills. Meetings for next year's program will take place in May.

#### HeretoHelp Website

Mental health and substance use information is available at [www.heretohelp.bc.ca](http://www.heretohelp.bc.ca). If you are feeling desperate and need to talk to someone, call 1-800-784-2433. Trained and helpful operators are on hand 24 hours a day to give you support. Additional support for youth may be found at [www.youthinbc.com](http://www.youthinbc.com).

## Grad 2010

This year's Grad class has many active people involved, both students and parents. We are beginning our fundraising soon, so please keep a look out for advertisements regarding information and updates in The Record or on the Community Channel. The date for Grad is Friday, June 4.

### **Dates to Remember:**

- October 20 - PAC Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- October 21 - Post Secondary Institutions visit
- October 23 - Provincial Pro-D (school not in session)
- November 11 - Remembrance Day (school not in session)
- November 20 - Term One Report Cards issued
- November 24 - Parent/Teacher Interviews (classes dismissed 2:00 p.m.)  
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- November 25 - PAC Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

## **Forum for Young Canadians**

Each spring, Forum brings 450 students (aged 15-19) from across Canada to Ottawa where they spend a week on Parliament Hill and experience first-hand how Canadian government works. Past participants from Gold River Secondary enjoyed their experience, and made new friends from across Canada. Applications are now available online for 2010 at [www.forum.ca](http://www.forum.ca). There will also be a meeting after school with Mr. Lake in room 111 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October.

### **University/College Application Meeting**

If you are planning to attend a post-secondary institute, then you do not want to miss the application meeting scheduled with Mr. Lake after school in room 111 on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October.



You are invited to a  
**Community Meeting**  
with  
**The Board of Education**  
October 27 from 6:30- 8:00 p.m.  
at the Board Office  
Items for Discussion are  
District Mission, Vision, & Values  
Enhancement Agreement  
Budget Update

Students having barrels of fun opening day.  
Carlos Lavallee, Dillon Kennedy, Brandon Martin, Jos-Lyn Jackson, Kayla Sheena, Matthew Tarasoff, and Kyle Giroto.

