



# Bay d'Espoir Academy Newsletter

Wednesday, March 10 2010

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## School Development Parent/Guardian Surveys

Bay d'Espoir Academy is currently in the process of developing a plan to help guide our school's direction for the next 3-5 years. In developing this plan we are completing a school-wide *Internal Review* based on provincially established criteria. The Internal Review is a process of gathering information in four areas of the school environment: **School Organization, Leadership, Teaching and Learning, and Climate and Culture**. Information about these four areas is gathered, recorded, and analyzed by reviewing the school's actions and practices, student academic and achievement data, and student, parent, and teacher survey results.

You are asked to participate in this review by completing a **Parent Survey**. The attached survey asks questions about the school in the four areas mentioned above. The survey will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are **not** required to put your name or the name(s) of your child(ren) on the survey. However, please indicate the grade level of your child(ren) by shading the appropriate box(es).

When completing the survey **please use a pencil** to shade the bubbles. Try not to wrinkle the survey or put unnecessary marks on it as that will affect the scanning and analysis process.

Please return the survey to the school, or have your son or daughter return it. To ensure anonymity, there will be a box provided at the General Office to deposit completed surveys. Surveys should be completed and returned to the school by **Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**.

The surveys will be sent to the Department of Education for analysis and the results will be sent back to the school to be used in conjunction with other data gathered to complete the *Internal Review*.

The information gathered through these surveys is very important to the school as it identifies strengths and challenges. Please be honest when completing your survey and be assured that this process is completely anonymous

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey. Your input is sincerely appreciated.

## 2009-2010 School Yearbook

Our yearbook committee is busy preparing this year's edition of the Bay d'Espoir Academy yearbook. This year promises to be the best edition to date.

### Yearbook Cover Design Contest

The committee is conducting a school wide search for a young artist to design the cover of this year's yearbook. Designs should represent school pride and can include elements of the school mascot/crest, and elements from the ABC's (Academics, Behaviour, Culture) of our school. The contest is open to all K-12. Student designs can be done with any artist medium but must be completed on 8 ½ x 11 paper. Please keep in mind that the design will cover the front and back cover of the yearbook. The winner will have their picture put on the cover of this year's yearbook and will receive a Bay d'Espoir Academy prize pack. Please submit your entries to the general office by Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.



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## Yearbook Pictures

Parents/guardians and students are advised that Provincial School Studios will be at Bay d'Espoir Academy on **March 15<sup>th</sup>** for Kindergarten and Level 3 graduation pictures and **March 16<sup>th</sup>** to take class/team/club pictures and for the year book. All K-12 students should come prepared for pictures on that day.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Term Report Cards**

First term report cards will be distributed on **Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**, with parent-teacher interviews taking place on **Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**.

Teachers are in the process of contacting parents/guardians to schedule appointments to discuss your child's progress with you. If you have not yet received a call or you would like to make an appointment that fits your schedule please contact your child's homeroom teacher/advisor at 882-2500/882-2300.

With only approximately three and half months left in the school year this report is a significant report based on half of the school year. As we head into Term 3 it is very important that as parents/guardians you take advantage of this opportunity to discuss the strengths and needs of your child. In the interest of your child's personal and academic success, please make a sincere effort is made to attend this meeting.

During the week of **March 22-26**, we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair to coincide with Parent-Teacher Interviews.

## **Bracelet Fundraiser**

The drama club is currently selling Bay d'Espoir Academy Spirit Bracelets. The Bracelets come in two colors and are engraved with Bay d'Espoir Academy and Predators. Students will be selling the bracelets for \$2 during recess and lunch time

## **Monthly Assembly**

Our next monthly assembly, to recognize our March monthly PBS winners and to celebrate student accomplishments during the past month, will be held on **Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend.



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## School Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Bay d'Espoir Academy School Council will be held on **Monday, March 22nd** at 6:30 p.m. Please visit our school website for minutes of past meetings and a list of members.

## Kinderstart

Parents/guardians are advised that there will be no classes for Kindergarten students on **Thursday, April 1st** due to a Kinderstart session scheduled for this date.

## Education Week/Spirit Week

Due to interruptions over the past month due to weather and other events, we have decided to delay Education Week activities scheduled for this week until April 26<sup>th</sup> - April 30<sup>th</sup>. The week will feature spirit activities related to our ABC's for our K-12 students.

## Internet Safety/Privacy Presentation

On **Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>** our Grade 7-12 students will participate in an Internet Safety/Privacy Awareness presentation with Mr. Sandy Hounsell of the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada. Mr. Hounsell is a highly sought after presenter who delivers an honest, engaging presentation to students about issues related to the use of the internet, cyber bullying, and privacy issues related to social networking sites such as Facebook, MSN, etc. Interested parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to attend this presentation. The presentation for Grade 7-9 students will take place from 12:40 – 1:40 and the presentation for Grade 10-12 students will take place from 1:40 – 2:40

## Youth Conference

The Town of Belleoram is hosting a Youth Conference on **March 12-13**. The conference will give students the opportunity to explore career opportunities in the field of natural resources in the Coast of Bays area. The organizing committee will be providing transportation and meals.

Please note that this is not a school/district sponsored event, therefore teachers will not be attending or providing supervision. If you wish to make arrangements for your child to attend, please contact the coordinator of the event, April Lawrence at (709) 881-6161. The organizing committee has also set up a Facebook Group with the title "Youth Conference in Belleoram".



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## Reasons to Cheer

- Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Janeway Day fundraiser. A total of \$469.00 was collected.
- Congratulations to the following participants in the Junior High Lions Club Speak Off held at the Milltown Lions Club, on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>: Grade 7 – Cameron Hicks, Nicole Willcott and Rebecca Sheppard, Grade 8 – Kendra Willcott-Benoit, Whitney Willcott-Benoit and Taylor J. Collier, Grade 9 – Chantel Caines, Sarah Collier and Jasmine Howse . Sarah Collier placed third, Whitney Willcott-Benoit placed second and Jasmine Howse claimed top honors and will represent Bay d'Espoir Academy at the Nova Central District Speak Off in Grand Falls-Windsor on March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Congratulations to the following participants in the Senior High Lions Club Speak Off held at the St. Alban's Lions Club on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>: Alaina Younge, Cassandra Fudge, Chelsea Lynn Collier, Mary Alliston Butt and Nicole Hickman. Chelsea Lynn Collier placed third, and Nicole Hickman placed second and Alaina Younge received first place honors. She represented Bay d'Espoir Academy at the Rotary District Speak Off in Grand Falls-Windsor on February 25<sup>th</sup> and placed second.
- Congratulations to the February PBS SMART Card winners.

Kindergarten – Tia Cox

Grade 1 – Michael Willcott

Grade 2 – Reanna George

Grade 3 – Albert Hoskins

Grade 4 – Lauren Hewitt

Grade 5 – Michaela Avery

Grade 6 – Carly Walsh

Grade 7 – Lacey Kendell

Grade 8 – Kyle Crant

Grade 9 – Ryan Younge

Level 1 – Samantha Lee

Level 2 – Jasmine Snook

Level 3 – Jenna Kearley

- Congratulations to our Senior High Boys Basketball Team: Nicholas Collier, Brandon Willcott- Benoit, Tyler Hunt, John MacDonald, Joshua Bungay, Michael MacDonald, Rob Crant, Michael Sooley, Aaron Watkins, Stephen Roberts, Paul McInnis (Coach) and Teacher Sponsor - Robin Power for winning the 2A Regional Boys Qualifying Basketball Tournament on March 6 at Bay d'Espoir Academy. The team will represent the region at the Provincial Hoopla Championships, featuring regional winners from across the province, in St. John's, March 19-20
- Reorganization of our resource room. A great deal of time, effort and money has gone into re-organizing our resource room in order to reestablish our library. The room is no longer used as a lunch room and teachers and parent volunteers have volunteered many hours going through the library, discarding outdated books and re-organizing and cataloguing current books. We have used proceeds from our 50/50 fundraisers to purchase new furniture and books and have plans for further improvements. Parents/guardians are invited to drop and visit our resource room.