



# MOUNT DOUG NEWS UPDATE

OCTOBER 15, 2009

## Dear Parents and Guardians...

Today our Interim Reports are being distributed to all students. Please use this as an opportunity to discuss with your son or daughter their progress so far in school this year. As always, I remind students and parents that full, on-time attendance is a key strategy for success in all courses. The interim report is a brief "snapshot" of progress to date; it is valuable to use the information to make adjustments in study habits or to celebrate success in achievement. Our teachers look forward to meeting with you at the parent - teacher interviews being held next **Wednesday, October 21st**. Please see below for the process to book appointments with teachers to learn more about ways to support achievement. We had a huge response to our **September Study Skills workshop**. You can find the PowerPoint slides on the front page of our website. Watch for **Study Skills Part 2 - Test preparation and Learning Styles** in November.

Our athletic teams are demonstrating awesome RAMS spirit with consistent record-breaking season results so far this year. Congratulations to our coaches, teacher sponsors and athletes for outstanding performance and sportsmanship. Watch for many exciting events coming up during the months of November and December. Check the Mount Douglas website for up-to-the-minute news and daily announcements. [www.mtdoug.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.mtdoug.sd61.bc.ca).

As you know, we are continuing to focus on making Mount Douglas a "greener" place to study and work. Please help us by reducing the amount of paper and disposables in lunches and snacks. As a school, we are trying to reduce our paper consumption as well. Thanks for your support as we work together to reduce, reuse and recycle.

Regards....

**John Fawcett, Principal**

## PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent-Teacher Interviews are taking place **Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>** from **2:30 – 7:00 p.m.** There will be early dismissal for students (12:00 noon) on that date. You may book appointments by sending an email to [mtdouginfo@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:mtdouginfo@sd61.bc.ca) (preferred method) OR by leaving a message at **250-477-6482 Ext. 163** (24 hrs.).

**When you email or phone, please provide:**

- 1) your name,
- 2) the student's name,
- 3) the name of the teacher(s) with whom you would like to meet,
- 4) a preference of time between 2:30 and 6:50 p.m. if required,
- 5) a daytime phone number at which you can be reached or where we can leave a message.

## H1N1

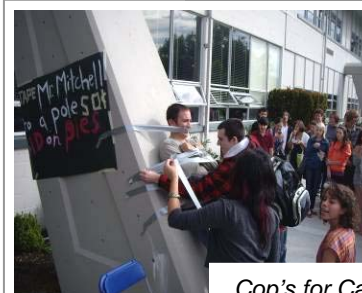
To help prevent the spread of the H1N1 virus, please continue to encourage your son or daughter to wash their hands many times each day. The district office advises that people with the following health conditions should see their physician to obtain a prescription for Tamiflu:

- Cardiac or pulmonary disorders (including bronchopulmonary dysplasia, COPD, cystic fibrosis and asthma)
- Diabetes mellitus and other metabolic diseases
- Cancer, immunodeficiency, immunosuppression (due to underlying disease and/or therapy)
- Renal disease
- Anemia or hemoglobinopathy
- Pregnancy

The medication Tamiflu can decrease the risk of serious illness for people in the above categories if the person starts taking it within 48 hours of developing influenza. For further information, please go to the front page of our district website [www.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.sd61.bc.ca).



Lunch time Corn Roast



Cop's for Cancer Fundraising



**Congratulations to  
Mount Doug teacher  
Mr. French!**

October 14, 2009

Congratulations to Mount Douglas Secondary School teacher **Mr. Adrian French!** He has been selected as one of the 25 finalists selected by the Canada's National History Society for the **2009 Governor General's Award for Excellence in Teaching Canadian History – Canada's Top Teaching Prize**. Canada's National History Society is a charitable organization dedicated to popularizing Canadian History. In addition to the Governor General's Award for Excellence in Teaching Canadian History, the Society also publishes Canada's History Magazine, The Beaver and Kayak. **Mr. French** has long been considered a master teacher and has been with our School District since 1998.

<http://www.historyociety.ca/content/en/pdfs/GGFinalists2009.pdf>

## INFORMATION SHARING EVENING – NEW CANADIAN FAMILIES



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Homestay:

Supporting young people in today's education system can sometimes be a challenge. It can be a doubly difficult task when one's first language and culture are not Canadian, and if one was not educated in Canada. That is why Mount Douglas Secondary School has put together an information sharing evening for our **new Canadian families** on **Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.** in the school library. We would love to have you join us.

Thank you for supporting your student!

Sincerely, **Miss Hebb**



### FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Come on out, Mount Douglas Fans! Support your undefeated Varsity Football team as they take on rivals from Nanaimo's John Barsby High School under the lights at **Royal Athletic Park, Friday at 7 p.m.** Admission is only \$2, so come on out, bundle up, and join the fun.

### FUNDRAISING DANCE / SILENT AUCTION / BOTTLE DRIVE

Adults, are you looking for some entertainment this weekend? Want to get a headstart on your Christmas shopping? The parents of the football team players are hosting a **Fundraiser Dance with Silent Auction** at the Bert Richmann Hall near Gordon Head Rec Centre from 8 pm to 1 am. **Friday, October 17th.** Tickets are available with **Ms. Van Laar** at the school office, or at the Friday Night Lights game. Email [joycarroll@shaw.ca](mailto:joycarroll@shaw.ca) for more information.

Also, on October 24 from 9:00 to 2:00 the players and families will be participating in a bottle drive and collecting non-perishables for the food bank. Collection and sorting will take place in the Mount Doug parking lot near the field. Sorters and drivers are required - if you can help, please contact Taily Wills at [djwil04@telus.net](mailto:djwil04@telus.net).

**FUNDRAISING DANCE FOR THE MOUNT DOUG RAMS FOOTBALL TEAM**

Live Music by...  
**Katzenjammers**  
[www.mykjam.com](http://www.mykjam.com)

**WHEN:** October 17, 2009  
**WHERE:** Bert Richman Hall aka "little red barn", Turn onto Lambrick Way off Feltham and keep going straight ahead.  
**TIME:** Doors open @ 8pm dancing from 9pm-1am  
**TICKETS:** \$20  
Tickets available from April Van Laar @ Mt. Doug School office or @ home games' concession Oct. 3rd and 10th in the afternoon.

There will be a **Silent Auction** and door prizes. All proceeds will go to the **MT. DOUGLAS RAMS** football teams. Please come out and support High School Football and have some fun!



Must be 19 years old or older.

### ITALY AND GREECE AT SPRING BREAK FOR ANYONE?

**Mrs. Phillips** and **Ms. Pearce** will be escorting a 13-day trip to Florence, Rome, Athens and the Greek Islands. If you are interested, please attend the lunch meetings on Wednesdays in Room 206 or contact the teachers for an information package. The cost for the trip is \$3,800.00 per participant and is offered through EF Tours. More details can be obtained by emailing **Mrs. Phillips** at [srphillips@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:srphillips@sd61.bc.ca) or visit the EF Tours website <http://www.eftours.com/>

### CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES EVENT

CUE 2009 is being co-hosted by School District 61 and Oak Bay Secondary on the morning of **November 26<sup>th</sup>**. Forty universities from across Canada will set up displays in the Oak Bay Secondary gym to provide information on their campuses and programs, and provide contacts for follow-up questions from students and parents. This event is a great opportunity for students to gain exposure to Canadian universities and explore options for their post secondary future. Please see **Kim Irving** in the Career Centre Office (in Library) to sign up for this event. [kirving@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:kirving@sd61.bc.ca)

### SPAIN TRIP

There will be a joint Mt Doug- Esquimalt trip to amazing Spain during March Break 2010. Registration is requested by November 1. Please contact **Ms. Kucher** for more details: [agkucher@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:agkucher@sd61.bc.ca)

### FRANCE EXCHANGE TRIP

Our sister school in Avignon will be sending a group of students to Mount Doug from **February 2 to 14 2010**. There will be a meeting on **Tuesday, October 20** in room 219 for students interested in hosting a French student. Mount Doug will be sending a group again in March 2011 as part of our 11-year exchange program. Contact **Ms. Kucher** for more information: [agkucher@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:agkucher@sd61.bc.ca)

### INDIVIDUAL FRANCE EXCHANGES

We are currently hosting a student from Avignon for one month and a young man will be coming for the second semester. If you are interested in hosting a long term exchange student or would like an opportunity to do an individual long term exchange to France to perfect your French and learn more about French culture, please contact **Ms. Kucher** [agkucher@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:agkucher@sd61.bc.ca)

### KWANTLEN SCIENCE CHALLENGE

Mount Doug will be sending a team of top grade 11 and 12 science students to this full-day competition of science activities on **Saturday, November 28**. Students interested in competing should attend an info meeting in room 219 at lunch on **Wednesday, October 21** or speak with **Ms. Kucher**.



### DEELEY CANCER RESEARCH LAB

This summer Mount Doug student **Keeley Hammond** was selected to work as an intern doing cancer research with the Deeley Research Centre. She and a group of other Cancer research interns will be bringing a 3-hour Biology lab opportunity to Grade 11 students on our school pro d day of November 30. Students will be able to sign up in November and should check the science board for other amazing science opportunities.

### PASSPORT TO EDUCATION

The Ministry of Education allocates a set number of Passport to Education stickers to each school based on enrollment. Congratulations to our Passport to Education recipients from grade 10 and 11 in 2008-9. We have posted a list of the student names on our office window. The stickers are kept at the school and will be mailed to students in late August after graduation. Passport stickers at Mount Doug have been allocated based on the highest overall GPA for students meeting the minimum of 8 full courses in grade 10, 7 full courses in grade 11 and 6 full courses in grade 12.

If students wish to include courses completed outside of Mount Douglas as part of their required minimum courses for Passport to Education, they are to submit a letter to **Dr. John Fawcett**, Principal, by **February 15, 2009** detailing the course(s) taken along with documentation of final mark(s) received. Summer School, External and Equivalency courses are not used for Passport to Education minimum course requirements.

### PEER TUTORING

Study support and homework help is available Monday to Thursday after school from 3:15 – 4:00 p.m. in the library and on these days at lunch time in Room 227. For more information, email **Mrs. Phillips** at [srphillips@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:srphillips@sd61.bc.ca) or visit our website [www.mtdoug.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.mtdoug.sd61.bc.ca) and click on **Specialty Pages** for the **Peer Tutoring** link.

### RAMPAC

Our RAMPAC meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in the library. Every parent of a current Mount Douglas student is a member. Come and join us at our next meeting on **Wednesday, October 21** to help us decide on our budget for the coming year! [joycarroll@shaw.ca](mailto:joycarroll@shaw.ca)  
**Joy Carroll, Rampac Chair**



Winners -2009 Camosun Chargers Fall Classic Volleyball Tournament

## COMING UP... (AS OF OCTOBER 12, 2009)

Interim Reports .....	Thurs., Oct 15	Remembrance Day (no classes) .....	Wed., Nov. 11
Club Grad – Silver City .....	Friday, Oct. 16	Scholarship Recognition (tentative date) .....	Thurs., Nov 12
Photo Retakes .....	Mon., Oct. 19	RAMPAC Meeting (7:00 p.m.) .....	Wed., Nov 18
RAMPAC Meeting (7:00 p.m.) .....	Wed., Oct 21	Report Cards.....	Fri., Nov. 20
Parent-Teacher Interviews .....	Wed., Oct 21	Canadian University Event at Oak Bay (a.m.).....	Thurs. Nov 26
Province-wide Pro-D Day.....	Fri. Oct. 23	Parent Info.– Post-Sec./Scholarships 7:00 p.m .....	TBA
Information Sharing-New Canadian Parents .....	Tues., Oct. 27	Mount Doug Pro-D Day.....	Mon., Nov 30
“Funny Money” Presentation Period 4 Gr 10/11’s.....	Wed., Oct 28	Christmas Dance (tentative date) .....	Wed., Dec 2
Strings Retreat Concert at Mount Doug.....	Wed., Oct. 28	Grade 9 Immunizations (a.m.).....	Thurs. Dec. 3
Post Secondary visits to MD 9:00 – 12:10 .....	Mon, Nov. 2	Band Concert (tentative date).....	Tues., Dec.15
Fall Music Concert 7:00 p.m. (tentative date) .....	Mon., Nov 9	RAMPAC Meeting (7:00 p.m.) .....	Wed., Dec. 16
<b>Talent Show 7:00 – 9:30 .....</b>	<b>Tues., Nov. 17</b>	Holiday Strings (Location/Time TBA).....	Thurs., Dec. 17
Original Grad Photos .....	Mon, Nov. 9 to Fri., Nov. 20	Santa’s Breakfast.....	Fri., Dec. 18
Remembrance Day Assembly .....	Tues., Nov 10	Last day prior to Winter Break .....	Fri., Dec. 18

*Dates on this calendar are subject to change and should be confirmed with the School Office prior to event. TBA dates, tentative dates and changes will be published in later editions of this calendar.*