

# EBUS ACADEMY

LEARN IN OUR COMMUNITY - LIVE IN YOURS!

"Back to school  
We go together  
In September's  
Summer weather."

*A message from your Principal, Brian Naka:*

Here we go again! I hope that your summer was fun, adventurous and, of course, relaxing! We are back at EBUS, busy preparing for school start up, and there have been many changes since June and likely more to come as we begin the 2013 – 2014 school year. We have a number of new staff joining our team this year; our facilities department has been busy renovating several areas in our buildings, and we are also busy getting our elementary classes / students / parents set up in Moodle! With all the changes it will be a challenge for us all, students, parents and staff, however, with a positive attitude and a little DL Spirit, I know that together we can make this an incredible year!

We have a number of staff leaving EBUS.... First we say goodbye and wish a happy retirement to Mr. Rompen (Sr. Math) and to Mr. Gow (PE ). We wish Mrs. Burck all the best in her new role as elementary principal and to Mrs. Sundahl (we are not sure what Wacky Wednesday or Freaky Friday's will look like) you will be missed, but we wish you all the best in the next chapter of your teaching career! We also thank Mrs. Miller, Miss Dickie and Mr. Chan for their contributions over the past year and wish them all the best in their search for full time teaching positions.

New to our staff this year, so far, are: Mr. Floris (Sr. PE and Hockey Academy), Mr. Arocena (Sr. Math), Mr. Mushumanski (Sr. Academic Advisor and Eng 12), Mrs. Zurevinski (Gr. 9 Math and Humanities, Sr. Math) and Mrs. Arnold (Aboriginal Education). We also like to acknowledge Mrs. Baumann who will be leaving team 'Lea' and joining our Special Education department.

We still have a few positions left to fill and are excited about the candidates who have expressed interest in joining the Ebus family. We hope to have all of our positions filled by early next week.



I am always ready to learn, although I do not always like being taught.....Winston Churchill

As the education landscape continues to evolve, we are extremely excited to be on the leading edge and are committed to embracing any and all changes that come our way in a way that helps us to grow stronger and wiser. We believe that distributed learning can open the door to many learning opportunities that are engaging, personalized and represent the passions of our students.

As this new school year begins, I wish our entire EBUS community a successful and fun year and promise to do my best to always have an open door for you! Your voice is both valued and needed to help make EBUS the best school possible.

## Resource Notes

EBUS has a large student population, and we ask that all **correspondence, faxes and work samples** that are submitted to us be clearly marked with the name of the student and the name of the teacher for whom it is intended.

**A Gentle Reminder...**The bill of lading labels, that are sent with textbooks, are intended for returning texts and resources **ONLY**. Please do not use them for submitting work samples. Thank you.

Please **return your text books** as soon as you finish the course, as other students are waiting to use the texts!  
Call **1-800-567-1236** for a free shipping label!



### District Scholarship winners!

This \$1000.00 award goes to top students who also excel in a field of nonacademic endeavor.

Congratulations to:

Nicolas V - Fine Arts (Dance)

Sterling K - Physical Activity (Swimming)

Ivor W - Fine Arts (Music)

Lucas S - Community Service (Cadets)

Kurtis W - Community Service (Scouting)

Josh W - Applied Skills (Computing)

Kathleen B - Physical Activity (Equestrian)

Amberley M - Community Service (Sport officiation)

Allison S - Applied Skills (Accounting)

Jeff M - Fine Arts (Creative Writing)

### Report Cards

Access High School report cards through your [Dashboard](#).

### EBUS DASHBOARD

If courses are missing or incorrect, or you have you changed your plans, you can request to add/drop a course right in the EBUS Dashboard!

For assistance with selecting courses, please contact Scott Klassen at 1-800-567-1236 ext. 2246 or [gsklassen@sd91.bc.ca](mailto:gsklassen@sd91.bc.ca).

### TIP - Planned Completion Date:

Did you know that you can click the little calendar next to a course in your Dashboard, and change your planned completion date (PCD)? This date is to help YOU with your scheduling; your progress bars are matched to your PCDs. Choose some different dates and see for yourself how your progress bars change.

\* Your PCD must be within one year of your activation date

\* Your PCD comes and goes; a message pops up warning you about it. This does NOT mean your course is over. You just need to adjust your PCD.

### Student Secure Web

Looking for exam marks? The Ministry is providing online access to a variety of data for students who are currently enrolled in school. Visit [Student Secure Web](#).

### Mobile Apps Collection

ERAC teacher evaluators have reviewed over 300 [mobile apps](#) focused for education and for various platforms. Check out the catalogue and featured apps that are new to the collection.

### Virtual Classes (vClass)

Join us in the virtual classroom for primary and intermediate Novel Studies, Readers Theatre, Wacky Wednesdays and more! For a full schedule or vClass tutorials visit <http://vclassvalley.weebly.com>

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Welcome Back!

## Important Dates

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**Aug 26 - Regular Office Hours**  
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**Sept 4 - First Day of School**  
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For technical help, login/password, or Moodle issues, please call the HelpDesk at 188-567-1236 ext. 2255 or email:

[helpdesk@sd91.bc.ca](mailto:helpdesk@sd91.bc.ca)