

# EBUS ACADEMY

*February Issue*

*Congratulations to Frankie P. for winning Best Overall in our Winter Photo Contest! Check out other entries on pg. 4.*

## SPRING AND NEW BEGINNINGS ...

**T**he groundhog said spring is on it's way! Whether he's right or not will have to be seen, but one thing is for sure ... it's the beginning of a new term/semester and our office is hopping! We have a few housekeeping notes:

**Outdated/Missing Emails.** We have a staggering number of outdated emails within our registry database making it difficult to keep everyone in the loop with school related messages. If you have recently changed your email address or have not been receiving correspondence from us, please

send your updated info to [helpdesk@ebus.sd91.bc.ca](mailto:helpdesk@ebus.sd91.bc.ca).

**Returning for 2012-13?** We will soon be collecting data on students who plan to return for the next school year, including new Kindergarten registrations. Please provide this data to your OLT as soon as possible.

### Activation Assignments

Secondary students are encouraged to complete and submit their course activation assignments within 10 days of enrollment. Assignments for each of our secondary courses can be found on our [website](#).

## February

### Contests for Kids

- \* [Vancouver Sun Student Video Awards](#)
- \* [Why Media Matters Contest](#)
- \* [ESABC 75,000 Tonne Challenge All Ages Art Contest](#)
- \* [Celebrating Art Contest](#)
- \* [WITS Poster Contest](#)
- \* [Ayn Rand Institute Writing Contests \(gr. 8-12\)](#)
- \* [Canada Day Poster Challenge](#)

### Important Dates

Feb 10	Reporting Letters Home
Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Mar 9	Pro-D Day
Mar 11	Daylight Savings
Mar 16	Elementary Reporting
Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day



## TIDBITS...

### BC's Education Plan

BC has a strong education system, but there is no denying that our world is changing rapidly. New jobs are constantly being created, and technology is changing the way we communicate and connect with each other. We need to modernize the way students are educated so they are prepared for the world, not only as it is now, but will be in the future. The Ministry of Education is seeking input from students and parents. Visit the [BC Education Plan](#) website for more information.

**YEA First Meeting** is on Feb. 21st @ 1:30pm. Our Art theme for the meeting is "Fantasy", "Photography" and/or "Book, CD or Movie posters/covers", you can create art works for any of these themes or a combination of all three! New members are always welcome! If you have any art work that you want to share, please email it to [egardner@ebus.sd91.bc.ca](mailto:egardner@ebus.sd91.bc.ca) before our next meeting. Hope to see you there! YEA

### Resources: iPod Shuffle Draw

If you have EBUS resources that you are no longer using, you can return them and have your name entered into a draw to win one of two iPod Shuffles. Our next draw date is Mid-February.

If you need a mailing label, please email [resources@ebus.sd91.bc.ca](mailto:resources@ebus.sd91.bc.ca).

### Nanika's Dog Treats Balls



Ingredients: Clean snow, your dog's favorite treat!

Directions: Get a hand full of snow. Gently push the treat into it and then put another hand full of snow onto it. Press the snow together so that it is firm enough for your dog not to crush it.

Tip: If your dog doesn't want to eat it scratch away at the snow a little so that he can see the treat.

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## Happenings...

### Countdown to Moodle!

EBUS Academy is moving to Moodle from our current 'First Class' system as of July 2012. Moodle is an open source Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) that is being used worldwide by organizations and businesses to build dynamic online content. In each of our newsletters from now to June, we will be providing some glimpses of what families and students can expect in the Moodle environment as well as a countdown to our Moodle implementation date.

As of February 14, we have

**137 days**

until we turn on Moodle.

Enjoy this month's [Moodle Video](#).

Check it out! EBUS is now on Facebook and we'd love it if you'd join us! Take a look at the [Official EBUS Academy Facebook Community Page](#) ...

## Bamfield Center Trip



Students in grades 10, 11 and 12 are invited to attend a week long trip to Bamfield Marine Science Centre from May 4th through 11th. The trip will include transportation for students along the highway 97 corridor from Prince George and south. Exploration of Horne Lake Caves in Qualicum. Tours of VIU and Uvic and three days/3 nights at Bamfield for many activities in marine sciences. For more information on this trip, please visit [www.ebus.ca/node/41](http://www.ebus.ca/node/41)

If interested, please contact Kirsten Froese at [kfroese@ebus.sd91.bc.ca](mailto:kfroese@ebus.sd91.bc.ca).

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## GRADUATION ...



### GRADS

Are you a grade 12 EBUS student planning to finish your diploma before June 20, 2012 and attend one of our graduation ceremonies? If so, please complete our [Grad Survey](#). We would appreciate your completed survey as soon as possible to give us time to book a suitable venue.

In order to attend EBUS 2012 graduation ceremonies, grade 12 students must have completed 80 credits towards their high school diploma. If you meet this requirement, we hope that you will consider attending one of our graduation ceremonies. EBUS Academy normally holds two graduation ceremonies in June of each school year. One ceremony is always held in Vanderhoof and the other in the lower mainland.

- Ceremonies include wearing of cap and gown
- A light appetizer & dessert buffet following the main event
- Grads are welcome to bring family and friends to share in their special day

Please feel free to contact either Evelyn or Scott if you have other questions about these events. We would be pleased to provide you with additional details. Our tentative date for the lower mainland is the evening of Saturday, June 2nd.

## March-Mallow Madness Contest

Create your own edible masterpiece with these sweet treats - but we don't mean baking - we mean building! Use your imagination and whatever tools necessary to build towns, families, mallow-pops, you name it!! EBUS T-shirts will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. One entry per student/team/family! Entry deadline is March 31. Send entries to

[contest@ebus.sd91.bc.ca](mailto:contest@ebus.sd91.bc.ca)



## Summer Sailing Camp (n. BC)

The Stuart Lake Sailing Club is pleased to host a sailing camp again this summer. The sailing camp is an exciting learn-to-sail program for youth aged 6-15 years. The program is five days long and runs from 9:00 to 3:30 each day, August 6-10, 2012. The aim of the program is to provide a safe and fun environment in which to learn the basics of water safety through sailing and kayaking. The staff are professionally trained and certified Canadian Yachting Association coaches. Cost is \$250 for the week. Registration is done on-line through the [BC Sailing Association](#) website. Contact Paul Inden if you have any problems registering. Phone: 250-996-5244 or 8226 evenings or E-mail [Paul.Inden@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Paul.Inden@gov.bc.ca)



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## Out & About

### A Taste of Europe 2013

Do you enjoy traveling, eating regional food, taking photographs of landmarks, and getting credit for courses at the same time? If you enjoy any or all of these, you may want to join us on a trip to France and Italy - Spring Break of 2013. Click [HERE](#) for more details. We'd love to have you on the tour!

### Camping Trips!



Stay tuned for details on our upcoming EBUS camping trips open to all students and their families and friends. We are planning our 3rd annual Ness Lake Camp in Prince George for June 6-8 and our second annual Camp Elphinstone in Gibsons for September 24-26. For more information on either of these camping trips, please email Monique Pippy at [mpippy@ebus.sd91.bc.ca](mailto:mpippy@ebus.sd91.bc.ca).

Check out **Vancouver Science Days** for FREE on Feb. 18-19 at the Vancouver Convention Centre, sponsored by the American Assoc. for the Advancement of Science. It's open to all, but organized especially for grades 6-12. Lots of hands-on activities and kid-friendly activities. [More info.](#)

# Winter Photo Contest Results

**C**ongratulations to the winners of our EBUS Winter Photo Contest.

Best Overall - Frankie P

Primary

- 1st Kimberly H (shown)
- 2nd Miryam O
- 3rd Ethan R
- HM Kiara G

Intermediate

- 1st Emma C (shown)
- 2nd Sam G
- 3rd Cameron S
- HM Grace G

Secondary

- 1st Janelle C (shown)
- 2nd Josh R
- 3rd Shaylene H
- HM Daragh D



1st Place Primary



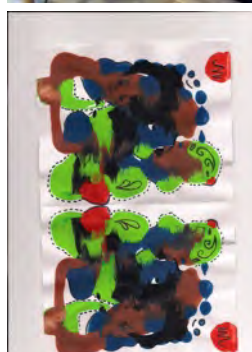
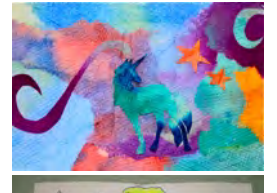
1st Place Intermediate



1st Place Secondary

Each winner (1st, 2nd, 3rd) will receive an EBUS t-shirt for their efforts. To see all our entries please visit our [Facebook Album](#) (no account necessary).

## Student Showcase



Check out the new **EBUS Student Art Gallery** to see more fabulous student work like this!

## Young EBUS Clubs 2011-12

EBUS Clubs are open for all students who have an interest in any of the specific topics. Please feel free to drop in to the vclass and check it out! The clubs are run mainly by the students and are for the students. Enjoy sharing your talents and interests!

### Young Ebus Writers (YEW)

vClass @ 10:00 am on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Sponsored by Mrs. Bauman, Elizabeth, Daragh.

### Young Ebus Artists (YEA)

Every meeting we will be discussing a new art topic and sharing our art work related to that topic. We also have plans to learn about new techniques and share about our favourite artists! Upcoming theme is "Valentine's Day"!

vClass @ 1:30 pm every other Tuesday beginning Jan. 10. Sponsored by Mrs. Gardner, Keenan.

### Young Ebus Debaters (YED)

vClass @ 2:00 pm on Wednesdays, send ideas to [Mr. Madhok](#). Sponsored by Mr. Madhok, Daragh.

### Young Ebus Bakers (YEB)

In YEB you learn baking tips, recipes and all sorts about baking! You can also share your tips and good recipes with fellow students! Sponsored by Mrs. O'Brien, Courtney and Abigail. Young EBUS bakers has two levels, Level I (Grade 2-5) and Level II (Grades 6-12).

vClass - 10:30 am

Level 1 - every 1st and 3rd Monday

Level 2 - every 2nd and 4th Monday

### Young Ebus Musicians (YEM)

YEM is a music club. In YEM you can play your instrument and/or sing. Sponsored by Mrs. Langtry-Smith, Courtney.

vClass - 10:00 am on the 1st and 3rd Thursday each month.

### Young Ebus Game Design and Web Development (YEGW)

YEGW is a simple introduction to web design. Students will learn how to create web pages with HTML, CSS and JavaScript, as well as how to use photo editing software.

vClass @ 11 am on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. Sponsored by Mr. Anderson, Kevin.

### Young Ebus Mindcrafters (YEMINS)

vClass @ 1:00 pm Thursday January 12 and time will be determined at this club for future times. Please watch the Vclass schedule for future times! Sponsored by Mrs. Sundahl.



## RECIPE OF THE MONTH!

### Yumstick Drumsticks

- 1/3 cup Italian-style bread crumbs
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/8 tsp. black pepper
- 8 chicken drumsticks
- 1/3 cup plain yogurt

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees and lightly butter a baking sheet.

In a shallow dish or pie plate, mix together the bread crumbs, Parmesan cheese, and pepper. Using a pastry brush, carefully coat each drumstick with the plain yogurt.

Roll each one in the bread crumb mixture until it is evenly coated. Arrange the drumsticks on the prepared sheet and bake for about sixty minutes or until the juices run clear when the meat is pierced with a fork.

Cover the drumsticks with aluminum foil or plastic wrap and refrigerate for up to two days. To keep cool in a lunch box, include a freezer pack.

Makes 8 servings



A good finger food for lunch boxes and picnics.

We'd like to hear your recipes. If you have a favourite recipe to share, please send an email to [helpdesk@ebus.sd91.bc.ca](mailto:helpdesk@ebus.sd91.bc.ca)