

EBUS Virtual Christmas Party



The EBUS Student Council is hosting an online Virtual Christmas Party for both Secondary and Elementary students. Last year there were juggling performances by our EBUS Principal, Mr. Madhok, poetry, music, songs and a general sharing celebration of EBUS students across the province.

Elementary EBUS students from K to Grade 6 are invited to get together on Thursday December 10th at 12:00 Noon.

[Elementary Virtual Christmas Party](#)

The date and time for the Secondary Virtual Christmas Party will be announced soon. Keep your eye on EBUS Garage and the Daily Announcements in First Class.

Winter Break



EBUS Academy will be closed December 19, 2009 to January 3, 2010. We would like to wish all of our students and families a restful and wonderful break with family and friends and the very best for a Happy New Year!

EBUS Parent Advisory Council: ePAC



The EBUS Parent Advisory Council invites all parents to a General Meeting on Thursday Evening at 8:00 pm in VClass.

The Primary topic of discussion will be the ePAC Budget. Hope to see you there!

[ePAC General Meeting](#)

Roll-A-Dome Winter Party a Great Success!



Approximately 70 people attended the first EBUS Winter Party in Prince George at the Roll-A-Dome. Great conversations, fun skating and delicious food was enjoyed by all.



EBUS staff wish to thank everyone who attended to make this day such a special one for our students and families!

Letters to Soldiers



Thank you to everyone who took the time to write a letter to a soldier as part of the Student Council initiative. This was such a popular event that the SC is looking to do it again in the spring. You have made a day in the life of these men and women much brighter through your thoughtfulness and caring.



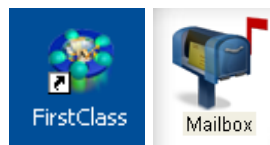
netTrekker is an educational search site created specifically for educators/students and provides a website search like you've never seen before! Accessing netTrekker is very easy.

Go to:
http://school.nettrekker.com/authenticate/ipauth/1?np=/home.ftl&pp=/ipauth_error.ftl

Click '**Register**' at the top right of the screen and follow the instructions to create your own account by inputting the **Registration Key: EC148P**

First Class Focus:

“forwarding email to another account”



First Class is the main communication system for EBUS; however, there are some who have requested to forward their First Class email to another account. Here are the steps to follow:

Log into your First Class mail, click on "edit" and then "preferences" in the upper left hand menu. Choose the "Messaging" tab to open your "Mail Rules". There is a space that allows you to automatically forward. Change the drop down menu for local and internet mail to "yes" and then in the "method box" choose "forward". Type the address you want in the "Forward To" box. For further assistance, please contact the [Help Desk](#).

Skiing at Murray Ridge



EBUS on Line Teacher, Martina Jones is looking into scheduling Ski Trips for families in the Prince George to Fort St. James areas for skiing and snowboarding. Please take a moment to fill out the survey if you are interested:

[Murray Ridge Skiing Survey](#)

The Amazing EBUS Student Council Update

Here is a list of student groups organized by the Student Council so far this year.



eSET: EBUS Student Environmental Team

This group is for students who are interested in making a difference in the environmental world we all share. They meet every Friday at 10:00 in VClass: [EBUS Student Environmental Team](#). If you would like to be a part of eSET, please contact [Kirsten Froese](#).

YEW: Young EBUS Writers

This is a group for EBUS students who want to share their love of writing with others. The YEW Group meets every Thursday at 10:00. See the VClass schedule for the link to log in. If you would like to be a part of YEW, please contact [Don Gow](#).

YEI: Young EBUS International

This is a group for students who have traveled abroad, currently live abroad or have lived in other places. YEI meets every Wednesday at 12:30 in VClass: [Young EBUS International Student Group](#). If you would like to be apart of YEI, please contact [Catherine Hendry](#) or [Deirdre Goodwin](#).

YEM: Young EBUS Musicians

This group is for musicians, singers and anyone who has a love of music and instruments. Classes for YEM will start in the New Year. Please contact [Anne MacDonald](#) if you are interested in YEM!

YEA: Young EBUS Artists

The Young EBUS Artists have been an active group in the past and are looking forward to getting started again in the New Year. If you would like to be a part of YEA, please contact [Stacey Soffel](#).

EDT: EBUS Debate Team

This is an exciting new group that is in the planning stages. If you are interested in being a part of the EBUS Debate Team, please contact [Manu Madhok](#).

YER: Young EBUS Readers

The YER is a new group in the planning stages this year. If you are interested or have ideas for the YER, please contact [Monique Pippy](#).

The Student Council meets every Monday at 10:00.

December Student Highlights

We are proud of our EBUS students! If you would like to be featured in a school newsletter, please send your picture or submission to your on line teacher prior to the end of each month!



Kieron, Grade 9 EBUS student, shown above teaching fiddling to other students.



Maya
Grade 9 student and
soccer player extraordinaire.

Be Web Aware



Here is a great resource with specific sections for parents to ensure young Canadians benefit from the Internet, while being safe and responsible in their online activities. Be Web Aware is a national, bilingual public education program on Internet Safety.

[Be Web Aware](#)

EBUS Olympic Spirit Walking Challenge



As the world gears up for the Olympics, EBUS Academy is initiating a friendly competition between EBUS Staff, Parents and Students. As an official Spirit School for the 2010 Olympics, EBUS proposes the following challenge:

Parents, Students and EBUS Staff each choose a team of 10 “walkers”. Each participant is sent a pedometer to track their daily walking. The competition begins December 18th and ends the week of the opening ceremonies.

If you would like to participate in the challenge, contact the following coordinators:

Students: [Aleana King](#)
Parents: [Carolyn Doherty](#)
EBUS Staff: [Manu Madhok](#)

Who do you think will win the challenge?

Ready, Set, Learn



Children who have their own books and are read to by their families get off to a flying start as learners. As part of the [Ready, Set, Learn initiative](#), EBUS will present a Vitrual Class to parents of preschool aged children in the new year. Families participating will receive a free age-appropriate book for their child. Watch for more information in the January Newsletter.