

EBUS ACADEMY

October 2011



IT'S FALL!

*Every leaf speaks bliss to me,
fluttering from the autumn tree.*

-Emily Bronte

A chill is in the air, leaves are falling and the first month of the 2011/2012 school year is over.

Welcome Package: Be sure to check out our online [Welcome Package!](#)

Elementary students are encouraged to write a letter or draw a picture for their online teacher (OLT) introducing themselves. Please share a story about yourself and some of the activities that you did this past summer.

Secondary students are encouraged to complete and submit their course activation assignments. Activation Assignments for each of our secondary courses can be found [HERE](#)

If you have not yet completed your course plan for this year, please contact Scott Klassen, our senior academic advisor, at sklassen@ebus.sd91.bc.ca



For HELP, please call us at 1-800-567-1236 ext. 2255 or click [HERE](#) to send an email to our Help Desk.

What's New?

Contests for Kids

- [National Forest Week Art Contest](#)
- [BC Illustration Competition](#)
- **EBUS SCARECROW CONTEST**
See page 2 for details

Important Dates

- Oct. 10 Thanksgiving Day
- Oct. 18 Secondary Interim Reports Sent
- Oct. 21 Pro-D Day
- Oct. 31 Halloween
- Nov. 3 Secondary First Term Cutoff
- Nov. 8 Prov. Exams
Elementary First Term Work Due
- Nov. 9 Prov. Exams
- Nov. 10 Pro-D Day
- Nov. 11 Remembrance Day

Send photos of your Halloween costumes to helpdesk@ebus.sd91.bc.ca or share them on our [EBUS Facebook Page!](#)



TIDBITS ...

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 October 14, we have

261 days

until we turn on Moodle.

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

Game Development Group

Interested in game programming?

We are looking for students who are interested in creating a game together using c++ and sdl. Game type will be decided by the group. We will need artists and c++ programmers. Please [contact Barry W](#) if you are interested.

Kindergarten iPad Pilot Project

This year at EBUS, we are very excited about our Kindergarten iPad pilot project. Over the next year, watch the newsletter for examples of the great work that our Kindergarten students can make and create. This month's project is "**Fall in your World**" and we're asking that all of our Kindergarten students [with Mom or Dad's help] go outside and take some iPad photos of what fall means to them. My son, Ian, is 6 and this is the photo he took of the leaves changing colour. We'll highlight some samples in our next newsletter.



Student Council

EBUS has always had a vibrant and active Student Council. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Student Council, please email bcross@ebus.sd91.bc.ca

EBUS Scarecrow Contest!

Use your creativity, old clothes, produce, and other objects from around your home to create a scarecrow. Send a photo of you and your scarecrow and a brief description on what was used to make it to contest@ebus.sd91.bc.ca. Prizes will be awarded to 1st place winners in the category of SCARIEST and MOST ORIGINAL in 3 age groups:

- Primary (K-3)
- Intermediate (4-7)
- Secondary(8-12)!

Winners will be announced in the November Newsletter. Contest deadline is November 3 @ 3 pm.



Out 'n About



Camp Elphinstone

Ebus Academy students, parents, and teachers enjoyed 3 days together from September 26 - 28 at Camp Elphinstone on the Sunshine Coast. We enjoyed meeting each other, making new friends, non-stop activities including archery, parachute games, low ropes, high ropes, canoeing, group games, skit night, and fantastic meals. Please consider joining us next year at Camp Elphinstone, planned for the fourth week of September 2012. View our [Camp Elphinstone Facebook Album!](#)



Bamfield Trip

Our Bamfield trip has been moved to the May to allow for university tours at VIU and UVIC and increase the likelihood of seeing whales. We have partnered up with our local high school science teacher and resident expert on Bamfield, Mr. Casey Litton. He has taken classes to Bamfield on a number of occasions and will also lead us on a cave tour on the island. Stay tuned for more information when we have finalized the dates.

Student

Don't forget to check out our [Student Showcase Blog!](#) We regularly feature student work here that you wouldn't otherwise get to see.



Zoe - Art 9



Jessica - Art 11



Stephanie - Art 11

I chose the main back round image because (I like gardens) and it reminds me of a JRR Tolkien quote that I really like "Around the corner there may wait a new road or secret gate" The Chinese dragon reminds me of my dad, I love reading so I put books there. My name is Stephanie so I thought the illuminated S was nice and I enjoy tea so that's why there is a teacup. The picture of the girl was kind of neat looking. I think I chose her because sometimes I feel like my life is being turned upside down.



Makena & Ava, both in grade 4 @ EBUS, met at the Lynn Canyon EBUS luncheon and hike on Thursday September 29th.

Meet the Teacher Draw Winners

Congratulations to the following students on winning a draw prize at our Meet the Teacher BBQ in Fort George Park on Sept 16th:

Reanne Q, Justin F, Timothy L and Hannah M all won EBUS t-shirts and Gavin M won the EBUS Hoodie.

Thank you to all who entered the draw!

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](#) ... or follow our tweets on our [Official EBUS Academy Twitter Profile!](#)



Helpdesk Tip

The school year is well underway and calls to the EBUS Helpdesk are steady. Our most common helpdesk calls involve logging into FirstClass. To get started using FirstClass, please follow the instructions below:

- You must log onto your computer as the ADMINISTRATOR (for systems with multiple users) in order to properly install this program.
- Download the FirstClass program at <http://ebus.sd91.bc.ca/>, choosing the appropriate version for your operating system. Select RUN when prompted.
- Choose "Allow all users access to this program" when prompted.
- Locate the icon on your desktop and click to start the FirstClass client.
- Click ADVANCED
- Click SETUP
- Locate the SERVER field (shown below) and enter the server address as fc3.sd91.bc.ca



Click the SAVE button at the bottom of the window

- Login

RECIPE OF THE MONTH



What can you do when you're in the mood for homemade pumpkin pie, but you're squashed for time? Whip up a batch of these thick and tasty pumpkin smoothies.

Pumpkin Smoothie by anonymous

- 1/2 cup canned pumpkin
- 3/4 cup milk or vanilla yogurt
- 1/4 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/8 tsp. nutmeg
- 2 tsp. brown sugar
- 4 ice cubes

Directions:

Combine ingredients in blender and puree until smooth. Pour the smoothies into small glasses (this drink is rich) and garnish each with a dollop of vanilla yogurt or whipped topping. For a fun touch, add a pinch of cinnamon or a few colored sprinkles. Serves 2 or 3.

2-3 Servings | prep. 5 min.