

WELCOME  
BACK

# EBUS NEWS

September 10, 2010

CHECK OUT OUR VCLASS  
CALENDAR

September

Sept 15

**Wacky Wednesday Returns**

Join Raven for Wacky Wednesday fun...11

- noon: Primary

1 - 2 pm: Intermediate Students

Soon...

**Meet the Teachers**

Watch EBUS Garage for Meet the Teacher dates

Help Videos

Click on any of the following questions"

[How do I check the Virtual Classroom schedule?](#)[How do I create an email in First Class?](#)[How do I attach a document, picture, video, etc. to an email?](#)[Can I check to see if my teacher has read my email?](#)[How do I instant message my teacher?](#)

EBUS ACADEMY

SEPTEMBER EXCITEMENT  
BACK TO SCHOOLWelcome to the 2010 - 11  
School Year...so EXCITING!**SEPTEMBER NEWS....**

**T**he start of a new school year is filled with excitement for teachers and students alike.

Our EBUS Teachers look forward to making contact with families and students as quickly as possible. Our first few weeks are always a flurry of activity so we thank you for your patience.



**Elementary students** are encouraged to write a letter or draw a picture for their on line 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](mailto:sklassen@ebus.sd91.bc.ca)

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



## WELCOME BACK / WELCOME ABOARD

### Welcome Back Nancy!

Nancy Bangs, an important part of our support team at EBUS, has been on maternity leave for the last school year. Nancy is returning to work half time and we are delighted to have her back.



### EBUS Welcomes Cathy Tassie...

Cathy will be joining the EBUS Special Education Team as a 1/2 time teacher this year. Cathy brings extensive experience as a special education teacher and we are excited to have her on our team. Welcome to EBUS Cathy!



### Barry is back at EBUS!

Barry Huhn, a long time elementary teacher at EBUS, left us about a year ago to try teaching adults. Although he enjoyed his work with adults, he has chosen to return to EBUS as a secondary teacher. Great to have you back Barry! Barry sent me this highly suspect picture of himself for the newsletter!



### Staying at EBUS

Rob Rompen took on a short teaching position at EBUS last Spring and liked his time so much that he has decided to take on full time EBUS teaching job. Rob will be teaching our senior Chemistry / Math classes as well as Earth Science 10. Great to have you at EBUS Rob!



### Goodbye Ann..

Ann Douglas, our highly respected Science and Math teacher, will be retiring this October. Ann has helped thousands of BC students successfully complete senior courses and has received many accolades from both students and parents. Her shoes will be very difficult for us to fill.

For those of you who know Ann, you know that she is an avid dog musher and she tells us that she is looking forward to many hours of trail riding with her team (we also know that she enjoys her role as a grandmother!)

Best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement Ann!



## Congratulations



## Elementary Program explores Learning in Depth

**E**BUS elementary teachers travelled to SFU in June to attend a pro-d event.

Prefessor Kieran Egan shared the concept of Learning in Depth (LID) with teachers from around the province. Our elementary team is now working on ways to incorporate the LID principles into our elementary program. For more information about Learning in Depth, please click [HERE](#).

Watch for news about LID from your online teacher and future newsletters. We hope to begin exploring LID principles with interested students and families in January.



## VClass Explosion



In response to requests from you, we have expanded our VClass offerings with a variety of interesting and engaging Virtual Classes for K – 7 students. There is something for everyone, with topics ranging from Primary Calendar and Novel Studies to Elementary Science and German. Check out the VClass Calendar in First Class for dates and times.

## Student Council

### Young EBUS Groups

We have a very active student council hosting young EBUS groups that range from YEA to YEZ! Students meet in scheduled vClasses to discuss their Young EBUS topics and projects!

It's a great way to be involved and explore subjects you are interested in! Watch for more information on Young EBUS Groups in future newsletters!

If you are interested in being a part of EBUS Student Council, please keep checking out EBUS Garage that is emailed out weekly.

## Need Your HELP with Student Project



One of our students from last year is currently taking some courses at Stanford University's High School Program. In exploring the website, one of our current students, Maya, found a student written, edited [brochure](#) that outlines the high school from a student perspective.

Maya would like to help create and edit a student written brochure that outlines the student experience at EBUS. In Maya's word, "It will be something that we'll all be proud of, and that will showcase our school."

Maya is hoping to collect student written submissions of the following sort:

- A quote about why you like EBUS
- A picture of you participating in an activity.
- A picture of you in front of your computer, logged into a VClass.
- Work with a group of friends to create an entire page.

If you are interested in helping with this project, please click [HERE](#) and we will put you in touch with Maya.

# EBUS Parent Advisory Council...EPAC

**T**he Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is the legislated parent voice at the school level advising on any matter relevant to the school. The PAC represents the collective voice of parents of children in the school. As a result of recent changes to the School Act, parent advisory councils are responsible for electing parent representatives to school planning councils. They also work with school principals to promote effective two way communication between the school, the parent community and School Planning Councils.

**Of course the PAC** also includes many fun activities such as hosting parent / family get togethers and

funding scholarships and school activities. The EPAC has been an essential and vital component of the EBUS School Community and we depend on them to help guide our school vision.

**EPAC** is a vital part of our school community and it's up to all of us to participate and strengthen this important voice.

**The EBUS PAC** would like to welcome new and returning families to the 2010-11 school year. PAC is always looking for parents who would like to be involved, if you would like to learn more about the PAC, please email us at: [pac\\_executive@ebus.sd91.bc.ca](mailto:pac_executive@ebus.sd91.bc.ca).

Carolyn Doherty, PAC Chair



Have a recipe that you would like to share in future newsletters...click [HERE](#) to email.

## BACK TO SCHOOL CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

- 3/4 Cup Packed Dark Brown Sugar
- 3/4 Cup Sugar
- 2 Large Eggs
- 1/2 Cup Oil
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 cup all purpose flour
- 1 cup whole-wheat pastry flour
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon fine salt
- 6 ounces semisweet chocolate chips or chunks
- 4 ounces dried cranberries or dried cherries

Evenly position 2 racks in the middle of the oven and preheat to 375 degrees F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone

sheets. (If you only have 1 baking sheet, let it cool completely between batches.)

Whisk the sugars, eggs, oil, and vanilla in a large bowl until smooth.

Whisk the flours, baking soda, and salt in another bowl. Stir the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients with a wooden spoon; take care not to overmix. Stir in the chocolate chips or chunks and dried fruit.

Scoop heaping tablespoons of the dough onto the prepared pans. Wet hands slightly and roll the dough into balls. Space the cookies about 2 inches apart on the pans. Bake until golden but still soft in the center, about 12 to 14 minutes, depending on how chewy or crunchy you like your cookies. Transfer hot cookies with a spatula to a rack to cool. Serve.

Store cookies in a tightly sealed container for up to 3 days.

