

EBUS ACADEMY

September 2011



BACK TO SCHOOL!

Welcome to the 2011-12 School Year!
We are excited to have you back :)

The 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.

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?

Help Videos

- [Installing FirstClass](#)
- [How to create an Email Signature Line](#)
- [Creating Bookmarks in FirstClass](#)
- [Searching your Mailbox](#)
- [Where are my Classes?](#)

Important Dates

Sept 13 EPAC Meeting @ 11am
EPAC Meeting @ 8pm

Sept 16 Fort George Park BBQ &
Meet the Teacher K-12

Sept 21 Jr. Secondary Meet the Teacher
vClasses AM/PM

Sept 23 Pro-D Day

Sept 26 K-12 Camp Elphinstone -
to 29 Gibsons BC

Sept 29 Vancouver Meet the Teacher
Robot Camp - location tba

Oct 3-4 Provincial Exams *

*Special circumstance only

BCTF Strike Action: Please find information regarding the teachers' strike at the end of our newsletter.

TIDBITS ...

The August 2011 Provincial Examination results have been posted to the School Secure Web (SSW).

STUDENTS can access their exam results on the Student Secure Web at:



www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/welcome.jsp?

Please help us welcome several new teachers to the EBUS Secondary Team:

- Leanne O'Brien
- Stephanie Wilder
- Lynn Langtry-Smith



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. If you need a mailing label, please email



resources@ebus.sd91.bc.ca.

Congratulations to our July 8 draw winners: Jenny W. & Kurt B.



LearnNowBC Safety Centre took the CyberSafe with Steve Dotto videos as a starting point and reorganized our Health & Safety, Anti-Bullying, Sexual Health & Respecting Diversity resources.

We hope you find the resources useful for yourself and your students. [Click here to visit the Safety Centre.](#)

MEET THE TEACHER!

Start your school year with family and friends! Meet for a day of family fun, fresh air and home school community connections. Let's celebrate another fabulous year of educational freedom and choice.

We would like to invite Ebus families to a Welcome Back BBQ and Meet Your Teacher in Prince George on Friday, September 16th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

We will also be hosting a similar event at the Lynn Canyon Ecology Centre in North Vancouver on Thursday, September 29th. There's a really cool suspension bridge there - come on out! This event follows the Camp Elphinstone retreat. It's not too late to sign up for Camp Elphinstone. Please sign up for camp by contacting your online teacher.

Further information to follow in an email or during a call from your online teacher. An RSVP to any of the three teachers below or your online teacher, would be appreciated.

- Lorrie Ann Riedel
- Catherine Hendry
- Mike Thompson



Out 'n About

Camp Elphinstone

Join EBUS at Camp Elphinstone in September 2011. A great way to start off the 2011 – 12 School year!

Following the success of our Ness Lake Camps for Northern families, we have booked Camp Elphinstone in beautiful Gibsons from Sept. 26 – 28 for EBUS students (all ages) and families.

Due to the generous support of EBUS Parent Advisory Council we are able to offer the following prices:

- EBUS Students: \$100 (you can use either this year or next year's EBUS Visa to cover this cost)
- Parents / Siblings: \$140**

**Food, accommodations and FUN included

Please email your mmadhok@ebus.sd91.bc.ca with interested camper names and ages.



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.

I would like to welcome everyone back to EBUS for the new school year. All parents are invited to attend our first PAC meeting of the year via [vClass](#) on Tuesday September 13. We are holding it at two different times to accommodate everyone's busy schedules: 11 AM or 8 PM.

Our biggest task is to find someone that would like to chair the PAC this year. I will be able to stay on as past chair and act as a resource and mentor for that person. Looking forward to another exciting year!

Carolyn Doherty, EBUS PAC Chair



Don't forget to attend the EBUS PAC Meeting! Sept. 13 -@ 11 am and @ 8pm. Come learn about PAC, review the last school year, and discuss new activities for the coming year!

Scholarships &



Bursaries!

Thank you to our PAC for making \$7,000.00 available in Scholarships and Bursaries! Congratulations to the recipients from the class of 2011: Morgan P., Esme L., Deni S., Angie D., Dimka Z., and Jacob R. Best wishes to you and to all our Grads of 2011!

BC Student Illustration Competition

The Illuminate the Artist Within™ Illustration Competition is open to all high school students across BC. The winning illustrator receives a \$150 gift certificate valid at OPUS Framing and Art Supplies, a spot on the featured artist page at <http://debchaney.blogspot.com>, a 2-day painting workshop valued at \$350 and finally, and their work will be featured in some Illuminate the Artist Within™ products. Student artists are asked to email their (3) drawings to itawcontest@gmail.com by Friday October 15th, 2011. For ideas on what to draw, participants are asked to visit <http://debchaney.blogspot.com> The winners will be posted and announced online on Deb's blog at 7:30 am Tuesday October 25th, 2011.

UNBC Scholar

Each year, UNBC offers a full-tuition scholarship award to our top Grade 11 student living in Northern BC. Jordan S. is our UNBC Scholar from 2010/2011 - congratulations, Jordan! Best wishes as you complete your graduation requirements this year and prepare to attend UNBC in September 2012.



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



Canada Wide Virtual Science Fair 2011

Of the 3 EBUS entrants in the 2011 Canada Wide Virtual Science Fair, 3 received awards and cash prizes!!

Torchic R (with the help of his 4 yr. old sister Isabelle) was awarded Best of School Award (\$50) & Year of Science British Columbia Magna Cum Laude Award (\$25) for his entry "[Best Toothpaste to Whiten Teeth.](#)"

Megan D was awarded Year of Science British Columbia Magna Cum Laude Award (\$100) for her entry "[A Brain the Size of a Pea.](#)"

Calum D was awarded Year of Science - British Columbia Magna Cum Laude Award (\$20) for his entry "[Making Tsunamis.](#)"

Congratulations to all!



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



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!](#)

East Kootenay Homeschoolers

My name is Daleen B. I am a homeschooling Mom in Cranbrook/Kimberley, BC. We have started a group of homeschooling families in the area to support and encourage each other along this amazing journey. We organized a few field trips at the end of last year and had a wonderful day full of activities this week to kick-off the new year!

There are lots of different school boards represented in our group and I thought it would be a good idea to pass information about our group along to the different boards, so that you can pass it on to your families who are schooling at home in the East Kootenays.

We mainly operate off Facebook, but do e-mail those who are not on Facebook. Our Facebook link is <http://facebook.com/ekhomeschoolers> and if e-mail is better for some, you can use mine daleen.bybee@gmail.com.

Thank you for helping us spread the work about our inclusive, like-minded, supportive group. We exist to connect families with each other, organize field trips and events and support each other as we walk along the homeschooling path (as smooth or bumpy as that path might be!).

Thanks again,

Daleen B



Studies show that children who eat breakfast perform better on cognitive tests and in school!

With this quick and easy recipe you won't need to skip the most important meal of the day!

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Pizza Egg Melts

by anonymous

- 4 English muffins
- 5 tsp olive oil
- 3/4 cup pizza sauce
- 6 small button mushrooms, sliced
- 1/3 cup green pepper, diced
- 6 eggs
- 2 tbsp 2% milk
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 2 oz pepperoni, sliced
- 1/2 cup Mozzarella cheese, shredded

Directions:

Split English muffins in half. Brush with 3 tsp (15 mL) olive oil. Place inside-up on baking sheet and toast in 450°F (230°C) oven until lightly browned. Remove from oven. Spread

each with pizza sauce; keep warm. Heat remaining oil in non-stick skillet over medium heat. Cook mushrooms and sweet pepper until soft, about 2 minutes. Whisk together eggs and milk in medium bowl; season with salt and pepper. Pour into skillet with mushrooms and peppers, stirring to form soft curds. Spoon eggs onto English muffins. Top with pepperoni and cheese. Return to oven; heat through until cheese melts and bubbles, about 2 minutes.

4 Servings | prep. 10 min. | cook time 8 min.