

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA PROVINCIAL SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

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BCSD October Newsletter

Dear BCSD Families/Guardians,

What a beautiful fall season it has been at BCSD. Our dedicated staff have been busy providing high-quality instruction and organizing meaningful activities that enrich our students' educational experiences. Students have been actively participating and enjoying these opportunities, making the most of this vibrant and inspiring season.

IEP meeting

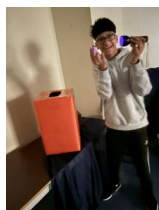
Thank you so much for participating in the parent IEP meetings, whether in person or on Zoom, over the past two weeks (October 14–31). The meetings were very productive, and it was wonderful to see everyone collaborating to support each student's language, social/emotional and academic success.

Drop Everything and Read

During the D.E.A.R. program, administrators shared *One Story, One Song* by Richard Wagamese, a powerful reminder of how Indigenous stories connect us to family, culture, and community. BCSD student Artem and the media arts class collaborated to film and edit the project, which was shared with all staff and students. This experience helped educate our community about the importance of Indigenous stories.

Leadership Class

The Leadership class organized an Escape Room on October 28 as an early Halloween celebration for BCSD students. Working in their class groups, students solved three challenging puzzles to open three locks and "escape" the MPR. Everyone enjoyed the activity, and all participants received candy for their efforts!



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Dance Class

The BCSD dance class is currently working on an exciting piece titled “*The Sketchbook*.” The story follows an artist who drifts off to sleep and awakens in a dream world where her drawings come to life. This talented group includes dancers with a range of experience levels, all eager to share what they’ve been learning in class. Mark your calendars, their year-end dance recital will take place on May 25, 2026!

Food Studies Class

In Food Studies class, students made “Bloody Broken Glass Cupcakes” for Halloween on October 31. These cupcakes are decorated with red “blood” and candy shards to look like broken glass, giving students a fun and creative baking experience.



Math Class

The Life Skills Numeracy class learned about the solar system while exploring ordinal numbers. Students described the position of each planet from the Sun using words such as *first*, *second*, and *third*. As part of the lesson, they created colorful craft projects featuring the Sun and all eight planets in their correct order. Through this hands-on activity, students strengthened their understanding of ordinal numbers and the sequence of the planets in our solar system.



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Cooking Class

In Life Skills, students are developing basic cooking skills and increasing their independence in the kitchen. Recently, they have been focusing on baking a variety of treats, including muffins and tarts, while practicing essential kitchen techniques.



ACE Program

Here is [more information about the Peer Support Program](#) found on ACE-BC's website, in the Students section. As part of the Grade 12 Career Life Connections (CLC) assignment, students will be connecting with a mentor, either through the ACE program or independently. This aligns perfectly with the TIPS course (Transition into Post-Secondary Studies), which supports students as they prepare for life beyond high school. Our next exciting project is a short online course for parents, designed to empower families in supporting their DHH children through ACE. Once it's ready, it will be a valuable resource for all families. For those interested in getting involved, please see the updated flyer and register using this link: [Peer Support Registration Form](#).

Well-Being Program

While BCSD does not have an on-site counselor, our Well-Being Program (WBP) is available to provide students with social-emotional support and guidance. We also collaborate with community partners to ensure that students have access to additional resources and opportunities that promote their well-being. Students and families are encouraged to contact the WBP team directly if they would benefit from counseling or additional support. You can contact the team at wellbeing.staff@vch.ca.

Happy Halloween from BCSD Staff and Students



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Here are some important dates for you to be aware for the month of November:

- Nov 10 – Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov 11 – School closed
- Nov 21 – School closed
- Nov 24 – Graduation Group Photos

We are looking forward to an amazing year together, filled with learning, growth, and memorable experiences for all our students and staff. Thank you for your continued support in making this school year a successful and inspiring one.

Sincerely,



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