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# École Banting Middle School

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**PAC MEETING** – We have a PAC meeting this Wednesday 6:30 in the library. All parents welcome. Always a good way to connect with the school.

We will also be discussing a major agenda item – changing how Banting communicates student learning (report cards).

**HALLOWEEN** – Monday October 31 is Halloween. Banting celebrates Halloween. We encourage students to dress up that day; most of the staff do.

**COSTUMES** – Must be appropriate. No replica weapons permitted and no costumes glamorizing the sex trade or drugs. I have asked students to see me if they

are wondering if their costume is appropriate or not. I can advise them. **DANCE** – we will have a Halloween dance in the gym in the afternoon of October 31 (1:15 -2:45).

This dance is \$3.00, will have a concession, is fully supervised by staff, and is completely optional. For those not wanting to attend the dance, there will be alternate activities,

Including school work, available on each team. **FIREWORKS** – never permitted on school grounds.

**Kateslem Program** - Banting has the good fortune of having an after school program in the school. The program is from 3:00 – 5:30 every day. It is supervised and consist of students

completing homework the first hour, followed by a snack, then different activities such as : life skills, leadership, games, computer time, gym time, and small outings.

If this could assist your family or you would find it useful, please contact our counsellor, Ms. Damelio at the school or E-mail her at [tdamelio@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:tdamelio@sd43.bc.ca)

**Traffic** - thank you everyone for your patience. We have noted that people are changing habits; walking more and picking up students later and picking

up and dropping off a block or two away from the school. Even with some habit changes, the traffic after school is still challenging. Just a reminder to not drop off or pick up

your child when on the street, you must be in the designated areas (refer to our last newsletter). Thank you.

**DAVID BOUCHARD** Banting is proud to present a morning with David Bouchard, a renowned educator and champion of indigenous rights. A recipient of the Order of Canada, Mr. Bouchard will be speaking about the importance of literacy.

We invite you to join us on Tuesday October 25 in the gym from 9:00 – 10:20. This a rare opportunity to hear someone we have been trying to book for many years. All parents and family members are welcome.

If you cannot attend, you may also catch Mr. Bouchard on Wednesday, October 26th, 7PM at Hillcrest Middle School, where Mr. Bouchard will present For the Love of Reading with a connection to First People's Principles of Learning and the Truth and Reconciliation report. All district staff and parents are welcome to this presentation.

What: An Evening with David Bouchard

Who: Educators and parents welcome

When: Wednesday, October 26th @ 7PM – 8:30

Where: Hillcrest Middle School gymnasium

Take Care

**Bill**

Bill Trask Principal École Intermédiaire Banting Middle School