



NewsBytes

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Reminder - Renew your BCCPAC Membership Now

It's time to renew your [membership](#) for the upcoming year: September 1, 2010 – August 31, 2011. To be eligible to vote at the [Fall Conference](#) Extraordinary General Meeting, memberships must be received by October 31, 2010.

Fall Conference & Extraordinary General Meeting: Parents as Partners: A Community of Learners and Leaders November 12-14, 2010 – Delta Burnaby Hotel and Conference Centre

The BCCPAC Fall Conference is an exciting opportunity to learn new skills and network with other PAC and DPAC leaders from around the province. Take this opportunity to discover new ideas and innovative practices that you can share with your PAC or district. For Important information and notice of Extraordinary General Meeting [click here](#). For further details on the event check out our [website](#) and keep an eye out for updates.

Open letter to Parents from Minister of Education

The Minister of Education – Margaret MacDiarmid acknowledges the important role you, as parents, play in the success of all the children and young people in our Education system. [Click here for full details](#)

Get Ready for the 2010 Prime Minister's Awards – Call for Nominations

The 2010 Prime Minister's Awards nomination forms will be available in early October, with nominations accepted until November 30th.

Please spread the word, and help ensure that more outstanding Canadian educators receive the recognition they deserve!

Bookmark www.pma.gc.ca for details.

Year of Science

After much anticipation, the B.C. Government has declared this school year, 2010-2011 as the Year of Science at Science World in Vancouver, B.C. This exciting initiative will show case year long programs in science - how science works, who scientists are, why science matters to our everyday lives and our communities, and how young people can have an exciting career in those fields. The development of this program, using the tag line "Choose science. Go far." is hoping to raise awareness in how exciting, important, and rewarding a career in science can be for the many young people out there today. A great way to get informed and learn more is to check out the Year of Science pages on both Twitter and Facebook, and of course the official website www.yearofsciencebc.ca

Information Bulletin – Tips for a successful Start to the School Year

[Click here](#) for the bulletin which is also available in [Chinese, French and Punjabi](#)

Research Supports Aboriginal Childhood Development

NANAIMO – A new \$2.5-million B.C. regional innovation chair at Vancouver Island University will engage First Nations communities to create meaningful, culturally relevant and practical resources for early childhood educators of Aboriginal students, Children and Family Development Minister Mary Polak. [Click here for full details](#)

Centre for Education Research & Policy presents a talk by Dr. Jesse Rothstein, UC Berkley- Reforming Teacher incentives – 14th October 2010, 5:30pm – 6:45pm, Segal Rooms, SFU Harbour Centre, Vancouver

Any scheme aimed at raising student achievement using teacher incentives needs a reliable way to evaluate how teachers are performing. But is this Feasible? [Click here for further details](#)

Carbon Neutral 101

With over 170 local and regional governments and Public Sector Organizations (schools, universities, colleges and hospitals) across the province committing to becoming carbon neutral you might be asking yourself how an organization achieves carbon neutrality.

It is an annual, four step process: Check out the municipal and electoral areas greenhouse gas reduction targets by visiting: [Local Government Climate Action in the CRD](#)

Gathering Our Voices: 2011 – Aboriginal Youth Conference

The BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres announces their 9th Annual Aboriginal Youth Conference - Gathering Our Voices, which will take place March 21st-24th, 2011, in Prince Rupert, BC. [Click here for full details](#)

My Parks Pass Canada

As a Grade 8 student, you can flash the *My Parks Pass* and get in free at any national park, national historic site, or national marine conservation area managed by Parks Canada. [Visit their Website here](#)

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