

Our Vision: *To improve public education for all students by including and supporting parents*

SPLSS Welcomes First Cohort

The first cohort of the newest BCCPAC project, Supporting Parent Leadership Seminar Series (SPLSS), will begin this weekend. Participants in the program will be coming together for three additional weekend training sessions between now and November 2008. Upon completion of the training, they will be ready to work with BCCPAC to support members in their districts. The parents participating in the project will not be available to do presentations and other work in the district until they have completed their training. BCCPAC thanks everyone for their support. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Call for Volunteers

Getting involved with BCCPAC as a volunteer is a great way to learn more and expand your skills. The work of volunteers is absolutely essential for the fulfilment of BCCPAC's mission. Both standing and ad hoc committee volunteers are currently needed. Standing committees operate year-round while ad hoc committees operate for short periods. Volunteers are also needed for sub-committees that select BCCPAC award winners. The awards sub-committees work for the month of March only. For complete information and to volunteer, please click on the link below:

http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/whats_new/volunteer.htm

President's Message

President of BCCPAC Kimberlee Howland sent a message to all members Monday by e-mail. The message included descriptions of all the work undertaken by your Board of Directors over the summer. The message is also posted on the BCCPAC website.

http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/whats_new/Whats_New.htm

PAC Ed Workshop on Finances Available

While the review of PAC *Ed* continues there will be one PAC *Ed* workshop available to members, *Unfolding the Mystery: PAC and DPAC Finances*. For more details see

http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/events/pac_ed.htm or contact the BCCPAC office at paced@bccpac.bc.ca

Back to school message from Minister Bond

Minister of Education Shirley Bond has her annual back to school video message to all stakeholders, including parents, available at the following hyperlink:

http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/news/videos/sbond/2007/070904_firstdayofschool.htm

BCMA is giving away pedometers to encourage students to exercise

The BC Medical Association played a key role in advocating for the new legislation requiring schools to see that children get 30 minutes of exercise a day. It has also launched a new web page to help parents keep families healthy and active. The page has suggestions on staying healthy – from nutrition to

reducing stress. The pedometers are available while supplies last and are a fun way to encourage exercise. http://www.bcma.org/public/patient_advocacy/health_wellness.htm

Provincial Capital Commission Touring Northern BC

Several staff and board members from the Provincial Capital Commission (PCC) will be visiting Prince Rupert and Terrace in October. The Provincial Capital Commission (PCC) is a self-sustaining Crown agency with a mandate to "connect and celebrate the Capital with all British Columbians." Through its province-wide outreach initiatives, the PCC aims to foster all citizens' sense of pride and ownership in the Capital. The PCC provides some travel funding for student groups making educational visits to the Capital. Also eligible are student groups from the Capital Region arranging an educational exchange with groups from other parts of the Province. PACs and DPACs from these communities should be receiving invitations via their schools or school boards – so check your mailbox. Information on student travel subsidies and other PCC programs can be found on their website at <http://www.bcpcc.com>.

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