

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

### **Call for Nominations Coming Soon**

The member mail-out at the beginning of June will contain the Call for Nominations for BCCPAC by-elections. BCCPAC is seeking a first vice-president, a secretary and a director. The Call for Nominations will also go on the BCCPAC website June 2. Please renew your BCCPAC membership early to ensure your PAC or DPAC is able to vote in the fall by-election.

### **Gaming Grant Deadline**

PACs and DPACs are reminded that the deadline to apply for Direct Access Grants from gaming revenues is June 30. For complete details see the following website: <http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/gaming/grants/pacdpac.htm#two>

### **Fall Conference Comes Early This Year**

The BCCPAC Fall Conference will be held October 23 – 26, instead of in November. The Conference will take place at the Hilton Hotel Metrotown in Burnaby. Watch for complete details regarding speakers and workshops in the September mailing. Plan your budget so you can attend. For further details contact the BCCPAC office [info@bccpac.bc.ca](mailto:info@bccpac.bc.ca).

### **Terri-Lynne Huddleston Receives George Matthews Award**

Terri-Lynne Huddleston was awarded the George Matthews Award on May 3 at the Celebration Buffet of the annual general meeting. The award is for a parent whose leadership, dedication and influence demonstrate to the entire education community the importance of the parent role in education. Terri-Lynne has been a director on the board of directors of BCCPAC since 2001, having been re-elected every two years. She received the Canadian Home & School Federation's (CHSF) National Volunteer Recognition Award in 2002, and is Western Vice-President of CHSF. Terri-Lynne lives in Prince Rupert and, prior to joining the board, contributed as a volunteer to her PAC and DPAC.

### **Princess Margaret Secondary Student Wins BCCPAC Educational Award**

Parmpreet Gill, who graduates this year from Princess Margaret Secondary School is the 2008 recipient of the BCCPAC Educational Award. He was selected from a field of 24 applicants for his outstanding achievements in leadership, volunteering, mentorship, and community service. The award presentation will take place at his school. He will also receive \$500 towards his post-secondary education.

### **Renew Your BCCPAC Membership before July 20**

Your current membership in BCCPAC expires August 31. Renew your membership before July 20 and be eligible for a draw for a free registration for the Fall Conference, October 23 through 26 at the Hilton Hotel in Burnaby (value approximately \$350). This offer is also available for new members. To renew or become a BCCPAC member download the membership form that is found at the top of the page describing the benefits of [BCCPAC membership](#)

### **Aboriginal Canada Portal**

The Aboriginal Canada Portal (ACP) provides First Nations, Inuit and Métis on-line resources, contacts, information, and government programs and services in Canada. Information is presented by topic, region, and audience. This includes information on financial assistance. ACP is a partnership between federal government departments and the Aboriginal community.

<http://www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca/acp/site.nsf/en/index.html>

### **English 12 First Peoples IRP Available Online**

The new English 12 First Peoples (EFP12) Integrated Resource Package (IRP) has been approved and signed off by the Minister of Education, Honourable Shirley Bond. English 12 and English 12 First Peoples both meet the same rigorous graduation requirements. Students may choose to take one or both of these courses and they may use results from one or both provincial examinations towards provincial scholarships. It is intended that students who earn credit for English 12 First Peoples will qualify for entry into post-secondary educational institutions and programs on the same basis as those who earn credit for English 12. The final approved IRP has now been posted to the Ministry of Education website at:

[http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp/irp\\_ela.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp/irp_ela.htm)

### **Check the Safety of Your Child Passenger Seat**

Starting July 1, 2008, all drivers will be responsible for transporting all children in age and weight-appropriate child car seats until their 9th birthday. A correctly installed and used child car seat can reduce the risk of injury and death by up to 85%. The BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation is declaring this June "Child Passenger Safety Month." During June, CPS educators will be traveling around the province visiting schools and communities. They will have information packages and will be available for questions at child seat checks held at various community events. For a list of communities where the child seat checks will take place see

[http://www.tsfbcaa.com/child\\_safety\\_seats](http://www.tsfbcaa.com/child_safety_seats).

### **Crystal Meth Education Grants**

Funds are still available for crystal meth parent education grants. This grant offers up to \$1,000 for parent groups, such as DPACs, to bring in experts to teach parents to prevent drug abuse and recognize the warning signs of drug use. Consider hosting a crystal meth education presentation for the 2008-2009 school year. The grant can be used to bring in a speaker from the [Crystal Meth Society of BC](#), volunteer parents who have lived through the tragedy of having their children battle addiction to this drug. [Crystal Meth Grant Application](#)

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