



NewsBytes

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Our Voice / Renew your BCPAC Membership

"**Our Voice**" the BCCPAC news magazine has been mailed to all schools across BC - Check your PAC mail box. Also, in the envelope you will find a renewal invoice and a membership form for the upcoming membership year: September 1 – August 31. Renew your membership before **July 26th 2010** and your PAC/DPAC will have a chance to win a free registration to the 2010 Fall Conference. [Our Voice](#) and the [membership form](#) are also available on our website

Nomination Form

BCCPAC is looking for candidates interested in serving on the Board. The nomination package for appointment of the 1st Vice President and Treasurer positions has been emailed to all members.

The deadline to submit nominations is **June 30, 2010 at midnight**. The [nomination information package](#) is also available on our [website](#)

BC School Sports Fee Increase for 2010/2011 School Year

A 75% fee increase for membership with BC School Sports will take effect in **September of 2010**. This is due to the government cuts in July 2009. If you have any questions please contact [BC School Sports](#) directly ph: 604-460-3310

New Buses, New Ideas for Student Transportation

VICTORIA – A \$12.5-million investment in 106 new green school buses will benefit 31 school districts in B.C., Minister of Education Margaret MacDiarmid announced today. [Click here](#) for full details
For information on the dollars invested and types and numbers of buses for school districts throughout the province, visit: http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/news/docs/2010/bg_NewSchoolBuses_100624.pdf

British Columbia Curriculum Update: June 2010 - New Curriculum Documents – Arts Education K to 7!

The British Columbia Ministry of Education is pleased to provide the following new curriculum documents. [Click here](#) for information. This is also available on the Ministry of Education web site at: http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp/irp_fa.htm

Healthy School Network Newsletter - The June 2010 issue is now posted on the Ministry of Education website at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/health/hsnetwork/newsletter_jun10.pdf.

DASH BC – International Walk to School Week 2010. [REGISTER](#) your school for International Walk to School Day (October 6) [OR](#) International Walk to School Week (October 4-8) 2010. **Register before June 25th** to ensure you receive posters, stickers, and practical planning resources to help plan an iWalk to School Week in your school community. Schools can register after the deadline, but planning packages will only be available while supplies last. To learn more about International Walk to School please visit the [iWalk page](#) of the HASTE [website](#).

The Ed May Social Responsibility Education Fund promotes socially responsible teaching in inclusive, safe, and healthy schools by providing money to assist teachers in developing and implementing violence-prevention, antiracist, multicultural, gender-equity, global, environmental, or peace resources. The deadline for applying for grants for the 2010-11 school year is November 26, 2010. [Click here](#) for details.

Evergreen Grants Available:

Evergreen is a national not-for-profit organization that works to make cities more liveable, partners with funders to provide [financial support](#) to publicly-funded Canadian schools and not-for-profit daycares who want to undertake greening and food garden projects. Evergreen is one of Canada's leading funders of community and school greening projects. **Amount:** \$500 to \$2,000 for publicly funded Canadian schools (JK–Grade 12); \$500 to \$1,000 for not-for-profit daycares.

Next accepting applications: September 2010–June 2011. [Click here](#) for further details

Earn an Idle Free Sign for your school

Your school is invited to participate in reducing vehicle idling by posting a "BC Is Idle Free" sign outside of your school! The Provincial Government has Idle Free signs available for free through HASTE. Interested BC schools can order up to 4 signs, each of which measures 12" by 18". Fill out the [online form](#) to order up to 4 Idle Free signs for your school, along with associated campaign materials. Need help or have a question? [Get in touch!](#)

Destination Conservation (DC) is a practical, student-driven, activity-based program that brings environmental education alive in our schools. Working in partnership with the school district education and facilities departments, 10 - 15 volunteer schools are identified in each district. Through the efforts of the students and adults that support their work, schools can save on average \$2800 a year on their utility bills! [Click here](#) for further details

Sports Day in Canada

This is a new event that celebrates sport at all levels across Canada. It will be the culmination of a week (September 11-18, 2010) of sporting events and festivals, celebrating grassroots sport stories, engaging citizens in physical activity and rallying organizations to provide opportunities in communities and schools across Canada. Visit www.truesportfoundation.ca/en/page-106-sports-day-in-canada for further information on how to get involved.

DreamRider Theatre has created a free resource. A free walk to school video available on you tube or on DVD. The video is based on their popular school tour "Keep Cool!" Click on the link below:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/DreamRiderTheatre>. For further information [click here](#)

PAC and DPAC Links on BCCPAC Website - Reminder

Submit your PAC and/or DPAC website and we will add it to the PAC/DPAC links page on the BCCPAC website. This page is displayed as a link on the left side of the homepage. To add your PAC and/or DPAC link send an email to info@bccpac.bc.ca. To see the PACs and DPACs that are already listed click the hyperlink: <http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/index/pacweblis.aspx>

BCCPAC Office Open during Summer

Office staff can be reached toll free at 1-866-529-4397 or by e-mail at info@bccpac.bc.ca. Board members can also be contacted during the summer months. For contact information, please click on the hyperlink: <http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/contactus.aspx>

Other information for parents/youth

Family Education.com is a great website for information, fun & resources. Here are a few links to help keep the kids entertained over the summer holidays:

[Family Entertainment Centre](#)

[Travel Games & Activities](#)

[Printable Activities](#)

[Top 10 Summer jobs for Teens](#)

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