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It Is Not Too Late To Register for the Fall Conference!

The BCCPAC Board of Directors would like to welcome you to our annual Fall Conference. The Fall Conference is an exciting opportunity to learn new skills and network with other PAC and DPAC leaders and parents from around the province. Take this opportunity to discover new ideas and innovative practices that you can share with your PAC or district.

To see what the Fall Conference has to offer, go to:
http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/index/event_calendar/fallconference.aspx.

[Register Now](#)

Looking for Fundraising Ideas?

If you have time, come by and visit the Fall Conference Exhibitor Showcase at the Hilton Vancouver Metrotown on Thursday, November 12 from 5:30 pm – 8 pm, and on Friday, November 13 and Saturday, November 14, from 9 am to 4 pm. To see a list of Exhibitors, please click here:

http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/index/event_calendar/fallconference.aspx (scroll down the page)

December 15 Deadline for Voting Membership in BCCPAC

The voice of your PAC or DPAC should be heard at the BCCPAC Annual General Meeting. To be a voting delegate at the 2010 BCCPAC Annual General Meeting, BCCPAC membership forms and dues must be received at the BCCPAC office by Dec. 15.

[Membership Form](#)

2010 Teachable Moments for the 2010 Classroom

To celebrate the Olympic and Paralympic school year, every school in British Columbia has been sent a package containing a Teachable Moments for the 2010 Classroom brochure and enhanced DVD. The DVD contains educational resources related to the 2010 Winter Games, including videos, podcasts, teacher guides, brochures and hyperlinks for educators to view, print and use in the classroom. An online version of the DVD is available at the Ministry of Education's Sharing The Dream website: www.sharingthedream.gov.bc.ca, where you will also find additional school and classroom opportunities related to the 2010 Winter Games.

Full Day Kindergarten Information

On October 2, 2009, the Ministry of Education held a forum for education stakeholders to discuss the implementation of universal full day kindergarten in British Columbia. A summary of the discussions and ideas is available online at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/early_learning/pdfs/forum_discussion.pdf.

Other resources available online include:

- Making Linkages: How the BC Early Learning Framework Links to the Primary Program: A Framework for Teaching:
http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/early_learning/making_linkages.htm
- An Updated and Annotated Summary of Evidence. A compendium to: With our Best Future in Mind:
http://www.ontario.ca/ontprodconsume/groups/content/@gosp/documents/document/ont06_018937.pdf
- Early Childhood Learning Agency Report: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/ecla/>

Healthy Schools Network

Information and resources to support healthy initiatives at your school can be found on the [B.C.'s Healthy Schools Network Newsletter](#).

Volunteer opportunities available!

The Board of BCCPAC is looking for a few parents from member PACs to help us out with our work. Several very interesting volunteer positions are currently available. Our office staff and Board members will be happy to answer questions you may have about volunteering with BCCPAC. Contact information for Board members can be found [here](#). For details on current volunteer opportunities and application forms, please see below.

<http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/aboutus/volunteer.aspx>

2004 Leadership Manual at the Fall Conference

We are clearing out stock (while they last) of the BCCPAC 2004 Leadership Manual. We will have a few copies available at the Fall Conference at no charge. If you are not attending the conference, and would like to receive a free copy (postage to be paid by you) of this great resource, email info@bccpac.bc.ca or call the office at 604-687-4433 or 1-866-529-4397. You are also welcome to stop by and pick up a copy at the office in Burnaby: #350 – 5172 Kingsway (near Royal Oak). This manual is currently under review and the new edition is expected to be released in the Spring. Any comments or suggestions with regards to this resource are greatly appreciated and can be directed to info@bccpac.bc.ca.

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