



NewsBytes

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BCCPAC Sends Mailing to Members

Members will shortly receive a mailing containing the complete proceedings of the Annual General Meeting, descriptions of the new Board of Directors, a membership renewal form with promotional piece, information on the recent award winners and the information on applying for a Parent Education on Crystal Meth Grant. These materials can also be downloaded from the members' only section of the website.

Communications Survey for Parents Involved with BCCPAC

A survey regarding the use and effectiveness of BCCPAC communications will be distributed to the members' e-mail list shortly. We ask that it be forwarded to all parents who are members of PACs so we can get accurate data. We are also asking for suggestions on how member communications can be improved.

Tara Salm Receives BCCPAC Education Award

Tara Salm, of Valleyview Secondary in Kamloops, is the winner of the 2009 BCCPAC Education Award. Tara is a top student and elite athlete, but she is also a leader in voluntarism. In 2007, she started an Awake-a-thon which has raised \$46,000 for charities. She has been involved, since grade 10, in a Leadership Conference which teaches other schools how to promote school pride and caring. She will receive her certificate at a special awards ceremony held at the school on Friday, June 5.

Renew BCCPAC Membership Early and Win

Renew or become a member of BCCPAC before July 20, 2009 and you could win a free registration to the BCCPAC Fall Conference. The last Fall Conference was rated very highly by attendees. A survey revealed that 98% would recommend attending the Fall Conference to other parents. The membership form is below.

<http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/UserFiles/file/forms/2009-2010%20BCCPAC%20Membership%20Form.pdf>

PAC and DPAC Links on the BCCPAC Website

Don't forget to send your PAC or DPAC website address to gabriellemoore@bccpac.bc.ca so she can add it to the new webpage of links to PAC and DPAC sites. This page links directly to the homepage. To date four PACs and four DPACs have taken advantage of the page. Why not join them?

<http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/index/pacweblist.aspx>

Deadline for Direct Access Program Grants from Gaming Policy and Enforcement

The deadline for applications for Direct Access Grants for PACs and DPACs is June 30. The information on how to apply for the grant from Gaming Policy and Enforcement is at the link below or on the Resources page of the BCCPAC website. Applications can be made by mail or online, but faxes will NOT be accepted.

<http://www.hsd.gov.bc.ca/gaming/grants/pacdpac.htm#one>

Crystal Meth Grant Money Available

There is still money available for DPACs to host a Crystal Meth Parent Information session. The grant is maximum \$1,000.00 and rural districts may be eligible for an additional \$500. For complete details see the information below.

<http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/UserFiles/file/forms/Crystal%20Meth%20Grant%20Application%20Form.pdf>

Children Making Healthier Food Choices: Breakfast for Learning Report

Breakfast for Learning reports that the analyses of the progress reports for the 2007/08 academic year, collected from responding schools, have been overwhelmingly positive. Of the 135 reporting organizations 98% noted an improvement in nutrition education and 94% saw children making healthier food choices. In addition, respondents noted significant successes in social outcomes:

- 85% saw an improvement in attention span
- 80% noted a reduction in tardiness
- 82% noted improved behaviour

Significantly, 97% of the reporting organizations reported an increase in overall student happiness. Breakfast for Learning reminds current program participants to get their progress reports for the 2008/09 year in by the June 30 deadline.

To read the full report, please visit www.dashbc.org <<http://www.dashbc.org>>

Does Your School Principal Deserve More Recognition?

Nominate her or him for a 2010 Canada's Outstanding Principals Award. Winners from across Canada are recognized for the unique and crucial contributions to their schools and to public education. Over the past five years 155 exceptional leaders have been recognized for their accomplishments. See hyperlink below to learn more.

www.thelearningpartnership.ca

or contact

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Summer Reading Clubs for Kids and Teens

To keep your children occupied during the long days of summer why not enroll them in an online summer reading club sponsored by the Ministry of Education? For children the club is called "Follow the Reader" and will focus on leadership, teamwork, and finding out about the world.

The teen reading club theme for this year is "Read About It!" The teen reading club program is a safe, online book club where teens can discuss their reading and book-related ideas. Last year teen readers posted over 3,000 book reviews of more than 2,000 books. For more information see the hyperlinks below.

Kids' Reading Club <http://kidssrc.bclibrary.ca/>

Teens Reading Club www.teensrc.ca

Use Free Signs to Reduce Car Idling Near Your School



The Provincial Government has idle free signs available for free through HASTE (Hub for Action on School Transportation Emissions). Up to 4 signs, each measuring 12" by 18" are available to each school. Signs are made of aluminum, digitally printed with reflective and anti-graffiti coatings, and can be mounted on poles, fences or buildings using two pre-drilled holes.

To obtain the signs schools must report an environmental or sustainability learning opportunity or action you are planning, involved in or have accomplished and would

like to share, e.g., a walk to school day, student-initiated recycling program, etc. Go to the following hyperlink to order your school's signs.

<http://www.hastebc.org/school-anti-idling-sign-order-form>

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