

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

Nov. 30 is the Deadline for Playground Grant Applications

The deadline for applications for the BCCPAC Playground Equipment Grant is November 30, 2007. For answers to questions regarding the grant see the frequently asked questions recently posted on the homepage of the BCCPAC website.

<http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/>

Volunteers Needed Now to Join BCCPAC Standing Resolutions Committees

BCCPAC is unable to move all resolutions forward unless non-board members volunteer for the Standing Resolutions Committees. These committees have the ongoing responsibility of determining the status of all resolutions, as well as submitting recommendations to the Board of Directors to identify priorities for addressing active resolutions. The Board totals nine people, whose time is already consumed with BCCPAC work. Please find more information on the website.

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

Voting at the AGM

This is just a reminder for those who haven't yet renewed their membership. To be eligible to vote at the 2008 AGM, your BCCPAC membership dues and application should be received by the office by December 15, 2007. The membership form can be obtained at the link below.

<http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/forms/forms.htm>

New Grant for Accessible Play Space

PACs can add access to their school playground for children with mobility-related disabilities by applying for a new grant of up to \$50,000 from *Let's Play*. This is a joint initiative of the Rick Hansen Foundation and the Province of British Columbia. The deadline for applications is Tuesday, January 15, 2008. For application criteria and more information see the website below.

Visit www.rickhansen.com/play

BC School Sports Holds Ministerial Roundtable

On Saturday, October 20th sixteen teacher coaches from all regions in the province joined the BC School Sports (BCSS) Board members (BCCPAC Director Laurey-Anne Roodenburg sits on this Board) to meet with Minister of Education, Hon. Shirley Bond and the Minister of State and ActNow BC, Hon. Gordon Hogg. They discussed how best to recognize the important and valuable role teacher coaches have in the delivery of sports programs in schools. The meeting provided an opportunity to both raise the profile of teacher coaches and highlight the issues they face in continuing to provide athletic opportunities to students. Both Ministers acknowledged the value and efforts of athletic directors, coaches and volunteers and indicated a commitment to work with BCSS to advocate for the benefits

and value of school sports programs in BC. The next step is for BCSS to summarize the discussions from this round table and provide a prioritized list of initiatives to Minister Bond.

Draft Integrated Resource Packages posted for review

The draft Integrated Resource Packages for English Language Arts 8-12 and English 12 (First Peoples) have been posted for response. The deadline for feedback to the draft IRPs is December 31, 2007. Links to the response draft IRPs and the response forms are available at the hyperlinks below.

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp/drafts/>

Green schools program provides "Eco Kits"

The province has launched its B.C. Green Schools program by making an eco kit available to all interested BC schools. The BC Green Schools Eco Kit includes an idea book full of possible projects. The province will provide one B.C. Green Schools Eco Kit per school, or provide a higher-level kit for schools already involved in the program.

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/greenschools/>

Online practice knowledge test for class 7L licence.

If you have a teenager preparing for their learner's licence (Class 7L) exam, encourage them to practice taking the test. ICBC now has an online practice test. This will familiarize teens with the types of questions found in the real test. Why not take the test yourself and challenge your teenager to see who can get the highest score? You can find more test study information in the *Road Sense Guide*.

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