

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

### **Workshop Added to BCCPAC Fall Conference**

A new workshop called *Healthy Fundraising in Schools: Using the Guidelines for Food and Beverage Sales in BC Schools (2007)* will be added to the Fall Conference workshop line-up. The workshop presenter is Janelle Hatch of the Vancouver Island Health Authority, Prevention Services Nutrition Program. In September 2007, the Ministry of Education released the revised *Guidelines for Food and Beverage Sales in BC Schools*. Janelle will review the revised guidelines and answer your questions. You will learn about the details of the *Guidelines*, how these differ from the 2005 version, available resources, materials and tips for fundraising while promoting health.

[http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/events/Fall\\_Leadership\\_Conference.htm](http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/events/Fall_Leadership_Conference.htm)

### **Deadlines for BCCPAC Fall Conference**

The early bird registration deadline for the Fall Conference is October 23. The early bird rate of \$295 will not be accepted after this date and the full price of \$345 will be required. The block reservation for the hotel also expires October 23. All PACs and DPACs are encouraged to send delegates to the BCCPAC Fall Conference. Non-members can also attend for a slightly higher fee. For complete details go to: [http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/events/Fall\\_Leadership\\_Conference.htm](http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/events/Fall_Leadership_Conference.htm)

### **Call for Volunteers**

Several very interesting volunteer positions are currently available. Please note that any volunteers interested in being part of the Standing Resolutions Committees are encouraged to contact the office and/or submit an Internal Committee Volunteer Application Form by October 12. For more information, please see below.

[http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/whats\\_new/volunteer.htm](http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/whats_new/volunteer.htm)

### **Habitat Systems Not Endorsed by BCCPAC**

Some PACs and DPACs have received an e-mail from a playground equipment manufacturer, named Habitat Systems, that purports to answer questions about the BCCPAC playground equipment grant. BCCPAC does not endorse Habitat Systems or any other playground equipment manufacturer, and the answers to some of the questions provided are inaccurate. Please refer to the website for more information on the BCCPAC Playground Grant. [www.bccpac.bc.ca](http://www.bccpac.bc.ca)

### **Gaming grants for Playground Equipment Now Available**

The information on how to obtain a PAC Playground Grant for school playground equipment from the Ministry of Public Safety and the Solicitor General is now posted on their website. The grant provides up to \$20,000 of matching funds. The PAC must provide funds that match the amount of the grant requested. Applications can be submitted online and must be received by November 30.

<http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/gaming/grants/playground.htm#one>

### **Calendar of Educational Events**

Educational events happening around the province, including webcasts, are listed on the Education Leadership Calendar. To access the calendar please go to

<http://www.bessa.org/calendar/calendarlistset.html>.

### **Public Review Sought for New Teaching Guide**

A draft teacher's guide has been developed to assist teachers in delivering the K-12 curriculum "so as to enhance social justice, respect diversity, and achieve equality for all learners." The draft is tentatively entitled: *Making Space, Giving Voice: Teaching for Diversity and Social Justice throughout the K-12 Curriculum – A Guide for Teachers*. The draft guide is posted online for public review and response (see below). The deadline for responses is November 1, 2007. It is anticipated that the final version of the guide will be available by April 2008, but no later than September 2008.

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

### **Changes Made to Child Seat Law**

Car crashes are the leading cause of accidental injury and death among children. As of July 1, 2008 there will be changes to BC child seat law.

- Infants must stay rear facing until one year of age **and** 20 lbs.
- All drivers must secure children at least one year old and 20 lbs to at least 40 lbs in a child seat.
- Children who have outgrown their forward-facing child seat must ride in a booster seat until their 9th birthday, unless they have reached the height of 4' 9".

For more information call the toll-free Child Passenger Safety Information Line at 1-877-247-5551 or visit the child seat section of the website [www.icbc.com](http://www.icbc.com).

### **Crossing Guard Contest**

FedEx and Safe Kids Canada wants to recognize the contributions of crossing guards in Canada, so they are sponsoring the "Canada's Favourite Crossing Guard Contest." The contest will run from September 24 to November 5, 2007. Students, teachers and parents across the country are invited to nominate their favourite crossing guard. The three winning entries will receive a pizza party for their school and crossing guard. Contest information and a nomination form are available on Safe Kids Canada's website below. The deadline for entries is November 5, 2007.

[www.safekidscanada.ca](http://www.safekidscanada.ca).

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