



NewsBytes

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BCCPAC Board Meeting

June 12 – 14 was the first meeting of the new Board of Directors. The meeting business included appointments made to internal and external Committees and the Board Reports. The Board Reports are available on the Members' Only section of the BCCPAC website. The Internal Committees & External Representation rosters can be viewed at the hyperlink below.

External Representation <http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/representation/extcttes.aspx>

Internal committees <http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/representation/intcttes.aspx>

Making it Easier to Communicate with the BCCPAC Board

In a new spirit of two-way communication, members can easily communicate with any of the members of the BCCPAC Board of Directors via e-mail. The e-mails for Board members can be found on the Board of Directors page under About Us or on the Contact Us page.

<http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/aboutus/2008-09board.aspx>

New Minister of Education

On June 10th Premier Gordon Campbell announced his new cabinet. Replacing Shirley Bond as Minister of Education is Dr. Margaret MacDiarmid. Former Education Minister Shirley Bond becomes Minister of Transportation. Dr. MacDiarmid was elected last month. She has been a family physician for 23 years and is a former President of the BC Medical Association.

<http://www.gov.bc.ca/bced/minister.html>

June 30 Deadline for Direct Access Program Grants

A reminder: 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 Branch 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>

Conditions for PAC and DPAC Direct Access Program Grants:

<http://www.hsd.gov.bc.ca/gaming/grants/docs/cond-pac-dpac.pdf>

PAC and DPAC Links on BCCPAC Website

Every time we ask we get more PACs and DPACs submitting their websites to add 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 or DPAC link send an email to info@bccpac.bc.ca . To see the PACs and DPACs that are already listed click below.

<http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/index/pacweblist.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 below.

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

College of Teachers Survey Regarding Professional Designation

The BC College of Teachers is conducting a survey to collect opinions regarding a professional designation for teachers. The survey results will be shared with the College's governing council to help guide them in their decisions moving forward. To participate in the survey go to the following hyperlink.

<http://www.bcct.ca/Surveys/ProfessionalDesignation.aspx>

June 30 is Early Bird Registration Deadline for Walk to School Week

The Directorate of Agencies for School Health BC (DASH BC) is inviting schools province-wide to register for International Walk to School Week to promote and celebrate the many benefits of walking. Register your school by June 30 to be eligible for early bird prize packages. Final registration deadline is September 18. In early September all registered schools will receive information and practical planning resources to help them plan an iWalk event that works for their own school community. For more information, and to sign your school up for this year's event, please visit the DASH BC website below

www.dashbc.org

Student Success Improves with Physical Activity

According to the *2009 Active Healthy Kids Canada Report Card on Physical Activity for Children and Youth*, there is no benefit in reducing physical activity in schools because it reduces academic activity. In fact, the report concludes that children perform better academically if they are active physically:

"A thorough review of this topic area led a group of Canadian researchers to conclude that school-based physical activity, (PE instruction, free play or school sport) could "become a consistent component of physical activity to meet current guidelines for children and adolescents without impairing academic performance, even if curricular time for so-called academic subjects is curtailed."

To read the full report click on the hyperlink below.

http://www.activehealthykids.ca/ecms.ashx/ReportCard2009/AHKC-Longform_WEB_FINAL.pdf

Canadian Sports for Life Provides Speakers for Parent Groups

The fundamental actions of running, throwing and jumping are learned just as reading, writing and math. Given the relationship between academic success and physical activity (see story above) it is important that students develop these movement skills for their success and enjoyment of life. 2010 Legacies Now, through support from the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport, is working with organized sport, recreation, education and health to assist in the delivery of the Canadian Sport for Life program (CS4L) in British Columbia. 2010 Legacies Now is providing planning support, resource materials and presentations to community and school based groups around BC. For more information contact Drew Mitchell, 2010 LegaciesNow at dmitchell@2010legaciesnow.com

For a list of presenters see the website below.

www.canadiansportforlife.ca

Canada Gets Active Community Grant Application Deadline July 15

Increase the physical activity involvement of grade 5 students in your community by increasing their access to and participation in community recreation facilities. Every grade 5 child could receive a free Community Physical Activity Pass for designated times and activities. A prize with a value of up to \$15,000 is provided to a minimum of five communities. Letters of interest must be received by July 15, 2009. Detailed information is available at the link below.

http://www.everybodygetstoplay.ca/EN/main.php?action=cmsEGTP.e_whatsNew

Green Thumb Theatre Wants to Tell Your Story

Since 1975, Green Thumb Theatre has performed to more than four million young people and created over 80 new plays dealing with issues that affect children, from bullying, to racism, to drug addiction. Every person who has seen a Green Thumb play has a story to tell. To celebrate its 35th anniversary Green Thumb is seeking those stories. How did seeing a Green Thumb production affect you? How did it make you feel and how did it change your life? Green Thumb will accept stories by post, email and also video. Selected stories will be published in Green Thumb's 35th Anniversary Yearbook which will be released September 2010.

For more information email info@greenthumb.bc.ca subject header: stories.

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