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Foundation Skills Assessment Parent Information Kit

Over the past several months, volunteers on the ***Standing Resolution Committee on Curriculum*** have created the following document – [BCCPAC FSA Information Kit for Parents](#)

Every effort has been made to present this information in a factual “information only” format. This **Foundation Skills Assessment Parent Information Kit** should not be viewed as representing an exclusive opinion of BCCPAC or parents.

BCCPAC hopes this information will provide answers to questions you have on the FSA's administered in BC to students in Grades 4 and 7 and their intended purpose. Those seeking a deeper understanding of assessment are encouraged to read "[A Parent's Guide to Assessment](#)"

A special thank you to the committee members for all your time and energy in gathering this information.

Further information can be found on the [Ministry of Education Website](#)

Attention High School Parents

Students looking for scholarships and other possible financial aid may find the BC School Counsellors Association webpage useful. They encourage parents and students to go to the BC Awards online webpage and for schools to post the links below on their website.

[BC Awards on Line](#)

[BC Awards on line Re-launched](#)

Fairness Contest

The BC Ombudsman invites young people in Grades 11 and 12 to enter the *Speak Up for Fairness!* Contest. Students are asked to submit an essay, video or drawing, comic book or other artwork that answers one or more of the following questions and shows that they understand what the BC Office of the Ombudsman does:

What is fairness and why is it important?

How can the Ombudsman's office help young people?

Why is it important to democracy that public agencies treat people fairly?

For contest guidelines and entry forms, go to: www.ombudsman.bc.ca/youth.

2010 Olympic & Paralympic School year: January 2010 Newsletter

The 2010 Games are less than 32 days away! This January newsletter contains an invitation to you and your students to participate in the February 4 and February 11 webcasts focused on global citizenship and peace, a reminder that the Olympic Torch Relay is coming back to BC on January 21, and information about several 2010 educational resources and programs.

[Sharing the Dream Newsletter – January, 2010](#)

If you have questions, please e-mail us at sharingthedream@gov.bc.ca

For information on Olympic and Paralympic Education programs and resources, go to <http://www.sharingthedream.gov.bc.ca/>

BC Society Act Review by BC Ministry of Finance - deadline for comments April 1, 2010

The BC Ministry of Finance has initiated a review of the BC Society Act. The deadline for comments for this first phase of the review is April 1, 2010.

Here's the BC Ministry of Finance link: http://www.fin.gov.bc.ca/society_act_review.htm. The link contains information on the review and how to submit your comments to the Ministry.

The stated purpose of the review from the Ministry's webpage is to identify and address any legislative obstacles that may prevent societies from functioning fully and efficiently, and ensure that the public interest is being protected. The Ministry is seeking input on any problems, gaps, inconsistencies or ambiguities in the Society Act and any reforms societies would like considered.

The Ministry is encouraging people to forward this information to their colleagues.

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