

North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council

Newsbytes

BCCPAC Membership

The 2007 deadline for BCCPAC membership is fast approaching. Last year almost every eligible school in our district joined BCCPAC. This year we're aiming for every school. Go to www.bccapc.bc.ca and print off the membership form, then fax it to BCCPAC at 604-687-4488. **Do not send any payment as NVPAC pays the dues on your behalf.** Please note that to be eligible for the Playground Funding announced by the BC Government your PAC must be a member of BCCPAC.

Speaker sponsored by The Whole Dyslexic Society

The Whole Dyslexic Society is hosting Ronald D Davis, author of '**The Gift of Dyslexia**' who will be speaking at the Frederic Wood Theatre, UBC, on **Saturday, November 3, 2007, from 2.30pm to 5.30pm** (with tea break !).

For tickets and more information visit www.dyslexiacanada.com – Events page – or Carolyn Van Meenan (604) 882 9009.

A fund-raising event "**SHIFT...!!!**" will follow at 6pm see above website for more details.

Destination ImagiNation

Destination ImagiNation is a program that teaches, creativity, problem solving, communication, focusing tools, idea generating tools, presentation skills, and teamwork that can be used throughout the student's life. It is a worldwide organization for kids aged 4 to nineteen. Thousands of students from every region of the province participate in DI programs each year, supported by 100's of dedicated and caring volunteers in youth centres and educational facilities. Destination ImagiNation goes hand in hand with developing leadership skills, and innovation capability, and all while having fun!

Team Leader workshop will be held November 20th @ 7 pm. Any parent or teacher who is interested in being a team leader and would like some ideas for activities that can be done with a team are welcome to attend. Please contact Antje Wilson for further information, phone 604-983-8185 or by email antje@freshfrog.com and for more information on Destination ImagiNation BC visit <http://www.bcdi.org/> and for DI International visit <http://www.idodi.org/>

Parenting in a Cyberage

Many parents are concerned about the internet, and are looking for ways to ensure their children's safety. Parenting in a Cyberage is a community forum being presented jointly by North Vancouver School District, West Vancouver School District, and the City of North Vancouver. High School students will explain such sites as Facebook, MySpace and YouTube. In addition, Merlyn Horton, an expert on the potential for internet abuse, will advise parents on how to keep their children safe. The forum is designed primarily for parents but is open to all interested persons. It is free and will take place on Thursday, November 29th at 7:00 p.m. at Centennial Theatre.

House of Commons Page Program

The House of Commons Page Program invites applications from students who must:

- be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- be graduating from a secondary school or a CEGEP (with no academic interruptions) and beginning full-time university studies in September 2008
- have an overall academic average of at least 80%
- have a superior knowledge of both official languages, as evaluated by the House of Commons
- apply to a university in the National Capital Region, be accepted and accept the offer of admission.

Successful applicants will receive a salary of \$11,236 throughout the working year. In addition, a sum of \$1,200 will be paid at the successful completion of the contract in August 2009.

The deadline for applications is Monday, December 3, 2007.

More information is available at <http://www.parl.gc.ca/hocpage>.

Middle Childhood Matters – Out of School Survey

Fran Jones from North Shore Community Resources attended the NVPAC General Meeting on October 18, 2007 and presented information on the NSCR Out-of-School Time Survey. The survey is designed to gather information about out of school time activities available to 9-12 year olds on the North Shore. The results will be used in the consideration of new program development. The survey can be accessed at www.nscr.bc.ca and you are invited to complete it.

BCCPAC October Newsbytes

To read the September issue of BCCPAC Newsbytes, go to www.bccpac.bc.ca , click on Resources and choose Newsbytes.

Upcoming Meetings

November 1, 2007 Community Forum, 6:00 pm, Carson Graham Secondary Gym

November 6, 2007 Finance & Facilities Meeting, 7:00 Leo Marshall Curriculum Centre

November 15-18, 2007 BCCPAC Fall Conference, Victoria BC

November 22, 2007 NVPAC General Meeting, 7:00 LMCC

November 27, 2007 School Board Meeting, 7:00 Board Office