

North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council

NVPAC Newsbytes

NVPAC All Candidates Meeting

On November 15, 2008 the Municipal election will be held. That is when we go to the polls to pick our Mayor, District/City councillors and Board of Education Trustees.

Of the 13 candidates running for election, only three are incumbents. With so many new faces running, NVPAC strongly urges all parents and community members to get to know the qualifications, experience and philosophies of each candidate.

NVPAC is holding an **All-Candidates Meeting on Thursday, November 6th, 7pm at Sutherland Secondary**. All candidates have been invited to attend and this will be an excellent opportunity to ask questions on issues of importance to you.

We encourage you to take this opportunity to get to know your candidates so you can make an informed decision at the ballot box.

NVPAC Speakers Grants

NVPAC has approved 10 Parent Education Grants for PACS for 2008/9. These grants are \$150 each and can be used to help pay for the cost of providing useful and relevant information to your school community.

Your school PAC chair or Treasurer must apply to NVPAC for the grants with details of when and what you would like to spend the money on. Once your PAC has been approved to receive the grant, simply send in a copy of your final costs for the event or purchase and we will send you a cheque for \$150.

You may apply in advance for events that are scheduled later in the year, but your event or purchase must take place before the end of June 2009.

Grants will be awarded on a first come – first served basis throughout the year until the \$1,500 Grant Fund is fully committed.

Please send the details to NVPAC Treasurer Karen Stewart by email at karenlstewart@shaw.ca or fax to 604-983-0357.

NEW: NVPAC Family of Schools Grants

At the request of our members, NVPAC has instituted Family of Schools Grants. These grants are \$200 each and can be used to help pay for the cost of an event planned to promote community between each secondary school and their feeder elementary schools.

Two secondary schools have already requested grants, one for a speaker who presented to the Family of Schools and one for a winter fair which will involve all the

schools in that FOS. If your school has an idea that you think falls within the parameters of this grant, please send the details to NVPAC Treasurer Karen Stewart by email at karenlstewart@shaw.ca .

NVPAC presents District Dietician

NVPAC is proud to present Kathy Romses, district dietician, speaking about the updated Food Guides for Schools. The workshop will be held on November 27th from 12:30 to 2:30 at Leo Marshall Curriculum Centre. Stay tuned for more details.

Playground Grants

The application period for Playground Grants runs from September 15 through November 30. Applicants are notified by March 31, 2009. The new rules mean that PACs can apply for up to \$20,000 for playgrounds without having to provide matching funds. <http://www.hsd.gov.bc.ca/gaming/grants/playground.htm>

BCIT has a free session on learning opportunities, BIG Info, on November 5, 2008 between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. at the Burnaby Campus. Please see the attached flyer from BCIT's Program Advising.

"Quest of Excellence" 2009 School Bursary Program

For the 9th consecutive year, RE/MAX of Western Canada is sponsoring the Quest of Excellence bursary program. This year they are offering (24) \$500 bursaries for a total of \$12,000 to grade 12 students.

The program, which runs from September 15th, 2008 to March 6th, 2009, is aimed at schools in Western Canada and encourages students to enter an essay based on their interest and passion for a selected subject. There are six subjects that students can choose from: Leadership, Sports, Technology & Trades, Performing Arts, Fine Arts and Community Service.

Award recipients will be notified by May 4th, 2009 and a formal presentation will be arranged to take place during the students' commencement ceremonies.

Information on how to apply can be found on the attached information sheet or go to <http://www.remax-western.ca>

BCCPAC President Interviewed on Christy Clark Show

CKNW Radio host Christy Clark interviewed BCCPAC President Ron Broda, along with Connie Denesiuk, President BC School Trustees Association and Irene Lanzinger, President BC Teachers' Federation. The interview took place on September 2 at 1 p.m. You can listen to it on the internet if you go to the CKNW website audio vault and enter the date and time. Click below to get there.

<http://www.cknw.com/StationShared/AudioVault.aspx>

Templeton School presents Gordon Neufeld

Templeton School is proud to present Gordon Neufeld and has invited all North Vancouver parents to attend his "Making Sense of Adolescence" talk. The talk is being held at Templeton School, 727 Templeton Drive, Vancouver on November 18, 2008 at 7:00. Tickets are \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per couple.

For tickets email Maria Freeman at free6458@shaw.ca.

'In The Driver's Seat' workshop for Parents

BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation is a non-profit organization that offers resources for parents on-line at www.teendrivers.ca and can present the 'In The Driver's Seat' workshop for Parents of Teenagers (Pre-learner; Learner; and Novice stage drivers)

The goal is to provide parents with the Knowledge and Resources to Manage their child's learning experience to help them become a competent and safe driver, with a responsible attitude to the use of a motor vehicle.

If your school's parents would like to find out more please contact Sandra Jones at sandra.jones@bcaa.com or phone 604.946.1480

Daily Physical Activity – one school's solution

Cleveland Elementary School has come up with a creative solution to DPA.

Students sign up for an activity that they like such as Karate, Hip hop, Yoga, or whatever the school can find teachers for. The kids sign up for the activity that they like and pay a nominal fee for the class (like \$2 per class) for 6 weeks. The fitness/dance teachers come and give a 45 minute class for 6 weeks in a row.

During the month of October One Dance Creative Art Centre (604-987-8747) taught HipHop dance during lunch hour. (604) 987 – 8747. They can also provide ballet and other types of dance classes. www.onedance.ca

Montroyal Elementary provides translators

Montroyal Elementary, in an initiative to make all families feel welcome in the school and also keep them informed, now offers translators for their school newsletters. They provide translators for both Farsi and Mandarin. NVPAC would like to congratulate Montroyal for this initiative.

City of North Vancouver announces a Sustainable City Grant

In a unique program aimed at supporting community-based efforts to make the City even more sustainable, the City of North Vancouver has launched a **Sustainable City Grant Program**.

The new **Sustainable City Grant Program** is a one-time grant established as a result of the Provincial Government's prestigious Green City Award, of which the City was the inaugural recipient in 2007. The grant, worth \$67,000 in funding, encourages and supports community-initiated projects that address the Community Vision and Goals of the City's guiding policy document, the Official Community Plan (OCP).

The City invites grant applications for projects that would enhance the City's vision for a sustainable community. **The closing date for grant applications is Friday, October 31, 2008 at 5:00pm.** Late applications will not be accepted. For more information, including application form and guidelines, visit www.cnv.org or [Link]<http://www.cnv.org/?c=3&i=547>

Capilano University presents Cap U Info Week

On November 18, 19 & 20, Capilano University will be hosting their first annual Capilano University Info Week. It's a free, 3-day (and evening) event and will include campus tours, studio tours, program info sessions, workshops and demonstrations, performances, screenings and meet and greet opportunities with current students and faculty members.

Please contact:
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Roberts Rules of Order seminar

John F. Noonan, Registered Parliamentarian will present his **Conducting Effective Meetings with Roberts Rules of Order** on November 20, 2008 from 9:00 – 4:00. The seminar will be held at the Holiday Inn, 700 Old Lillooet Road, North Vancouver. For more information please refer to the attached flyer.

BCSTA Award celebrates student citizenship

The BC School Trustees Association is now accepting applications for its Student Citizenship Award. This scholarship is presented to graduating BC public school students who demonstrate excellence through active involvement with their school and community. Let your schools and communities know – [the application package](#) is online now, ready to download.

Upcoming Meetings

October 28, 2008: School Board Meeting, 7:00 Board Office

November 4, 2008: Finance & Facilities Meeting, 7:00 Leo Marshall Curriculum Centre

November 6, 2008: NVPAC All Candidates Meeting, Sutherland Secondary School,
7:00

November 15, 2008: Civic Election