

North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council

NVPAC Newsbytes

BCCPAC Fall Conference

The annual BCCPAC Fall Conference will be held at the Burnaby Hilton Hotel from October 23 – 26, 2008. An exciting list of speakers has been set up and there are also plenty of opportunities to network with parents, PAC chairs and DPAC reps from other districts. Remember, any parent can attend the conference, not just PAC executives. With the conference being held in our own backyard this year it's a great opportunity for parents to attend for one day, one session or the entire weekend. NVPAC will be offering financial sponsorship for some attendees so don't hesitate –let us know if you're interested right away! Simply email us at northvanpac@gmail.com. More info to follow later by email.

BCCPAC Speaking Up! Guide available on line

The BCCPAC Speaking Up ! : *A Parent Guide to Advocating for Students in Public Schools* is not available on line at [http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/UserFiles/File/Advocacy%20Resources/SpeakingUp_2008_May%20Final%20\(2\).pdf](http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/UserFiles/File/Advocacy%20Resources/SpeakingUp_2008_May%20Final%20(2).pdf)

Ross Road Elementary presents Barry MacDonald

Ross Road Elementary School will be hosting **Barry MacDonald (BOY SMARTS - Effective Strategies for Parenting Boys)** on Wednesday October 15th, 7:00 - 9:00 PM in the school gym.

Tickets \$10

For information please contact Barb Woznow (604 983-2271) or Sandra Bridgman (604 986-7669).

Carson Graham PAC Presents Terry Small "How to Get Better Grades in School"

Tuesday September 30th, 2008

Carson Graham Secondary, Large Gym

7:00 – 8:30pm

Tickets: \$5/Family at the door

You can make this your child's best year ever in school! Strong academic students have secrets. What does it take to be a superior student? The most important secret is a great study strategy! Terry Small's student success seminar shows your kids how to take charge of their time and succeed! Parents and students are encouraged to attend this seminar together to learn proven strategies and study secrets that

have helped 150,000 students to excel.

Guaranteed: better grades, self-confidence, more free time, and fun learning! Good grades have never been more important than today. Come and learn how to get them! You will have fun and be entertained. The seminar is suitable for students of all abilities in Gr. 6 to 12.

Biography:

Terry Small is a master teacher and trainer. He has presented his ideas to over 150,000 people. These ideas were recently featured on CTV, Global, BCTV, CKNW and in Student Success. His sessions are described as practical, fun, and provoking. Terry believes success is a skill anyone can learn.

Nuturing Aboriginal Learners

**Nurturing Aboriginal Learners
An Evening With the Chatelaine Gwen Point
LAUGHTER , LO VE and LITERACY
Tsleil-Waututh Nation Gym
3075 Takaya Drive, North Vancouver
Tel: 604.924.4168**

Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Parents, Educators, Students and Community Members Welcome!

The Honourable Gwen Point is the wife of the Lieutenant Governor Steven Point and a respected Aboriginal educator. Gwen will be speaking on the topic of literacy and best teaching practices for First Nations students. Her address will be followed by light refreshments and presentations of Aboriginal Literacy through stories, visual art, song and dance. This important event is being co-hosted by the North Vancouver School District, and the Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish Nations.

Reading Research From the Lab to the Classroom

Paul Worthington, Director of Research & Development, Lindamood Bell Learning Processes

Friday, October 24th, 2008, 9:00am – 3:00pm

There has been a wealth of research on the causes and consequences of impoverished reading skills, including dyslexia. What progress has been made in addressing language based deficits in public education? Are we creating highly qualified educators to address the needs of children and adults who are in need of specialized intervention services? This presentation will carefully look at the research and work that is being done to address this issue.

For information contact:

[REACH Learning Center](#)

www.reachlearningcenter.com 604 987.6760

Reading Research: From the Lab to the Classroom

850 West 15th Street

Trust Parenting – Special PAC pricing for speakers

Trust Parenting supports all community efforts to bring Parenting Education and Information to families. Professional Speakers address the natural stages we face as parents and help us find positive solutions.

They want mom, parents and friends have a special night out (only 1 hour a month) to learn something new about their child's development. They are taking their speakers out of typical church basement presentations and providing a professional platform to reach as many parents as they can.

They've created a Special Offer to benefit to the School Board members and PAC council parents to reward your parent council for staying actively involved.

Special PAC Benefit - \$99.00 for the full Parenting Speaker Series (9 seminars throughout the year)

This is to be an added benefit to your PACS education programming and not considered as a replacement to any seminar that the PAC wishes to offer to its Parents.

Please go to their website at www.trustparenting.com. To receive this promotional pricing offer go to the Promotions & Rewards section on the registration page. <http://www.trustparenting.com/registration.cfm>

Cards by Kids

Cards by Kids is a local North Vancouver company that can help with school fundraising. As a child's artwork can only ever be created by a child - it's priceless. Cards by Kids preserves these precious works of art by transferring your child's artwork on to greeting cards at an affordable price. You may choose to allow all parents to order cards showcasing just their child's artwork or create school packs with pre-selected artwork.

(Prices start at \$8.90 for 1 pack of 10 cards). Order turn around time is generally 3 weeks, with the exception of Christmas which is our busiest time of year. Christmas Orders need to be in by October 10th, if you would like your school's orders delivered before the end of November. It's simple, fun and highly effective. For more information go to www.cardsbykids.ca

Fundraising Opportunity – Whitecaps Soccer

The Vancouver Whitecaps have a fundraising opportunity where they sell a block of ticket vouchers at a discounted rate and then a PAC would sell these flex vouchers at a marked up rate at either the regular price or even at a discounted price which will still make money.

These vouchers are like coupons and can be redeemed for any regular season game. The season runs from April to September. During the 2008 season vouchers were sold starting at \$10.15 each in the Bronze section, with a regular value of \$17.

Parents and students can sell these coupons at the regular price of \$17 and make \$6.85 per ticket sold or sell the tickets at a discounted rate of \$15 and still earn a profit of \$4.85 a ticket. Most people purchasing tickets would buy pairs or even in fours for their family. To get an idea of what the PAC could raise, with an average of 300 vouchers sold x \$6.85 profit = \$2055 profit. Sure beats bottle drives!

Please contact Terra Davenport of the Whitecaps at 778-330-1362.

North Vancouver, BC V7P 1M6

Fundraising Opportunity – Group Refill Incentive Program

- **Raise money for your organization**
- **Offer savings to your members and supporters.**
- **Reduce landfill waste by extending the life of your printer cartridges.**

Island Ink-Jet in Capilano Mall, a Canadian-based franchise with locations across North America is offering a new program called G.R.I.P., the Group Refill Incentive Program. Bringing inkjet cartridges to Island Ink-Jet to be refilled is already an instant benefit to consumers who save about 50% on the replacement costs of inkjet cartridges. Now with the launch of GRIP, customers can also request a GRIP ticket which matches the pre-tax dollar amount of their refill purchase. Groups and organizations that have registered with the company's program at a participating Island Ink-Jet location receive a 10% donation for remitted GRIP tickets, and for the price of a stamp, that's good news to many groups struggling to keep their valuable community initiatives funded.

For more information, call Glen Sandwell, Capilano Mall (604) 787-9112

Capilano University

As of Sept. 1, 2008, Capilano College officially became Capilano University. These are exciting times for both current members of the Capilano community and those who may attend Capilano University in the future. Capilano has earned a reputation for teaching excellence and will maintain its commitment to a student-centred approach to education. In becoming a University, Capilano is creating greater access to educational opportunities in our community. You can expect to see some expanded program offerings and they will continue to offer tuition-free adult basic education, university transferable arts and sciences courses as well as career-oriented degrees, diplomas and certificates. You are invited you to take a closer look at the engaging and innovative programs offered.

For more information about their new role as a University, please visit their website: <http://www.capilanou.ca/news-events/capilano-u/.html>

Questions or comments are welcome and the student recruiters would be happy to provide you with more information about educational opportunities at Capilano U.

Please contact:

Kelly Aslanowicz & Erica Shimizu
Student Recruiters
Capilano University

kaslanow@capilanou.ca
eshimizu@capilanou.ca

phone: 604-990-7933 or 604-984-1766

Free Transit during International Walk to School Week

Translink will once again provide free transit for elementary, middle and secondary school students in Greater Vancouver to mark International Walk to School Week, Monday October 6 to Friday October 10. This is a perfect opportunity to plan transit field trips and encourage families to take transit as they travel in the region during this special week.

B.C Schools: ***iwalk 2008*** week: October 6 to 10 is part of ***International Walk to School Month***: www.iwalktoschool.org

Ideas for ***iwalk 2008*** are found on the final issue of the *Way to Go!* School Program newsletter at: www.waytogo.icbc.bc.ca/newsletters/index_news.html

IWALK to Breakfast event: Breakfast For Learning BC and the Directorate of Agencies for School Health (DASH BC) will host their first annual province-wide ***IWALK to Breakfast*** on **Wednesday October 8, 2008** in conjunction with ***International Walk to School Week***. This event promotes the benefits of good nutrition and physical activity. Schools across BC will receive a ***Walk to Breakfast Information Package*** (which includes a copy of the ***iwalk 2008*** poster) at the beginning of September. Visit www.dashbc.org for details on how to get involved.

Mandarin for BC Schools – North Vancouver

Would you like to see an early start Mandarin program offered in the public school system? If so, the following article may be of interest to you.

A group of North Vancouver parents who are committed to realizing a Mandarin bilingual program from K through to Grade 12 in our North Vancouver public school system have set a goal have both a Kindergarten and Grade 1 and 2 split class commencing in the 2009/2010 school year

They are submitting a proposal to the NVSD Sustaining Schools Working Committee this month requesting consideration for and demonstrating support of this type of program. If you are a North Shore resident who would like to see such a program offered, please complete the short on-line survey which can be found on their website at www.mandarinforbcschools.org.

For further information or to answer any specific questions you may have, please e-mail us at mandarinforbcschools@gmail.com.

The Premier's Awards for Teaching Excellence

The Premier's Awards for Teaching Excellence <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/teacherawards/> are open to all teachers who are currently teaching within the BC K-12 school systems.

These awards help to recognize and celebrate the commitment and innovation BC teachers bring to the classroom. The Province will recognize up to 20 outstanding BC teachers who have made exceptional contributions to benefit their school communities and improve student achievement.

Categories include literacy, distributed learning, Aboriginal learning, environmental awareness, healthy living/physical education/coaching, school leadership, community engagement, skills training/career preparation, lifetime achievement (20+ years) and beginning teacher (0-5 years).

The deadline for nominations is Nov. 21, 2008.

RCMP National Anti-Graffiti Conference

The North Vancouver RCMP hosts the 4th Annual "TAGS: The Anti Graffiti Symposium" October 9 and 10, 2008 between 8 am & 4 pm at the North Vancouver Holiday Inn at 700 Old Lillooet Road.. The public is invited to join forces to learn how other B.C. communities are working together to combat graffiti vandalism. To find out more about registration sponsorship, for residents of the City and District, please contact Cst Sherri Wade, Community Policing, North Vancouver RCMP.
604-983-7424
604-990-7450

sherri.wade@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

BC Housing Call for Action

BC Housing is reaching out to all BC schools and school districts in the hope that parents will assist them by making information on the Rental Assistance Program to eligible low-income working families in their school district.

This program provides **cash assistance to low-income, working families** who are struggling to afford their rent in the private market. More families are now eligible for the Rental Assistance Program due to the recent enhancements including an increase in the maximum household income level to \$35,000 or less. For more information on the program, please visit: <http://www.bchousing.org/programs/RAP>

Managing Anaphylaxis in Schools – On line info sessions

Anaphylaxis Canada is pleased to present **Managing Anaphylaxis in Secondary Schools**, and **Managing Anaphylaxis in Elementary Schools**, two online information sessions which will take place from 12 noon to 1 pm (EST) on **October 15th** and **October 22nd** respectively.

These webcasts will address anaphylaxis management strategies in both elementary and secondary schools individually, auto-injector training, as well as tips and strategies for creating an allergy safe school environment.

Anaphylaxis in Secondary Schools Wednesday October 15th 12:00-1:00 pm (EST) To participate in this online seminar, please click on the following link to register. The same link will be used for the actual webcast and will be available live 15 minutes prior to the broadcast. To register today for this session please click here:

<http://w.on24.com/r.htm?e=121031&s=1&k=10E257F67C1FD4917DE48BEB9E877275>

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<http://w.on24.com/r.htm?e=121036&s=1&k=7E92445591C5B1E5E2713FE2683B3582>

This webcast will also be available shortly after the broadcast on our website at www.anaphylaxis.ca under the heading Anaphylaxis Learning Centre.

This webcast has been made possible through the generous support of Shoppers Drug Mart, The Scotiabank Group, the proceeds from the 1st Annual Sean Delaney Memorial Golf Classic and an anonymous private donor.

Kids for Wish Kids

Kids for Wish Kids is a student led, community based fundraising program in schools to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Run by kids for kids, students learn valuable lessons about empathy and compassion while developing leadership skills and raising money for kids to have a wish while they are facing a life-threatening illness.

Kids for Wish Kids is a popular program because it is managed by the kids. They are responsible for forming a committee, generating fundraising ideas and carrying them out. Teachers and parents often serve as advisors, but ownership of the program, and the accomplishment of reaching a goal, truly belongs to the kids.

If you think this program would be a fit with your students, please contact the Make A Wish Foundation and they'll gladly send along a package with more information.
Ste 112-2025 West Broadway, Vancouver, BC V6J 1Z6
Toll-free: 1-866-277-9474 www.makeawishbc.ca

