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North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council

NVPAC Newsbytes

Help Wanted: What are the great programs at your school that others should know about?

We are looking for parent input to help with the next NVPAC general meeting.

At the next NVPAC general meeting we would like to hear about the "unsung" programs in your school that students should know about. What are some of the great programs at your schools that students should consider enrolling in? Please send us your recommendations for the programs you'd like to hear about or would like to tell us about and we will try to get teachers, students or parents who know about those programs to the meeting to give us sense of what makes their programs and their schools stand out.

Send in your suggestions, we'll report them here in the next Newsbytes and discuss them at the next general meeting.

David Whitehead, Newsbytes editor 2008/9

Upcoming Public Meetings

Next NVPAC General Meeting

- Feb 19, 2009: 7pm - Leo Marshall Curriculum Center

Focusing on one of North Vancouver School District's Vision Statements:

- *Program Diversity* - North Van Schools offer an array of choices for our students, we are hoping to hear about some of the unsung program and course options. Come share your thoughts on the program options and electives that work in your schools.

Previous Meeting Minutes: www.nvsd44.bc.ca/AboutUs/NVPAC/Minutes.aspx

Public Board Meetings

http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca/Trustees/Meetings/2008_2009%20Meetings.aspx

NVSD44 Public Board of Education Meeting

February 24th, 2008: 7pm School Board Office

Agenda items posted on website on the Friday before the meeting

Public question period related to agenda items is available at the beginning and at the end of each Public Board Meeting.

Meeting Reports

Capital Projects Public Consultations

On Feb 5th, the School Board held public consultation meetings on the Carson Graham, Queen Mary and Ridgeway capital projects. A number of questions were raised at these events and the district have summarized the answers to these questions on the district website, for more information see the links below.

[Carson Graham Capital Project](#)

[Queen Mary and Ridgeway Capital Projects](#)

Upcoming Events

NEW! NVPAC Events Calendar

At the last NVPAC general meeting we were asked if we could make a public calendar available, so we have and you can find it here... [North Van PAC Public Events Calendar](#)
The calendar will also be available on the NVPAC website.

If you would like your event added to the calendar please forward it to
Newsbytes@northvanpac.org

Boy Smarts: Effective Strategies for Parenting Boys

Tuesday, February 24th, 7-9pm
Windsor Secondary School

www.mentoringboys.com

At this event, sponsored by Dorothy Lynas PAC, Barry Macdonald, author of "Boy Smarts - Mentoring boys for success at school" will discuss the special parenting needs for boys including information on:

- What are the varied needs of boys?
- How can we help boys navigate cultural realities like video game and Facebook?
- How can we talk with boys so they'll listen and listen so they'll talk?
- How can we help our boys to become courageous, caring and ethical men?

Advance Tickets: \$10 per person, \$15 per couple. Available at Dorothy Lynas Elementary
Contact: Cathy Piteaux 604-903-3430

For those unable to attend on the 24th, This event is also being held in Vancouver at
Lord Kitchener Elementary
4055 Blenheim St, Vancouver
Wednesday, Feb 18th, 7pm

Lynnmour PAC Team Trivia Night & Silent Auction

Friday, February 20th, 6:30 pm
Lynnmour Elementary

Teams of 8 compete in this fun night of Trivia, bring your co-workers, friends and extended family to this fun event and team up to compete.

Tickets \$10 each or 8 for \$70. Tickets must be purchased by Feb 17.

Fundraising for books for the Lynnmour Elementary Library

For more information and for tickets contact Brenda Barrick by email: stampergb@shaw.ca

Beyond the Blue Box

Sunday, March 1, 1:30 pm
St Agnes Church Hall (lane entrance)
530 E. 12th St (12th St and W. Grand Boulevard)
Business Meeting 1:30 - 2:00, Speaker 2:00 - 3:30

The North Shore has done exceeding well in implementing the Blue Box, Blue and Yellow Bag and Garden Clippings program but we still have to tackle the "Everything Else" which we all stuff into plastic bags and garbage cans every week. These materials are either incinerated or dumped into our landfills.

Helen Spiegelman, Co-Founder and Coordinator of Zero Waste Vancouver, will discuss waste issues in our region and advocating for effective solutions. Find out what we can all do right now in our homes, schools and businesses that will immediately have a positive effect on the future!

Presented by the Grand Boulevard/Ridgeway Residents' Assn Annual General Meeting No charge, for more information contact: JOAN PETERS Co-Chair GBRRRA petersse@telus.net

Scholarships

City of North Vancouver Youth Centennial Scholarship – APPLICATION DEADLINE March 31st

<http://www.cnv.org/YouthScholarship>

In April 2008, North Vancouver City Council endorsed a new Youth Centennial Scholarship Program in Perpetuity. The program is administered by The North Shore Community Foundation on behalf of the City. The program provides annual scholarships (\$1,000) to youth who have demonstrated outstanding community service and who are pursuing post-secondary education.

Criteria

- Applicant must be in Grade 12 and eligible to graduate (within the year of application) from any secondary school;
- Applicant must have a satisfactory Grade Point Average;
- Applicant must have the intention to pursue secondary education and/or training: Proof of full-time registration in a post-secondary institution or training school will be required before any money is disbursed to the student's credit at the school;
- Applicant, who is not a resident of the City of North Vancouver, must demonstrate outstanding community service in the City of North Vancouver (more than 30 hours);
- Applicant, who is a resident of the City of North Vancouver, must demonstrate outstanding community service in the City of North Vancouver or elsewhere (more than 30 hours);
- Financial need is a relevant factor;
- Individual achievement(s) will be taken into consideration including, but not limited to, arts/athletics/academics and overcoming adversity; and
- The successful applicant must provide proof of full-time registration within the second year after the awarding of the scholarship.

Items of Interest

The BCCPAC Advocacy Project Needs Your Help!

Does your child have an Individual Education Plan? Are you willing to share your experience to help shape a self-help guide for parents? The BCCPAC Advocacy Project is designing a self-help guide to help parents participate in the development of their child's IEP. The guide will complement the Problem-Solving and Meeting Survival self-help guides included in Speaking Up! A parent guide to advocating for students in public schools. (Take a look on-line at www.bccpac.bc.ca/advocacyproject/resources.aspx)

The BCCPAC Advocacy Project wants to know:

1. What parts of the Individual Education Planning process worked for you and your child and why?
2. What parts of the Individual Education Planning process didn't work for you and your child and why?
3. What kind of information do you think would have helped you participate better?

As part of the process of designing the guide, the BCCPAC Advocacy Project will be summarizing the information for BCCPAC and participating project district parent advisory councils.

You can provide your input in an anonymous on-line survey

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=YvHmZd6S6eAucOIC9wpRZw_3d_3d until Friday, Feb.27, 2009. The BCCPAC Advocacy Project looks forward to hearing from you!

Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp - Application Deadline February 28, 2009

The North Vancouver Rotary Club will be sponsoring 2 students selected from North Vancouver high schools to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Award camp March 14 – 17, 2009. This camp is an intensive training program for North Vancouver Secondary School students. The program is a 4 day event and takes place at Camp Jubilee on Indian Arm in North Vancouver.

The camp focus is on team building. Coaching and lectures are provided with the objective of encouraging leadership of youth by youth. Students are housed in the camp lodges and all meals are provided. All expenses including water taxi transport to Camp Jubilee are sponsored by the North Vancouver Rotary Club.

For more information including the Application and Consent and Waiver Form see the RYLA south page on the [Rotary District 5040 Website](#)

Youth Week 2009 Grant Application - Deadline March 6, 2009 - Ages 10 to 18

The deadline for grant application for North Vancouver Youth Week 2009 is March 6th. This event, sponsored by the Lions Gate Rotary Club, is held during the first week of May each year. Youth Week is devoted to the celebration of youth and their achievements. It is an excellent opportunity to focus on the positive contributions of youth and honour the work and importance of youth in our communities. If your PAC or Students are interested in putting on a Youth Week event more information can be found on the City of North Vancouver Website. [Youth Week](#)

Reminders from previous issues

“Your Issues” NVPAC meetings

NVPAC exec are planning to meet informally with individual or families of schools meetings to discuss the needs of individual PACs with respect to NVPAC support and school district plans and communication. Look for some communication from us as we start to set up these meetings, or please just send us an invite. We'd love to talk to your school(s) to see what we can do to help you get the information and support you need.

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 treasurer@northvanpac.org or fax to 604-983-0357.

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 treasurer@northvanpac.org.

Email List and PAC communication Problems

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