

North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council

Newsbytes

Community Forum – Rescheduled

Wednesday January 24, 2007

The 4th annual community forum will be held at Carson Graham Secondary School from 6:00 – 9:00 pm January 24, 2007. The topics for discussion will be the proposed International Baccalaureate (IB) program, Late French Immersion program and Career and Trades Program. Please join the forum for a brief presentation on both of these exciting programs and for small group discussions that will allow feedback to the School Board as they proceed with examining these programs of choice.

For more information go to www.nvsd44.bc.ca . If unable to attend the forum you can provide feedback at consultation@nvsd44.bc.ca or by fax to 604-903-3445. Please see the attached invitation from School District 44 for more information.

Call for Nominations for 2007 BCCPAC AGM Election

BCCPAC is now accepting nominations for the board positions that will be up for election at this year's Annual General Meeting from May 5-6, 2007. The four positions up for general election, which are two year terms are; First Vice President, Treasurer and two director positions. If you would like an information package emailed to you, or you have any questions, please feel free to contact Fiona Delcourt at delcourt5@telus.net

Call for Participants in Research Study

Dr Dawn Curry of the UBC Department of Anthropology and Sociology is asking for assistance in preparing her thesis on the subject of "The Role of Parents in Negotiating Learning Disabilities". She is calling for participants to take part in a research study. Please see the attached poster and letter of introduction attached. If you have any questions or desire further information with respect to this study, you may contact Dr. Dawn Currie, Chair, Sociology Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC) at (604) 822-3576 or via email at Dawn.Currie@ubc.ca.

TechTrek Seminars – Free Opportunity for Grades 11 & 12

The UBC Computer Science Department is offering four workshops for Grade 11 and 12 students offered on Saturday mornings with the next workshop being held February 3, 2007. Each workshop will consist of short talks by a UBC professor and an industry representative followed by a hands-on activity. These workshops will be FUN and FREE! Parents and teachers are welcome to attend. For more information and to reserve a seat please visit their website at: www.techtrek.ca. Please note that the registration deadline has been extended to at least two days before the workshop.

National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women

In recognition of the **National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women**, School District 44 North Vancouver has decided that school flags will be flown at half-mast during the day of December 6th, effective 2006.

New Feature: Question of the Month

Thanks to those of you who responded to our first Question of the Month. Your responses broke down as follows:

As a parent, are you philosophically in favour of school fees

Yes: 30% No: 70%

Here is our Question of the Month for January 2007. **Please cut and paste your reply** to the following question and email it to nvpacquestion@shaw.ca .

NVPAC and many other DPACS are currently conducting a survey on school fees. Do you believe the provincial government will pay attention to the feedback that will be passed on to them and honour parents wishes, be they pro or con fees?

Yes _____ No _____

Hurry – Time is Running Out **NVPAC Parent Education Grants**

NVPAC has approved 15 Parent Education Grants for PACS for 2006/7. Nine of these have been awarded following response to our October 2006 Newsbytes. These grants are \$140 each and can be used to help pay for the cost of providing useful and relevant information to your school community.

Please send your application to NVPAC Treasurer Lisa Cartwright by email at lisacartwright@shaw.ca or fax to 604-983-0357.

Community Events & Upcoming Meetings

- North Van School District 44 Board Meeting – January 30, 2007 – Board Office
- Emergency Preparedness: Please see the attached document regarding Emergency Preparedness meetings being held during the Spring of 2007
- The REACH Learning Center presents Dyslexia and Inclusion Strategies for Professionals and Parents by Dr. Gavin Reid February 23, 2007. Contact REACH about discounts for groups of 10 or more. www.reachlearningcenter.com 604-987-6760. See attached for more info.
- CHADD (Children & Adults with ADHD) meeting on January 24, 2007 at Hollyburn Elementary School, 1329 Duchess Avenue, West Vancouver at 7:00. Topic: Helping Parents Deal with Anger and Oppositional Behaviour in Children with ADHD

Websites and Articles of Interest

- * Max Tell, storyteller – see attached for details about this performer
- *Grade 12 Principles of Math Exam Prep – see attached for info on seminars offered by Leap Education. Please call Leap to inquire about cost of the seminars.
- *Website containing research from the US Child Development Institute regarding dyslexia
http://www.childdevelopmentinfo.com/learning/current_research_on_dyslexia.shtml
- * Open School BC is an organization specializing in the design and development of high quality educational materials. The materials offered follow the Ministry of Education curriculum. Go to www.openschool.bc.ca for more information.
- * Child car seats and safety. Please see the attached document for a recent press release from the BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation.