



# Canyon Heights E-News

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January 21, 2011

## Registration for 2011-2012

Kindergarten registration for the 2010-2011 school year begins on January 24, 2011. If you have a child who will be starting school next year please take your documentation (Canadian birth certificate or proof of citizenship and proof of residence – Hydro bill, purchase or rental agreement) to Central Registration which is located at 2132 Hamilton Avenue. Registration forms are available online at the District website [www.nvsg44.bc.ca](http://www.nvsg44.bc.ca).

If you have neighbours or friends whose children may be starting school next fall, please pass this information on to them.

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| January 24, 2011 | Registration for all kindergarten programs begins            |
| January 31, 2011 | Registration and transfer requests for Grades 1 to 12 begins |

## On Target for January

**Grade 4:** Annika B., Jacob J., Daniel K., Anna P., Henrik P., and Hannah Y.

**Grade 5:** Ryan B., Julia C., Isabelle K., Laura M., Angus M., Amir S., and Jasmine S.

**Grade 6:** Shaunti B., Kate C., Anthony F., Olivia J., Sally K., and Slavka S.

**Grade 7:** Alex C., Juliene E., Julian L., Lisa M., Aidan M., and Marianne S.

## “Pennies for Pakistan”

### One Man’s Journey to Change the World . . . one child at a time

At Canyon Heights, Division 3 (a grade 6 class) has started a “Pennies for Pakistan” program. “Pennies for Pakistan” is an admirable charity that inspires youth to help other less fortunate people around the world, focusing mainly on education, to make change.

The students of Division 3 decided they wanted to help make the world a better place. Some eager students really stepped forward and dedicated lots of their own time to research more about the “Pennies for Pakistan” cause. Six pupils read the novel “Three Cups of Tea”. This inspiring book took these students on an exhilarating journey through the life of Greg Mortenson. Greg is a regular dad of two. He has a small house in a regular neighbourhood, just a normal guy in a normal country – the U.S.A. This was until his younger sister died of epilepsy. Through much grief, Greg decided he would venture up K2 and place Christa’s amber necklace on the apex. Unfortunately, on his travel to K2, he got lost and stumbled into a village called Korphe, Pakistan. After meeting the magnanimous but penniless chief and inhabitants, Greg was so impacted by their spirit that he promised to build them a school. Since then, Greg Mortenson has founded the C.A.I. (Central Asia Institute) and has erected 131 schools – so far.

Division 3 has been motivated by Greg Mortenson’s work and has been swayed to second his actions. We are planning to run a “Pennies for Pakistan” drive. Jars will be placed in each classroom and in the front foyer for coins etc. donations. Stay tuned for more information about this great project! By: Brooke and Austin – Division 3

## Canyon Heights PAC News

### Gym Sense

We hope the children enjoyed experiencing GYM SENSE– It's been amazing seeing how the Gym equipment changed over the course of the two weeks. We would love to know what you and your children thought of this new initiative at Canyon Heights – Please let the PAC Exec or your Class Rep. know your feedback, as it helps to decide and plan future events at the school.

### Grade 7 Fundraising

The Grade 7's would like to extend a big Thank you for all your support during their fundraising efforts. The bottle drive and Cash4Clothes were a great success!

### Parent Education Event Wednesday, February 9th 7- 9 pm

**SOLD  
OUT!**

The Canyon Heights PAC is proud to announce an upcoming evening with Barry MacDonald:

**BOY SMARTS: Effective Strategies for Parenting Boys**

### February PAC meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 15th 7- 9pm – *Please note change of date*

All welcome in the library. If you require babysitting please call the office by noon on the day of the meeting, so they can arrange for Grade 7 qualified Babysitters to be available at the school. Minutes from past meetings are posted on the school website under Canyon Hts PAC.

### Canyon Heights Parent Social : Saturday, April 9th

Put the date in your diary & remember to book your baby sitter early!

*We will be looking for a parent volunteer from each division to help the children paint a ceramic piece (eg platter or bowl) from Bella Ceramica as part of the Fundraising Auction at this event. Details will follow soon.*



### Can you spot the spelling mistake?

Students have their word lists and are eagerly studying for their Spellingathon Test next **Friday, January 28th**. Please help them raise funds for our school by collecting pledges from friends, family and the community. Funds raised by the PAC through this event are returned to the school for each classroom to use. Last year's spellingathon proceeds enabled teachers to purchase consumable student materials such as: workbooks, art materials, science and fine arts materials. Money raised above and beyond that budgeted for classroom support is used by the PAC to fund other school purchases— examples of purchases in the past include: wall maps, digital cameras for classroom use, athletic uniforms, and PE equipment.

There is a pizza lunch for the Primary and Intermediate class who raise the most money and an additional \$50 for the winning class, to be used on classroom supplies.

Happy Spelling!

## BCCPAC Needs You!

*Are you a leader? Are you a problem solver? Are you ready for the next step?*

**Take the leap up to the provincial level. Be part of the big picture; join the BCCPAC Board of Directors.**

BCCPAC is looking for you! Nominations are now open, put your name forward and be part of this exciting volunteer opportunity. Elections will take place at the 2011 Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Nomination forms and information are posted on the website

[http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/index/event\\_calendar/2011springagm/2011AGM.aspx](http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/index/event_calendar/2011springagm/2011AGM.aspx), be sure to get your nomination in by the **February 28<sup>th</sup>** deadline. Contact the Nominations Chair, or the office for more information or questions.

<http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/contactus.aspx>

## Get your resolutions on the agenda!

Make sure your PAC/DPAC's resolutions aren't missed out, don't leave them to the last minute.

Special resolutions should be received in the office by **January 31<sup>st</sup>** to ensure they are part of the Resolution Book and part of the agenda for the 2011 AGM. (*Note – the date for the 2011 AGM will be confirmed before the end of the month. As information becomes available it will be posted on the website and communicated to members.*)

Resolution forms and information is posted on the website:

[http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/index/event\\_calendar/2011springagm/2011AGM.aspx](http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/index/event_calendar/2011springagm/2011AGM.aspx)

## Deadline for Awards

**February 28<sup>th</sup>** is the deadline for the four awards offered to BCCPAC members. Do you or someone you know meet any of the criteria below? If so, nominate them for an award.

***Information and forms for each award are posted on the BCCPAC website***

<http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/aboutus/awards.aspx>

This Award is open to BCCPAC members only. Recipients are selected on the basis of dynamic and exemplary leadership and inspirational practices that have had a major, identifiable impact on parent interest and participation in public education. The honouree will be introduced and presented with a commemorative plaque at BCCPAC's Spring Conference/AGM along with a voucher to attend a future BCCPAC Conference.

The award is open to any *Grade 12 student* at a BCCPAC-member school planning to pursue post-secondary studies (academic, technical, vocational or training). It honours a well-rounded student demonstrating varied interests and an understanding of the importance of parental involvement in education.

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The BCCPAC Life Membership Award will honour an individual who has provided service to the Society and whose contribution is considered to have been innovative and of significant lasting importance for furthering the inclusion and support of parents in BC's public education system and the improvement of education for children in BC.

### ***The recipient is:***

- ⊙ A person who has been actively involved in BCCPAC for a minimum of five years.
- ⊙ Has served at least one year on the BCCPAC Board of Directors or has served in some other equivalent capacity.
- ⊙ Not currently serving on the BCCPAC Board of Directors.

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***Our Vision: To improve public education for all students by including and supporting parents***

# Gym Sense



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