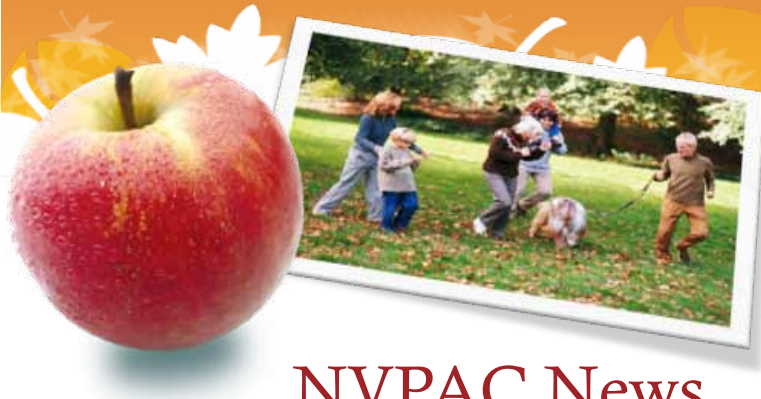


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NVPAC News

This is NVPAC's first newsletter for 2009/10. We've made a change this year to our newsletter title to avoid confusion with BCCPAC's newsletter (also called Newsbytes).

Hopefully you'll find our newsletter useful and helpful in keeping up with the many events in the school district this year.

It has already started as a busy year with the recent announcements by the various Ministries of cutbacks to Gaming Fund Grants to the PACs, and the elimination of the Annual Facilities Grant to the school districts in BC. Advocacy letters have now been sent to each of the Ministries by NVPAC. The links to these letters can be found at: www.nvsd44.bc.ca/Aboutus/NVPAC.aspx

NVPAC also has a new executive this year, and you'll find our names and new roles at the end of this newsletter.

We'd like to welcome all of the newly elected DPAC Reps this year, and thank those that were able to attend our first NVPAC General Meeting in September. We've posted role descriptions and orientation packages for DPAC Reps on the front page of our website at www.nvsd44.bc.ca/Aboutus/NVPAC.aspx

If you haven't already done so, please send your updated PAC exec info to registrar@northvanpac.org

Thank you, and looking forward to an interesting and informative 2009/10 school year.

Mike McGraw
NVPAC News Editor

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NVPAC General Meeting

October 22, 2009

Thursday: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Leo Marshall Curriculum Centre

Previous Meeting Minutes:

<http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca/AboutUs/NVPAC/Minutes.aspx>

Public School Board Meetings

Previous Meeting Minutes:

<http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca/Trustees/Meetings/2009-2010 Meetings.aspx>

Meeting agendas are generally posted on the School District website each Friday before the meetings. A public question period on the agenda items is available at the beginning and end of each Public Board Meeting.

Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Time: 7pm - 10pm

Location:

School Board Office Board Room
721 Chesterfield Avenue
(entrance at rear of building)

Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2009

Time: 7pm - 10pm

Location:

School Board Office Board Room
721 Chesterfield Avenue
(entrance at rear of building)

H1N1 Flu Virus

Information for Parents, Students and Schools

Important Information

As students, parents and teachers begin another school year, the B.C. Provincial government has produced a number of resources to ensure everyone has the best information possible to protect themselves against the H1N1 flu virus.

Flu Information & Links

H1N1 flu virus information and guidelines on school closures have been made available on the B.C. website at: www.gov.bc.ca/h1n1/index.html.

Information for parents, students and schools is also provided at: <http://www.gov.bc.ca/h1n1/backtoschool/index.html>

Additional Information on H1N1

Fact sheets and Q&As are also provided to give you the most current and up-to-date information and tips that parents, students and schools should know about the H1N1 situation in B.C.

Please note that you may have trouble accessing the following PDF documents using the Safari browser, but these links do work with Internet Explorer and Firefox:

Protecting your kids from the H1N1 flu virus:

- [Protecting your kids from the H1N1 flu virus](#)
- [If you think your child has the H1N1 flu virus](#)
- [Talking to kids about the H1N1 flu virus](#)
- [Q&A for parents about the H1N1 flu virus](#)
- [Helping children cope with H1N1-related stress](#)
- [Helping adults cope with H1N1-related stress](#)





North Vancouver Outdoor School Environmental Learning Centre

The NVOS is unique to the North Vancouver School District and is a true gem that has been nestled in the heart of the Sea to Sky Corridor for over four decades. It is a treasured overnight field school and educational resource for experiential environmental studies situated on 165 hectares (420 acres) of ecological reserve in the Cheakamus River Valley near Squamish. In nature's classroom participants wander under 1,000-year-old cedars; gaze at hundreds of wintering bald eagles; watch a goat kid being born or marvel at thousands of spawning salmon. Learners are inspired to make more informed environmentally sustainable decisions through field study, outdoor recreation and other direct experiences in nature that instill a sense of respect and appreciation of the natural world.

In the spring of 2007, the North Shore Credit Union Foundation announced it had chosen the North

Vancouver Outdoor School to be the recipient of their \$1 million Legacy Fund. Targeted to support the development of the North Shore Credit Union Environmental Learning Centre, this award has greatly assisted in financing the planning and construction of a sustainably-designed environmental education facility.

Over the weekend of October 2nd the North Vancouver Outdoor School Advisory Committee held their Fall annual meeting to review progress on the site's revitalization plans, including a report from the architects. There will be more news to follow, but in the meantime please visit the NVOS website for further information about the plans for a new Environmental Learning Centre. At:

[www.nvso44.bc.ca/Programs/OutdoorSchool/Campus Revitalization.aspx](http://www.nvso44.bc.ca/Programs/OutdoorSchool/Campus%20Revitalization.aspx)



North Vancouver Outdoor School

PROGRAMS



For more information on volunteer opportunities, ways to donate, and how to get connected contact:

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Community & Business Development
North Vancouver Outdoor School
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British Columbia Youth Parliament, 81st Parliament

The British Columbia Youth Parliament's 81st Parliament will be held in Victoria at the Provincial Legislative Chambers December 27-31, 2009. The Youth Parliament is a province-wide non-partisan organization for young people ages 16 to 21. It teaches citizenship skills through participation in the December parliamentary session and in community service activities throughout the year. Youth Parliament is a one-year commitment.

You are invited to encourage eligible youth from your municipality or region to apply to sit as members of the Youth Parliament. Youth Parliament is non-partisan, and applicants need only be interested in learning more about the parliamentary process and in serving their community. Each municipal or regional government may nominate two applicants.

Soft copies of the application form, as well as a brochure and poster, are available from our website at www.bryp.org/session. Your municipal office should also have received hard copy information earlier this month. I encourage you to make the application form and brochure available to interested young people and to make copies of the forms as needed. If your municipality sponsors a "youth of the year" award or has a municipal youth council, young people with that sort of initiative and involvement are ideal candidates for our organization. All application forms must be received by October 21, 2009. Applicants will be notified whether they have been selected in early November. If you require more information, please contact me by telephone or e-mail as



indicated below, or visit our website at www.bryp.org

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Feeding The Future

Vancouver Coastal Health invites parents, staff and students to a presentation about food and agriculture.

Michael Ableman, farmer and author, presents Feeding the Future: Stories & Images from the New Frontier of Food & Agriculture. Older children, youth and adults who are interested in stewardship of the environment will be inspired by his stunning photography and reflections on the connections among food, culture and sustainability around the world. It will be an amazing overview of how ancient cultures and modern cities grow food. We will come away with ideas that apply to even our mountainous North Shore.

Oct 21, 2009 - 7:30pm at Centennial Theatre
604-984-4484. Tickets \$10. For further information contact Margaret Broughton, Vancouver Coastal Health, 604-904-6482
<http://coastfoodaction.org/content/feeding-future>

Presented by Vancouver Coastal Health (North Shore), North Shore Neighbourhood House and the Edible Garden Project.

CPF - North Vancouver Chapter

Canadian Parents for French is a national parent group dedicated to the promotion of French language education across Canada.

CPF-North Vancouver is our local chapter, a branch of CPF BC/Yukon, consisting of representatives from the elementary and secondary French Immersion schools in North Vancouver. CPF-North Vancouver organizes and promotes local opportunities for French language events offered annually, including the French film festival and socio-cultural events. We communicate with teachers, principals, and the North Vancouver school district administration, and with our local School PACs and the North Vancouver District PAC (NVPAC) to provide a support and advocacy network both locally and across the country. We support the concept of French immersion as a “K to 12” program, and can provide you with information on how to successfully support your child’s learning, even if you don’t speak a word of French!!

**Free 1 Year
Membership
for first 100 members
Click Here!
expires Oct 31**

During October 2009, when you join CPF, a full 90% of the membership fees paid are allocated to our local chapter so please join now! Your fees fund events such as Concours Oratoire (CPF’s French public speaking contest) and local cultural performances, as well as providing grants for students going on Grade 7 French Trips or to other CPF-sponsored student retreats. We also provide direct support, on an annual basis to each French Immersion school in North Vancouver and fund an annual high school scholarship for graduates in French language programs.

Join now while we have a special membership promotion before October 31st where CPF/NV will pay for the first 100 applicants for a new one-year CPF membership....just download our special “First 100” membership form from our website and see details at www.cpf.bc.ca/northvan



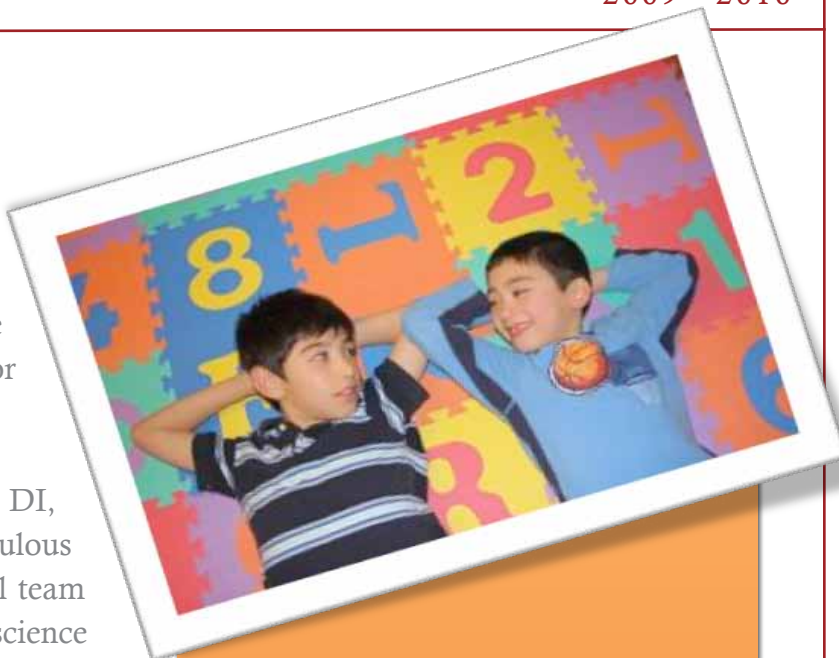
Destination ImagiNation

Destination ImagiNation is a program that teaches creativity, problem solving, communication, focusing tools, idea generating tools, presentation skills, and teamwork that can be used throughout the student's life. It is a worldwide organization for kids aged four to nineteen.

Destination ImagiNation, also referred to as DI, provides an adult team leader with some fabulous tools to create engaging activities with a small team of kids. The team meetings have the feeling of science club meets drama club. DI also organizes opportunities for the teams to compete locally and internationally against children in the same age category.

Here in BC, DI is run by the BC Original Minds Association which works in a similar matter as the local soccer associations by providing the teams with additional resources, setting up team leader workshops and organizing tournaments. Thousands of students from every region of the province participate in DI programs each year, supported by 100's of dedicated and caring volunteers in youth centres and educational facilities. Destination ImagiNation goes hand in hand with developing leadership skills, and innovation capability, and all while having fun!

The mission statement of Destination ImagiNation is to foster the development of creative thinking and problem solving skills. The emphasis is on the "process", the learning that takes place all year as the teams prepare their Team Challenge solutions. Great minds don't necessarily think alike, and they often march to different drummers; there are no set "right" answers. Those involved with Destination ImagiNation discover that creative solutions come from teamwork, cooperation, and risk-taking.



How It Works:

A volunteer adult team leader spends time with a group of four to seven children and supervises them while they work on the challenge (the challenge or project usually takes 15-20 hours to solve and the end project/solution is presented at a DI tournament in February 2009). The cost, which covers DI membership, tournament fees, snacks, supplies, and props, is approximately \$75 per team member.

You can visit their website at www.idodi.org, or the BC Destination ImagiNation website at bcdi.org

Visit YouTube and type in "Destination ImagiNation" for informative videos.

**Contact Antje Wilson at:
604-983-8185.**



Upcoming Events

Youth Outreach

Pre-Teen Night @ Karen Magnussen Recreation Centre for grades 6, 7, and 8. Join us for a fun night with swim, skate, band, DJ, dancing, snacks, and coat check!

Friday October 16, 2009
8pm – 10:30 pm
\$7.00 - Barcode #232182

Please note: the facility will be closed to the general public – YOUTH ONLY! Don't forget your Playcard. northvanrec.com 604.987.PLAY (7529) Karen Magnussen Recreation Centre, 2300 Kirkstone Rd, North Vancouver.

Scrapbooking Crop & Fundraiser

Join us for our first scrapbooking fundraiser event! 12-hour Scrapbooking Crop & Fundraiser. Saturday November 14, 2009 – 10am to 10pm.

This is a great opportunity for all scrapbookers to socialize with friends, get projects done, and support our school.

\$35 per person, brought to you by the PAC of Blueridge Elementary. Potluck lunch and snacks, pizza dinner is provided. For information please call:
Nicole Dent at (604) 929-4043
nicoledent@shaw.ca or
Pia O'Keeffe at (604) 980-2210
mpokeeffe@shaw.ca

North Shore Community Resources Supporting Youth and Families

As part of an ongoing workshop series we invite Parents and Caregivers to hear from North Shore Community Professionals who provide support for youth who are affected by mental health concerns such as anxiety or depression, substance use, and/or behaviour issues. These Resource people often collaborate with the school district to enhance student success in school, their families and the community.

Each agency will describe who we are, what services we provide, who can access these services, and cost of services.

October 15, 2009-Thursday, 6:30pm to 8:00pm
in the Lucas Centre cafeteria, 2132
Hamilton St, North Vancouver
To register, call Karen Bishop
(604) 903-4621



NVPAC Executive 2009/10

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click on any name for email contacts

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3 Members at Large
Program Facilitator



Executive Update

Recently and with regrets, Bob Gifford informed us that he is stepping down as NVPAC Member at Large for health reasons. On behalf of the NVPAC Executive, I'd like to thank Bob for his contributions these past few months and wish him our best.

NVPAC Events Calendar

If you have an event that you'd like included in our newsletter please send it to Newsbytes@northvanpac.org

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