

COPACS WEEKLY NEWS SEPT. 8TH, 2008

Welcome back to another school year!

PAC Action Items:

PAC Executives Contact Information - please send in updates ASAP

- Cathy Fountas at cfountas@shaw.ca has sent out a contact list for each PAC's executives to update. Thank you to those PACs that have already sent their updates into Cathy. She looks forward to receiving more updates in the coming days as new executives are elected.
- With permission of PAC Executives, we would like to share Contact Information with the other school PAC Executives in the Saanich District, so connections can be made between schools, for added support, i.e. Treasurers could connect with other Treasurers; Fundraisers with other Fundraisers; etc. Thanks once again for your consideration, but be assured that unless permission is given, contact information will not be shared that is not already in the public domain e.g. on a school website or in a school newsletter.

Nomination and Election of SPC Members

Please ensure that any new SPC members for 2008-2009 are elected by the end of October, in time for the District's Annual SPC Meeting in November. Start advertising now in PAC and School Newsletters giving a clear definition of what the job entails and where to find the District Policy on SPC Operation and Function, plus the Section of the School Act that describes SPCs.

BCCPAC Membership Renewal and the fall Bi-election

- To renew or become a BCCPAC member download the membership form <http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/UserFiles/File/forms/2008-2009%20Membership%20Form.pdf>
- **To be eligible to vote in the BCCPAC fall Bi-election**, a member PAC must be in good standing (become a member or renew membership) by **September 19, 2008**. Follow the link to get more details on the election <http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/UserFiles/File/By-election%20Nomination%20Book%20final.pdf>
- The BCCPAC Fall Conference is October 23 – 26, 2008 at the Hilton Hotel Metrotown in Burnaby, BC. Early Bird Registration ends **September 30, 2008**. http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/UserFiles/File/Fall_Conference_page/program2008_web.pdf
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Proposed Policy Revisions – Comments invited from all PAC and Community members

Policy 1220 "Parental Access to Student Records and Student Information"

Policy 6040 "Anaphylaxis in Schools"



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Draft Policy
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Please send any feedback you may have to the attention of Leigh Glancie leigh_glancie@sd63.bc.ca by **September 24, 2008**

Of Interest to Parents:

****Crystal Meth Information Show** - sponsored by the B.C. Crystal Meth Society and the Claremont PAC

Presenters: Mark McLaughlin, Pres., and the Society Team of the Crystal Meth Society of B.C.

Date: **Thursday, September 11, 2008**

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Place: The Ridge Theatre at Claremont Secondary School

Address: 4980 Wesley Road, Victoria BC V8Y 1Y9 ([4980 Wesley Road](#))

"The HPV Virus and Vaccine: what you need to know"

3rd Annual Lafayette Health Awareness Forum on **Sept. 25th, 2008** at UVIC. It's free and the speakers are excellent. Starting in the 2008/2009 school year, BC will be offering HPV vaccine free to female students in grades 6 and 9 as part of their other routine school based vaccine programs. See poster below.



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More information about HPV can be found at www.immunizebc.ca.

Trustee Candidate Information Meetings

Keven Elder, Superintendent of Schools and Joan Axford, Secretary-Treasurer, will host two information meetings to help prospective candidates learn more about public education, School District No. 63 (Saanich), and the work of a Board of Education. Members of the current Board will also be in attendance to answer your questions.

There is a choice of two evening sessions to be held at the School Board Office, 2125 Keating Cross Road, Saanichton (across from the Co-op Food Store):

- Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

For more information or to get a copy of the information package if you are unable to attend, please call the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer at 250-652-7326.

'Introduction to Restorative Justice' Workshop

Anyone wanting to learn more about the philosophy and process of Restorative Justice may attend this 18 hour workshop. Workshop dates are **Oct. 25th, Nov. 1 and 2, 2008**. Please see attached flyer for further information.



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Daily Physical Activity

As of September 2008, the Ministry of Education's new **Daily Physical Activity (DPA)** requirement begins. All children K to Gr. 9 must do a half hour of daily physical activity during the school week. For more information, visit the Ministry's DPA website at: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/dpa/>

Speaking Up Resource for parents

A parent guide to advocating for students in Public Schools
<http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/advocacyproject/resources.aspx>

Superintendent's Newsletter – Sept., 2008

<http://www.sd63.bc.ca/resources/Superintendent's%20Newsletter%20Sept%202008.pdf>

Superintendent's NEW BLOG

Check it out and JOIN THE CONVERSATION! <http://sd63supersblog.blogspot.com/>

Parent Information Network Launched (PIN)

The PIN site is a link to BC's education system
http://www.learnnowbc.ca/Parent_Information_Centre/

Family Event



SPECIAL EVENT

Contact:
Saanich Police
Block Watch
250-475-4365
blockwatch@saanichpolice.ca
www.saanichpolice.ca



Saturday, September 20, 2008
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centre
3100 Tillicum Road, Victoria, BC

- Interactive Safety Displays and Emergency Vehicle Exhibits
 - Information Booths for all ages
 - Children's Activities including games, face painting, and featuring "Bert & Gert" the Stay Alert...Stay Safe Bunnies
 - Opening Ceremonies 11:00 a.m., followed by Exciting and Informative Safety Presentations every half hour
- Door Prizes!!!!**

A **FREE** Community Event
sponsored by the
Saanich Police Block Watch
Program



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