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ICBC NEWS

Clicking In seat belt message hits school system - The latest phase of ICBC's *Clicking In* seat belt campaign will aim to provide Kindergarten to Grade 3 students and their families in the Prince George area the opportunity to learn the key facts about seat belts and booster seats. The *Clicking In* Educational Component, which is being distributed to 44 schools in School District #57, includes a learning guide and a copy of the fun new video *Clicking In - Our future's riding on it!* With help from the wacky antics of video host Dr. Click and his floppy friend the rubber chicken, the video teaches children why it's important to always sit in the back seat in the proper vehicle restraint. Students at participating schools will also have the opportunity to enter a *Clicking In* coloring contest (Grades K & 1) and poster contest (Grades 2 & 3). The contest winners will have their entries mounted and displayed at a public facility in their community and will win *Clicking In - Our future's riding on it!* street banners for use outside their school. "We're really excited to be able to partner with ICBC to educate our youngest students on such a key road safety issue," says School District #57 Transportation Administrator Jane Anderhimi. "If we can save even one life by making sure these children know the facts about seat belts and booster seats, we will have achieved something special. Another part of the *Clicking In* Educational Component is the *Clicking In* Family Promise, a colorful card designed to encourage the whole family to discuss the importance of seat belts and booster seats and commit to their use. "Getting the *Clicking In* message to children in these kinds of numbers is a real accomplishment that wouldn't have been possible without the support and cooperation of the school district," adds Clicking In Project Manager Marion Phillips. "In addition to educating the students, we're hoping a secondary benefit of this program will involve these children taking what they've learned home to their parents and teaching them about seat belt safety." ICBC launched *Clicking In* across the region last April in an attempt to save lives and reduce injuries on our roads by increasing the seat belt wearing rate. "We know that seat belts save lives and prevent injuries, yet too many people still don't bother to ensure they or their children are properly restrained," points out ICBC's Regional Loss Prevention Coordinator Caroline Robinson. "The fact is you're twice as likely to survive a crash when you wear a seat belt, and children should be riding in a booster seat until they're eight years old or weigh at least 80 pounds." Children under 12 should ride in the back seat. *Clicking In* is a comprehensive road safety initiative that includes a range of educational and promotional activities and materials. One component involves encouraging people to sign a pledge to always wear a seat belt when in a moving vehicle. People can sign individual pledges or join the *Clicking In* at Work program as part of a company or group. To date, 360 organizations have joined *Clicking In* at Work, with a total of more than 4,200 people signing pledges.

VALENTINE'S BAKE SALE

Valentine's Bake Sale at St. Patrick's Church, February 12th from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Call Shirley at 968-4339 for more information.

EKKS/ROYAL PURPLE UPDATE

Reminder that Crib and Card Nights are back on every Friday at 7:00 p.m. Come out and join the fun!

AROUND OUR SCHOOLS

McBride Secondary School is pleased to welcome two new staff members for the spring semester. Mr. Squizzato will be taking over for Mr. Keim while he is away for medical reasons. Mrs. L'Arrivee has joined us and is teaching Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics 11. I am confident that these two teachers will have a positive impact on the teaching/learning environment at McBride Secondary and we welcome them to the community.

McBride Secondary School has a number of older computers that are surplus and will be disposed of through a public sale. The items are as is and are sold without warranty or commitment by McBride Secondary School or School District No. 57. The CPU's are pentium 33, 60, 75. Each will be sold as a complete unit - CPU, monitor, keyboard and mouse for \$75.00 per unit. Units will be available starting on Thursday, February 6th 9:00AM and will be sold on a first come first served basis. Inquiries should be directed to Mr. Rick Thompson at McBride Secondary School.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the community of McBride and Pee wee hockey parents who did not attend the team meeting on Mon. Jan. 27. The following letter was presented and read.

Pee Wee Grizzlies Hockey Night in Canada Trip. **This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for your kid. This is also a once in a lifetime opportunity for you to destroy friendships.**

Thank you for coming to tonight's meeting. Fortunately all 16 of our kids are able to go on the road trip to Calgary. Unfortunately only 8 chaperones can accompany the team.

Through many phone calls and much time I have been able to arrange for some other options for extra parents who would like to go to Calgary. The Canucks vs. Flames game has been sold out for some time. Through the help of Karen from the Canucks staff, I have been able to secure some extra tickets set aside by the Flames organization. These will be available to the parents at an extremely reasonable cost of 21.50 per person (tickets regularly start at \$84.00 for the nose bleed sections and go up quickly from there). She has also arranged for the same rate for parents as the team is getting at the Sheraton Hotel in Calgary at \$95.00/night (reg.\$165.00). There is the possibility that these parents may be able to ride on the bus as well.

Those who go as **chaperones** will be attending all events with the team, and will be responsible for 2 team members at all times 24 hours a day. They will be expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner and comply with all rules set out by the Canucks, and assure that the 2 kids they are responsible for do the same. Dress code (no jeans or t-shirts), behaviour etc. will apply to the chaperones as well as the kids. Those whose choose to go as **extra parents** will have the option to buy game tickets at \$21.50 per person. They will have hotel rooms available at the Sheraton where the team is staying at a cost of \$95.00 per night. There is also the possibility that these parents can ride on the bus. These parents will not be able to attend the meal with the Canucks, but may be able to attend the Canucks practice. They will be responsible only for them selves. It has been mentioned that a "draw from the hat" system be used to determine the chaperones. This is not a fair system as it assumes all the parents have put the same time, effort and energy into the team and the creation of the team poster, which is not true. There are those who continually give their time and energy for the kids, and take interest in what the kids are doing. There are those who want names to be put forward and as a group vote who should go as chaperones. Again not a fair system. Like the reality show survivor, "alliances" and politics have already started pitting parent against parent with no winners.

The following is the initial letter that Val drafted up and I signed and sent with the poster to the Vancouver Canucks.

"Dear Vancouver Canucks,

As Manager of the McBride Grizzlies Pee Wee Hockey team from McBride, BC, I am writing to ask that you enter our poster in the Hockey Day in Canada Poster contest.

Our team has submitted a poster on why we love hockey. If our poster is chosen as the winning entry we would be thrilled to participate in this once in a lifetime opportunity. As responsible citizens we would conform to the rules of the contest in behaviour and dress so as to represent ourselves as well as the Canucks in an appropriate manner. The team will provide responsible adults to chaperone on the road trip and assure that the above standards are upheld. On our previous travels to tournaments and other team functions our group has been commended for their responsible and pleasant behaviour, and are proud to represent their team and town in this manner. For further information you may contact Manager Wes Keim at: (address)

Enclosed is a list of the participating team players and their ages. Thank you for your consideration of our poster entry. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future and thank you for this opportunity to work together as a team to express why we love the great game of Hockey!!!! Sincerely,(Wes Keim Team Manager McBride Grizzlies McBride, BC)"

When I signed my name to this letter I accepted the responsibility of organizing our team and chaperones. I also assumed the responsibility for being the liaison between our team and the Canucks. Since winning the contest I have been corresponding on a regular basis with the Canucks, supplying them with team pictures, team info., town info. etc. I have also have Brian T. approaching town council (at his suggestion) to try and get the town to provide monies for a gift/memento to present to the Canucks on behalf of McBride. This is a great opportunity for some positive pr for McBride. I have put in hours and hours (approx. 15 to date) on this contest and have received thanks from two parents. I have been continually been "lobbied" by parents as to why they should go and why others shouldn't. I have heard countless rumours and heard a lot of arguing amongst the parents. It troubles me as to the message we are sending to our kids. We say hockey is for the kids, yet I get the feeling most parents would be happier if 16 parents and 8 kids went on the trip. I do not begrudge the time and effort I have put into the team and this contest. I do it willingly for the kids, not for you the parents. In conclusion I have decided that I will choose the chaperones. In making my decision I have talked to Hans, Dewy, Brian T. and Brian M. and have tried to look at it in the best interest of the kids. I ask that you accept and respect my decision. It has not been easy, but I feel that the chaperones that I have chosen will take excellent care of your children and will be responsible and competent in their actions and behaviour. They will also complete Criminal Checks as well.

Dewy, Hans, Dutch, Jim and myself will go as male chaperones. **Val, Marlene and Rita** will go as female chaperones. Val initiated the poster project, and were it not for her work we would not be here tonight. Val also brainstormed ideas with the kids and along with myself, Marlene and Rita spearheaded the contest, providing supplies, organizing the theme, design, etc. as well as organizing and keeping the kids on task. Please do not begrudge these eight people for being chosen as chaperones. They have earned it and deserve it. I think it would be very appropriate if parents thanked these volunteers for their time and energy in making this trip a reality for your kids. For the rest of the parents if you are interested in going as a parent, you will need to let me know by Monday Feb. 3 in order to secure tickets. Further information will be given as it becomes available. Thank you, Wes Keim

Appendage: After the meeting each parent was given a chance to respond. It was stressed that if there were any questions or concerns to phone/approach me rather than talking to those around town not involved in the team. At this point I have received no calls from any parents (I was gone for several days but checked my answering machine regularly). I am still available and willing to discuss this issue with parents or community members. It saddens me to see our community torn apart by such an exciting event! I have received (and replied to) numerous congratulations from various sources. The Vancouver Sun is running an article in Tues. Feb. 4 paper. Please be careful we do not get to the point of losing this great trip for our kids by our infighting. We need to consider how we as a town want to represent ourselves on National Television. If you see any of the kids ask them about the trip and watch their eyes light up!

Sincerely, Wes Keim