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## **SOMERSET BRIDLEWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!!!**

Join now to attend our FREE Zumba classes, starting in February at SFCRA!

See the President's Message for our list of 2010 events your family can attend and take part in for FREE!!

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**A new year is upon us** and we as a board are striving to bring a great sense of community to where we live. We are excited about our membership drive in January where we'll be offering FREE Zumba classes to our members and their friends. In February we'll be launching a new interactive website where you can log-in and post events, lost & found items, and events you'd like to see or promote, such as a soccer game one Saturday at the dry pond in Bridlewood!

### WE HAVE GREAT EVENTS PLANNED FOR 2010:

- February - FREE Zumba Classes at SFCRA - see full page info in this newsletter
- April 3rd - Annual Easter Egg Hunt
- April 18-24 - Volunteer Recognition Week
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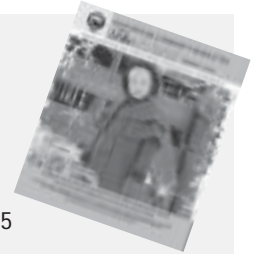
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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- July - Park'N'Play, Stay'N'Play
- October - Halloween Party
- November - Kids Christmas Party

When you buy a Somerset Bridlewood Community Association Membership for your household for \$20/year/ household your family is able to attend and take part in all of the above events for FREE! There are great games, treats, prizes, and food at most of our events! You'll also receive a discount from South Fish Creek Recreation Association on the many programs they offer. A free two line ad in the Breeze. You'll also have access to our new interactive community web-site! This is a great way to spend quality time with your family, meet your neighbours and fellow community members! I encourage ALL of you to join us this year!

I also wanted to take a moment to thank those of you that voiced your concern with the location of the new cell phone towers in our community. Last month the city did approve a motion to review cell tower applications. I'm very happy that our community stepped forward and voiced our concerns. We were able to make the city well aware that putting aesthetically unattractive and insensitively located cell towers

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in our community is not acceptable and that the approval process needed to include our city and communities input!

Sincerely,  
Thank you for your community support!

**Alia Vanzhov, President**  
**Director of Infrastructure & Newsletter Liaison**  
**Somerset~Bridlewood Community Association**  
**[www.somersetbridlewood.ca](http://www.somersetbridlewood.ca)**

## Somerset~Bridlewood Community Association Membership Application Form



**Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**First Names:** Males: \_\_\_\_\_ Females: \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal Code:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Phone:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Would you be interested in Volunteering with the Community Association?

Please circle your answer. Community Events: Yes / No Board of Directors: Yes / No

**Memberships run for one year from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year.** The cost is \$20 per household address. **Mail to: SBCA, Membership, Box 69056, Bridlewood RPO, Calgary AB T2Y 4T9**

Please allow 3-4 weeks for your membership card to arrive in the mail.  
Buy your household card today at South Fish Creek Recreation Association main desk.

**[www.somersetbridlewood.ca](http://www.somersetbridlewood.ca)**



## COMMUNITY CORNER

### 264 SOMERSET BRIDLEWOOD SCOUT GROUP

## Happy New Year!

All of us at the 264th wish you and your family a very healthy and prosperous 2010.

Here is a list of our exciting Group activities for January!

- January 5th - Family Swim Nite @ Southland Leisure Centre
- January 9th - Bottle Drive!! - We will help take away your 'Holiday Cheer remains' starting at 9am - regardless of weather! Please leave your bagged bottles in front of your garage door - or your front door for our youth to pick up.
- January 12th & 19th - Safeway Tour and Pizza Party @ Tom's House of Pizza
- January 26th - Police Interpretive Centre Tour

A big 'Thank You' to all the local businesses for supporting our Group.

**If this looks like something your child may enjoy - watch for our Early Registration in May, or call Commissioner Andrea Shaw at 403-256-0165**

### CALGARY SOUTH LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

Although the weather outside may indicate otherwise, it's time once again to get ready for a new year of little league baseball. Preparations for the 2010 season are well underway at Cal South and we look forward to another great year on the diamonds.

Following are the details of our one in-person baseball registration session for this year:

#### Mid-Sun Community Centre

Saturday, January 30, 2010 - 12:30 - 4:30pm

Remember to bring your child's Alberta Health Card along to this session.

We are also pleased to announce that on-line registration will be available again this season, starting in mid-January 2010. For more information about on-line registration and our league in general, please visit our website at [www.calsouthlittleleague.org](http://www.calsouthlittleleague.org) or call us at 403-254-2282.

**\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*** - this registration information applies only to those baseball players who live in the community of Somerset. Players living in Bridlewood must register and play with Calgary Rocky Mountain Little League ([www.crml.com](http://www.crml.com)).

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## COMMUNITY CORNER

# Be A Snow Angel!

For some, the first snowfall of the year is a welcome event. For others, the first snowfall brings worries of slipping and falling. Snow removal is a concern for older adults who are living in their own homes. Calgary is home to more than 98,000 older adults and approximately 95 per cent of them are living in the community. This is a large portion of Calgary's population that is greatly impacted by snow and ice. They need your help this winter keeping their sidewalks shovelled, ice-free . . . and safe.



You can help by becoming a Snow Angel. Snow Angels adopt a neighbour's sidewalk and help keep the walkway clear of ice and snow all winter. You don't even have to register for any program. You just pick up a shovel and go. Your efforts can prevent slips and falls while ensuring older adults' avoid hurting themselves shovelling this winter.

The Snow Angels campaign was initiated by The City of Calgary as a way to respond to the growing older population affected by icy sidewalks. For the seventh consecutive year, the City of Calgary is asking Calgarians to be a Snow Angel and help a neighbour keep their sidewalks clear of ice and snow. In return, they ask those older adults and others whose sidewalks are 'adopted' to send their story to the City and officially recognize their Snow Angel. They can nominate their Snow Angel by calling 3-1-1 or filling out an online form at [www.calgary.ca](http://www.calgary.ca) and following the links to 3-1-1 Online. All nominated Snow Angels are also entered into a draw for a WestJet travel voucher and Calgary Flames tickets and are also recognized by Mayor Bronconnier.

Also, The City of Calgary reminds residents and businesses the Streets Bylaw requires sidewalks adjacent to property to be cleared of snow and ice down to pavement within 24 hours after a snowfall, which also adds stress to those older adults and other people with health conditions who are physically unable to shovel their snow.

*For more information on the Snow Angel Campaign or if you would like to develop a more organized snow clearing program in your community, call The City of Calgary Seniors Services Division at (403) 974-3112 or 3-1-1.*

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~Joey Adams



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& Youth Programs

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### Deer Park Girl Talk

This amazing girl's only program will introduce girls to a variety of recreational games and social issues. Plus, build a strong foundation for future, healthier lifestyle choices.

**Cost:** Free (Girls only)      **Ages:** 11 – 17

**Day:** Mondays    4:00pm – 6:30pm (no program on holiday Mondays)

**Location:** 77 Deerpoint Rd. SE (Deer Park United Church)

**Start & End:** January 18 – March 22, 2010

### Riverbend Youth Drop-In

The City of Calgary in partnership with the Riverbend Community Association is launching a youth recreation drop-in for those aged 11 – 17. This particular sports drop-in is centered on the activity of choice for the night. Come and get active while meeting new people.

**Cost:** Free      **Ages:** 11 – 17

**Day:** Tuesdays    4:30pm – 6:00pm

**Location:** Riverbend Community Association -  
19 Rivervalley Drive SE

**Start & End:** January 19 – March 23, 2010

### VAULT

VAULT is a youth volunteer program where members will participate in monthly meetings to develop leadership skills and have an opportunity to implement their skills in volunteer opportunities once a month.

**Cost:** Free      **Ages:** 12 – 17

**Day:** Thursdays    5:00pm – 6:30pm

**Location:** CNS South Area Office 502 Heritage Dr. SW  
(Rose Kohn Arena Building)

**Start & End:** January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8,  
2010

### A Taste of the Arts

This program will provide children from the surrounding community an opportunity to participate in activities that help them express themselves through the arts.

**Cost:** Free      **Ages:** two age groups 6 – 11 & 12 - 17

**Day:** Thursdays    4:00pm – 6:00pm

**Location:** 77 Deerpoint Rd. SE (Deer Park United Church)

**Start & End:** January 21 – March 25, 2010



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**Cost:** Free      **Ages:** 6 – 12

**Day:** Tuesdays    4:30pm – 6:00pm (no program on holiday Tuesdays)

**Location:** TBA

**Start & End:** January 19 – March 23, 2010

### McKenna Kids / McKenna Youth

A free drop in recreation program for children ages 6 – 11 years old & youth ages 12 – 17 on Tuesdays from 4:30-6:00 for the children's group and 6:00-8:00 for the youth group, focussing on Recreation, positive friendships, beginning January 19th.

**Cost:** Free      **Ages:** two age groups 6 – 11 & 12 - 17

**Day:** Tuesdays

Kids 4:00pm – 6:00pm / youth 6:00 – 8:00pm

**Location:** #36 McKenna Way SE

**Start & End:** January 19 – March 23, 2010

### Bannister Kids / Bannister Youth

A free drop in recreation program for children ages 6 – 11 years old & youth ages 12 – 17 on Thursdays from 4:00-5:30 for the children's group and 6:00 – 8:00 for the youth group, focussing on Recreation, positive friendships, beginning January 21st.

**Cost:** Free      **Ages:** two age groups 6 – 11 & 12 - 17

**Day:** Thursdays

Kids 4:00pm – 5:30pm / youth 6:00 – 8:00pm

**Location:** #18 Bannister Rd SE

**Start & End:** January 21 – March 25, 2010

"Those who can laugh without cause have either found the true meaning of happiness or have gone stark raving mad." ~ **Norm Papernick**



## THINGS To Do

### TAKING IT OUTSIDE A PUBLIC EDUCATION SERIES

"Taking It Outside" is a series of educational workshops designed for adults. Sessions cover a variety of topics each season and are meant to be fun and informal while offering solid background information and hands-on experiences.



#### GPS for Beginners

GPS. What is it? How does it work? This session will introduce you to the basic history and operational uses of GPS or "Global Positioning Systems" today. Have some fun indoors and

out, learning and experimenting with what these little magic boxes can do.

This session is for those with an interest, but little or no prior experience. We will supply GPS units for the session, but feel free to bring one if you have one.

#### Presenter:

Colin McClelland is a keen GPS enthusiast, geocacher and daily user of this technology. Colin is also a member of the Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society and is the trainer for the Friends GPS courses.

**Date:** January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

**Location:** Fish Creek Environmental Learning Centre  
13931 Woodpath Road SW (Access off 130 Ave. SW and 37 St.)


**Fee:** \$15 per person, includes coffee, tea and muffins

#### Experiential Education

This session will provide people interested in nature education with some of the key skills necessary in developing environmental awareness & directing learning. Concepts such as experiential & place-based education will be explored through indoor and outdoor hands-on activities. Everyone will walk away from this session with a resource guide for more in-depth reading, and will have tried their hand at practical activities that engage nature lovers both young and young at heart.

#### Presenter:

Jennell Rempel, Visitor Services Coordinator, Fish Creek Provincial Park recently completed her Masters of Education with the University of Alberta. Jennell has shared her enthusiasm for outdoor learning through workshops on wetlands, experiential and environmental education with Alberta Parks since 2004.



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**Fee:** \$15 per person, includes coffee, tea and muffins

#### Registration and Information:

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**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Fish Creek Environmental Learning Centre, 13931 Woodpath Rd. S.W. Shannon Terrace Area, West end of Fish Creek Provincial Park (Access via 37St. S.W. at 130<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.W.)

**Admission:** \$6.00 per person includes GST.

**For more information consult our website at [www.fish-creek.org](http://www.fish-creek.org).**

**THIRD PRESENTATION:** Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010

#### Discover Dinosaur Provincial Park

##### Presenter:

Brad Tucker is the Visitor Services Coordinator at Dinosaur Provincial Park. He holds degrees in Biology, Education, and Curriculum Studies and has participated in palaeontological excavations with the Royal Tyrrell Museum. •For more information or to book your seats in advance, **phone 403-297-7927.**



#### FRIENDS OF FISH CREEK PROVINCIAL PARK SOCIETY - SPEAKER'S SERIES 2010

These events are free for Friends' members and \$5.00 for non-members. Because of the interest in the Speaker's Series program, patrons will now be asked to register for each presentation by contacting the Friends at 403-238-3841 or [info@friendsoffishcreek.org](mailto:info@friendsoffishcreek.org).

#### Discoveries About Bears

**Date:** Thursday, January 21, 2010

**Time:** 7:00 pm (sharp) to 8:00 pm  
(Doors open at 6:45 pm, so please come early).

**Location:** Fish Creek Environmental Learning Centre, 13931 Woodpath Rd. SW, Shannon Terrace Area, West end of Fish Creek Provincial Park (Access via 37<sup>th</sup> St. SW at 130<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW).

**Presented by:** Dr. Stephen Herrero Ph.D. Professor Emeritus of Environmental Science, University of Calgary



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Dr. Herrero's book *Bear Attacks: Their Causes and Avoidance* sold over 115,000 copies, and in 1990 was chosen as "the most important scientific work on bears in the past 25 years" by research peers. As a founding member of the "Staying Safe in Bear Country Society," he has helped produce four bear safety videos between 2000 and 2006 in cooperation with the International Association for Bear Research and Management.

His first magic moment with bears came about 30 years ago when he first observed grizzly bears mating on mountain tops and ridges. This observation led to the discovery of behavioural ecology and the reproductive strategies of male and female grizzly bears. Further research revealed that female black bears seldom seriously attack people but can nevertheless be very frightening if provoked. While serious attacks by black bears are rare, they are most often done by males. Dr. Herrero has discovered that grizzly bear viewing on the west coast is safer than in the interior; this has to do with both salmon populations and the bears' environmental needs. At the presentation, Dr. Herrero will also be discussing the very low reproductive rate of grizzlies in and around Banff National Park, and why these grizzlies have the lowest reproductive output of the +25 populations studied in North America and what this means for grizzly bear conservation in Alberta.

Dr. Herrero is a professor, researcher, and practicing professional focused primarily on mammalian carnivore ecology, behavior, conservation, and management. In 1971 he was a founding member of the Environmental Science Program in the Faculty of Environmental Design at the University of Calgary.



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**Telephone:** 403-221-2072



Do something good for yourself in 2010! Drop into the Shawnessy Library and get a library card. Memberships are only \$12.00 for adults, \$9.00 for seniors, \$6.00 for teens, and are free for kids 12 and under. Your library card will open up a whole new world of books, book and music CDs, magazines, DVDs and more!!

#### PROGRAMS FOR 50 AND FORWARD

- Join us for **Coffee and Conversation** and informal presentations of interest in our program room Fridays 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

#### PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

- Homework Help:** Grade 3 to 6 students meet in small groups with trained volunteers for homework help and fun literacy activities Wednesdays, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> –Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Game On!** Hang out with other teens and test your skills at games like Rock Band, Guitar Hero, and more! Ages 13 to 17. Tuesdays Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 2, and Apr. 6 from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. No registration required.
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#### PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

- Citizenship Preparation Class:** Learn about Canada with the purpose of preparing yourself for the Citizenship exam. Saturday Jan. 23 10:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Presented by Immigrant services Calgary.
- Adult Book Club:** Tuesdays Jan. 26, Feb. 23, Mar. 23, and April 27, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. or Wednesdays Jan.27, Feb. 23, and Apr. 28, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Call Shawnessy Library for specific books.

#### STORYTIME REGISTRATION

We offer storytime sessions for children 6 months to 5 years. Registration begins Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>.

Register for programs at [calgarypubliclibrary.com](http://calgarypubliclibrary.com), in person, or by calling 403-260-2620. A valid Calgary Public Library card is required to attend all programs.

# Colouring Contest WINNER

Congratulations to local resident, Hanna Middleton, for her amazing winter wonderland drawing she created. Hanna won a VISA gift card worth \$25 to help her with her Christmas shopping.

Last months' contest proved to be a winner with over 50 entries. A HUGE 2nd place mention to Anastasia of Bridlewood!!!

Next month, we'll have a Valentine's Colouring Contest.

Thanks again!!!



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## NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS

### Somerset School



**We hope you enjoyed a wonderful break with family and friends.** This is always a time when children return to us well rested and ready to begin their learning again at school.

We would like to say a very big "Thank you" to all the parents that contributed to the delicious pot luck meal for the staff on the evening of parent/teacher conferences in December. Your kindness is very much appreciated. Also a huge thank you goes out to all families that donated to our "Project Warmth" The donations of mittens, toques, scarves, gloves, socks etc were graciously donated on behalf of Somerset School to a variety of locations less fortunate than us. We also say thank you for the donations to the food bank. Again, Somerset families showed their kindness and generosity to others.

Did your child tell you about the funny guy that came to talk about Mad Science? There was much laughter in the gym that day. Mad Science Clubs begin after school in January for Grades 1-4, with Grades 1 and 2 meeting on Tuesdays and Grades 3 and 4 meeting on Wednesdays. There will be several other extra curricular clubs beginning in the new year. Please encourage your child to participate in all the clubs that are of interest to him or her.

Student Convention is happening at Somerset School on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. This year we have 26 sessions offered for our students so their choices will be a challenge. The sessions offered include the following topics: Math Games, Mexican Train Dominoes, Making costumes, Arts & Crafts, Power Brain Education, Pet Snakes, Germs, Sound, Personal Trainers- Body Blast, Pilates for Kids, Cooking, Music, Valentine Crafts, Photography, Spanish, Purple Paint, Word Clouds, Making woven book marks, Dance, Romanian Culture and Drawing. Ask your child about the Convention- many will remember their learning opportunities from the convention a year ago.

We can hardly wait until January 14. Alberta Opera is bringing their production of "Hansel and Gretel" to our school. We will be dressing up in our best clothes to see the Opera that afternoon.

We are very proud of the young artists in Grade 2 that have had their weather art chosen for publication on the weather page in the Calgary Herald. Congratulations for doing beautiful art work.

A Somerset School neighbour has come in to the school to express his concern about the safety of students as parents




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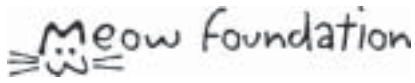
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New Kindergarten registration for 2010-2011 begins on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at the school office. If you have a child that is 4 years old on or before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, they are eligible for Kindergarten in September, 2010. Please drop into the school to register or have a tour of our beautiful school. Call us at 777-7001 if you have any questions.

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## NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS

### NEW CBE SCHOOL IN BRIDLEWOOD ON BRIDLERIDGE WAY

#### Welcome home.

The new Calgary Board of Education Kindergarten to Grade 6 school in your community is scheduled to open in September 2010. On behalf of our staff I would like to welcome you home to your new community school. We hope to keep the Bridlewood community informed of our progress towards opening and commit to being an active part of the Bridlewood community. Updates about the new school are currently available at <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/underdev/default.asp>.

Kindergarten registration began on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Registration is ongoing and kindergarten students designated to attend our new school can be registered at Midnapore School (55 Midpark Rise SE).

**Jeff Hutton, Principal**

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## NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS

### Bishop O'Byrne High School - City Champions *by Sandy Brown, Vice-Principal*

We have added two championship banners to our gym wall so far this school year. Congratulations to our junior football team (Div. 1) and our senior girls volleyball team (Div. 2) for becoming city champions.

#### Excellent playing teams!

Bishop O'Byrne had respectable results in swimming and girls soccer.

In December, our fine arts department thrilled audiences with a Mainstage drama production 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, a Christmas concert featuring our band and choir and an art show/sale!

### BISHOP O'BYRNE HIGH SCHOOL 2010/11 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Grade 9 students and their parents in the Bishop O'Byrne area boundaries are invited to participate in a three step registration process in preparation for classes in September 2010.

#### STEP 1 - PARENT / STUDENT PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSIONS

These sessions focus on programs offered at Bishop O'Byrne as well as daily procedures and expectations for all students. The sessions are facilitated by school administration and take place in the school theatre. If the date/time of your school's session does not work for your schedule, feel free to attend on an alternative date.

##### **Regular Program Session**

Our Lady of Peace School  
Monsignor J. J. O'Brien School  
St. Stephen School (Students from Evergreen)  
Monday, January 25 - 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

##### **Sports Performance Hockey Program**

Information will be available after the Regular Program Session listed above.  
Monday, January 25 - 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

##### **Grade 10 Honours Program and IB Sessions**

All students interested in the grade 10 Honours, International Baccalaureate Program. This session will cover the general information presented at the regular sessions with an additional focus on grade 10 Honours and the grades 11 & 12

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Tuesday, January 26 - 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. or 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.

##### **Regular Program Session**

St. Augustine School  
Cardinal Newman School  
Father James Whelihan School  
Don Bosco School (Students from Cranston)  
Wednesday, January 27 - 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

##### **Sports Performance Hockey Program**

Information will be available after the Regular Program Session listed above.  
Wednesday, January 27 - 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

#### STEP 2 - BISHOP O'BYRNE OPEN HOUSE

Open House - All parents and students should plan to tour Bishop O'Byrne High School and meet Faculty on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

#### STEP 3 - MEET THE TA NIGHT

Meet the TA Night - All new students meet their Teacher Advisor, Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.

For further information, including program boundary areas call the school at 403.500.2103 or visit our Website at [www.bishopobyrne.ca](http://www.bishopobyrne.ca).





## NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS

### Bridlewood Residents Provide Your Input

The Calgary Board of Education will be opening a new school in the community of Bridlewood in the fall of 2010. A School Naming Committee was convened to consider the recommendation to the Board of Trustees for the naming of the new school. After consideration of the Board's Guiding Principles (see below) for the naming of a new school, the Committee recommends the school be named **Bridlewood School** after the community.

While *Bridlewood School* is the name that has been used unofficially during the building process, we would also like to welcome other suggestions before the recommendation is finalized and would appreciate receiving feedback from the community with regards to the name. It is important to note that this is not a vote, but rather an opportunity for input.

Please provide feedback by completing the following form and mailing it by Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to:

#### Office of the Corporate Secretary

Calgary Board of Education  
515 Macleod Trail SE  
Calgary, Alberta T2G 2L9.

Alternatively, you may provide feedback by email to [corpsec@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:corpsec@cbe.ab.ca)

Yes, I support recommending to the Board of Trustees that the new school being built in Bridlewood should be named **Bridlewood School**

I would propose that the new school being built in Bridlewood should be named: *(Include suggested name and a brief description of why you would recommend this name)*

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If you have any questions regarding this process, please send them to [corpsec@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:corpsec@cbe.ab.ca). Thank you in advance for your response!

**Guiding Principles for the naming of a new school**  
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| 91024GM     | Pontiac   | Vibe GT    | 2.4 L, 5 spd Auto, Pwr pkg, Sunroof, 18" Alloy Wheels                          | \$29,190 | \$22,956       | (\$1,000)                           | \$21,956 |
| 91951       | Chevrolet | Aveo       | 4 door, Manual Transmission, Rear Spoiler                                      | \$15,490 | \$13,514       | (\$500)                             | \$13,014 |
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### SLEDDING SAFETY

Sledding is a fun and exciting activity that thousands of children and adults enjoy every winter. It is one of several great outdoor pastimes that make this snowy time of year more enjoyable. But while sledding is a lot of fun, it is not without its risks.



**Alberta Health Services, Emergency Medical Services** would like to remind everyone most sledding injuries can be prevented. Everyone is at risk – especially children. Educate your family how to stay safe and follow these simple safety tips for a fun day on the toboggan hill.

#### Equipment

- Make sure your sled is in good condition. Don't use sleds with broken parts, sharp edges, or splits in the material.
- If your sled won't stop, or if you are out of control, roll off your sled onto the snow. You can always retrieve your sled afterward.
- Currently, there are no helmets designed specifically for sledding. However children should wear a properly fitted helmet designed for high impact collisions, such as hockey, cycling, or climbing helmets.

#### Plan Ahead

- Be conscious of clothing that contains drawstrings, or loose clothing, such as scarves, which may present a choking hazard if they become caught or snagged.
- Dress warmly in layers and anticipate weather changes.
- Take breaks to warm up out of the cold. Ensure frostbite hasn't affected any exposed skin, frequently the finger tips, toes, ears, the tip of the nose, and other high points on the face such as the cheek bones.
- If frost bite has occurred, treat it by first removing the individual out of the cold environment. Gently warm the affected skin by placing a warm hand over it or by placing the affected part in warm water (not hot; ~41oC max.) until re-warmed.

#### Hazards

- Avoid hills that are too steep, or too icy– you might lose control very quickly.
- Choose hills free of obstacles such as trees, rocks, utility poles, or fences.
- Don't sled on hills that end with a road or busy parking lot at the bottom.
- Never go down a hill head first or backward.
- Avoid sledding at night if the hill is not well lit.
- Consider using sleds that you can easily control. Inner

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As your MLA, I will continue to do everything possible to ensure that the new year is the best one yet for our constituency, our city and our province. If you have any ideas on the most effective and efficient ways to do this, please contact me—anytime!

### SOUTHWEST CALGARY RING ROAD PLANNING STUDY UNDERWAY—FINALLY!

The AB Gov't and the City of Calgary have signed a memorandum of understanding which defines the planning study's scope and sets out each party's roles and responsibilities, while outlining items for future discussion and negotiation. The planning study will examine previous transportation studies of alternate alignments, and look at new options as well. It will examine potential routes, connection points, land requirements, technical issues and potential environmental/social factors. Timelines for road design and construction will be determined after the planning study is completed. *Focus Corporation* is conducting the study under contract to the AB Gov't, and will complete the work by December 2011. Visit <http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/4043.htm> to view the agreement & for more information about the Calgary ring road. (For MOU Questions & Answers, + Key Messages, please visit: [www.daverodney.ca](http://www.daverodney.ca)) *It looks as though the years of lobbying the Premier & Transportation Minister (every month!), asking tough questions in Question Period, & tabling motions in the Legislature are finally paying off!*

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**Civic Census and Enumeration**  
 Starting April 1, Census Takers/Enumerators  
 will be going door-to-door.

### CENSUS TAKERS/ENUMERATORS REQUIRED

The City of Calgary is taking applications for Census Takers/Enumerators.

Census Takers/Enumerators are required to visit all homes in their assigned area to gather census and enumeration information.

Assignments vary in size, but are generally between 400 to 600 dwellings.

Applications are only accepted in person at The City of Calgary, Election & Information Services office, 1103 55th Av NE, between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday, Jan. 18, up to and including Friday, Feb. 5, 2010.

To complete an application to be a Census Taker/Enumerator, you must be:

- 18 years of age or over.
- Available to attend a daytime training session in March.
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### AN IDEA FOR YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION:

CAMPAIGN RECOGNIZES ROLE OF MENTORS IN CHILDREN'S LIVES;  
ENCOURAGES AB'S TO VOLUNTEER

Making mentoring a way of life is the goal behind a new awareness campaign that encourages AB's to become actively engaged as mentors for children and youth in their communities. The campaign is part of a three-year initiative to strengthen mentoring activities and supports in the province. The AB Mentoring Partnership, which includes government and community agencies, is working to help build a culture of mentoring in AB by increasing awareness and collaboration, creating innovative mentoring policies, and sharing effective practices. The province-wide multimedia marketing campaign consists of print, online and TV ads showcasing a mentor interacting with a young person. The campaign slogan is "To be a mentor, you don't need superhuman qualities, just human ones," which profiles the fact that adults don't need to be celebrities or superheroes to make a positive and lasting difference in the lives of children and youth. The campaign also reinforces that mentoring doesn't always take a lot of time - as little as an hour a week can make a difference. Mentors are needed throughout the province; and there are currently far more children and youth

waiting for a mentor than there are mentors available. In addition to the marketing campaign, AMP is also launching a new website: [ABmentors.ca](http://ABmentors.ca) (where AB's can find information about mentoring and how to get involved in their communities). Mentoring organizations can also go to this site for resources to help them in their everyday work.



*Launching a Court Preparation Program for Abused Children*

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