



Community Education News

Spring 2014

Stay Healthy, Get Active!

Community access to public spaces, such as schools, provides the foundation for healthy and vibrant neighbourhoods. Availability of locally situated meeting spots to host programs and services means the entire community thrives. These spaces become home to social clubs, recreation groups, health services, charities, craft groups and so much more. Everybody knows keeping active is good for the body, but did you know it's good for the mind as well?

booster for the brain, improving mood, memory and learning. That's why the *Community Use of Schools Program* is the perfect tool for promoting healthy, active living. Not-for-profit organizations can operate more affordably by accessing the available subsidies under this Ministry funded program. Lower costs mean there are no barriers to staying fit both in body and mind.

2013-14 to date has been a busy year in Bluewater with over 400 not-for-profit permits in place aiding over 100,000 participants in a variety of programs and activities with more to come this spring. We average 170 groups per week partaking in volleyball, badminton, basketball just to name a few.

There's a vast array of activities for all ages. For a list of activities and our fees please check out our web page. Low cost options are available for not-for-profit user groups (subsidized by the Province of Ontario). Give us a call for more details!



If you currently permit space at one of our schools, please remember to submit your renewal request for the 2014/2015 school year as soon as possible. If you have an activity that could be run at a school and would like to request space, use our easy on-line booking system.

We will check for available space in the area and try to accommodate your request.



By staying active you are building a stronger mind, fostering friendships within your community and creating a stronger sense of self. Research has also found that physical activity is a power



OSCVI Auditorium Coming Events

- March 1, 2 Dancing with the Docs**
- March 22, May 10 Georgian Bay Symphony**
- March 28 Stuart McLean**
- June 7 Dancemakers**
- June 14 Deacon Dancers**

For a full list of coming events visit:

<http://www.bwdsb.on.ca/CO-NED/Auditorium/Events>

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Driver Education

The program is offered to secondary students enrolled in a Bluewater School. Courses comprised of:

- * In-class instruction—20 hours
- * Behind the wheel instruction—minimum 10 hours
- * Independent learning or homework component—minimum 10 hours
- * May include observational hours



Course dates and registration details @ http://www.bwdsb.on.ca/coned/driver_ed
Or contact Tanya McLean, Ext. 2067
tanya_mclean@bwdsb.on.ca

Visit our department on the web at: <http://www.bwdsb.on.ca/coned/>

Thank you to all Bluewater staff members who support community use activities, either directly or indirectly. Your continued support ensures that community use of schools operates effectively and efficiently.

Summer Permits Include

Day camps
Childcare Programs
Sports Camps
Music Camps & Festivals
Art Shows
Art Camps
Dance Camps
Computer Camps

Summer School 2014

For more information please contact
Kim McMahon
519-363-2014, Ext. 2104
kim_mcmahon@bwdsb.on.ca
or watch our web for updates at

http://www.bwdsb.on.ca/CONED/ss_school/



Priority Schools Initiative

The objective of this program is to allow not-for-profit groups free after-hours access to schools in communities identified by the Ministry of Education.

Peninsula Shores District School has been identified as a Priority School.

To find out if your group/activity/event qualifies for this funding, please contact;

Janice Best, Outreach Coordinator
519-363-2014, Ext. 2137 or
janice_best@bwdsb.on.ca

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OSBIE Insurance

It is required that all of our community users have \$2 million dollars Liability Insurance with Bluewater District School Board listed as an additional insured.

Through our association with OSBIE, Ontario School Boards Insurance Exchange, we can offer an affordable solution to those users needing insurance for their community activity or event.

For more information contact Tanya McLean at 519-363-2014, Ext. 2067 or tanya_mclean@bwdsb.on.ca



Frequently Asked

Questions

Q: Who do I contact if I want to hold an event at the OSCVI Auditorium?

A: Janice Best, Ext. 2137

Q: Who do I contact if I want to create a partnership or lease space with Bluewater?

A: Janice Best, Ext. 2137

Q: Not sure who to contact?

A: Call and leave a message at Ext. 2147. A department staff member will return your call.

Bookings Made Easy!

Simply go online and create an account if you are a new user or login using your existing account at:

<https://bwdsb.ebasefm.com/communityuse/>

Enter your permit request and, when approved, you will receive an email notification together with a copy of your permit.

At any time during the process, if you have a question about your request please contact our office for assistance.

Don't have a computer? Please call Kris Klages at 519-363-2014, Ext. 2007 for assistance.

It's that easy!