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General News

R.R. Smith Board of Directors processed 19 grant applications on March 8th. Requests totaled over \$60,000 and the Board of Directors was able to grant \$21,200 to educational charities. A list of the 2016 grants will be published in the Postscript and is on line at www.rrsmith.ca. Charities outside B.C. were in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Bangladesh, Zambia, India, sub-Saharan Africa, Nepal, Guatemala, Odisha, India, and Brazil. Charities in BC were Decoda literacy organization serving 400 BC communities, Vancouver Opera Spring Break Opera Camp, Start Up! Supporting early career teachers, Betty Huff Theatre program in Surrey, and the Dyslexia program in BC. We are happy to say that all applicants received grant money. Is there a Canadian Registered Educational Charity needing funds in your community?

The R.R. Smith Library shelves are filling up with books thanks to generous donations from members and branches.



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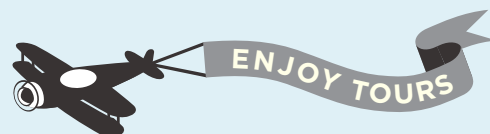


Once again Branch and Member donations are being encouraged by filling our 2015/16 bookshelf. If your branch is able to send a donation of any amount to R.R. Smith then a book will be placed on the shelf in recognition of that donation. For every donation over \$150 other books will be added. Please send donations to

R.R. Smith, 100-500 W. 6th Ave. Vancouver, BC, V5Z 4P2

All Branch and Member donations are put into the Grant fund unless otherwise specified.

Our affinity plan with Enjoy Tours is benefiting everyone. Enjoy Tours donates to R.R. Smith when a member books a tour or trip and says they are a B.C. Retired Teachers' Association/ R.R. Smith member. There is no cost to the member but R.R. Smith receives a donation from Troy Oppen, the owner of Enjoy Tours. Our members benefit from the wonderful day, short or long tours provided. To find out more contact Judy de Vries at devriesj@telus.net or get the 2016 catalogue for Enjoy Tours at www.enjoytourandtravel.com.



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Maple Ridge Branch books a tour to Skagit Valley Tulip Festival

R.R. Smith Members,

Some photos of our bus trip to Skagit Valley
Tulip festival with Troy/Enjoy Tours on April 7th.

The tour was amazing!!!!!! We were blessed with
the most beautiful weather!! Troy was awesome!

RoozenGarde was their favourite stop.
The Kiwanis BBQ was enjoyed by all.

Julie Zoney



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Families for Children

Hello, my name is Sathi. My parents left me wandering the streets when I was only 4 years old. I do not know why they did not want me.

The police brought me to FFC. I was kind of scared but soon learned that I was not alone anymore. There was food, clothes and medicine, and pretty soon I learned to read, write, draw and play with other kids who were just like me. That was a long time ago. Most of the children never used pencils or crayons or paints, and books were only things we had heard about on the streets.

We went to school at FFC and I found it hard. Many of us did not understand why $6 \times 9 = 54$. We memorized the answers to pass the exams. Many students failed, even the ones in Kindergarten and Grade 1. We misbehaved a lot. But this changed with the help of our volunteers. Our teachers were soon able to buy school supplies such as text books, pencils, crayons, paints and notebooks. I even went with my teacher to buy Bengali library books. We love to read.

FFC doesn't just look after orphans, handicapped children or babies that are left at the door, they also go into the slums and bring those children into the FFC family. We went with 2

volunteers, Muriel Hemmes and Linda Rosas, to visit these children. The parents were pleased to meet us and served tea. Did you know that many of these children never held a pencil or toothbrush? We taught them how to wash their hands with soap. They love coming to our class.

Linda and Muriel organized Montessori classes for the younger students as well as those in the special care area. Sometimes the older students get time in these classes to use all these neat things. I loved helping the younger children. If anyone misbehaves, they have to leave the class and no one likes this to happen! The boys and girls in special care like using all the blocks and large games. They are learning, too. And you know, all of us concentrate on our work now and most of us understand some of those difficult math questions.

I am now in grade 10 and like learning. So a big thank you from all the FFC children to the RR Smith Foundation for their support in making this possible.

From Sathi, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

PS that is me in the photo playing XO with the 2 younger children.



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Thank You from The FFC Art Students

We met Mowsummy in the high school for deaf students. We talked and laughed a lot when we used sign language. Some of us, like Mowsummy, loved to paint. Mowsummy married a classmate and has a family, so she did not attend art college. We wanted to go too, but how? Our families had no money and they really wanted us to work to support the family. FFC learned about us and offered to pay all the fees plus money for our lunches. The five of us want to thank the RR Smith Foundation for supporting us in our last year. We now can sell our paintings and teach art and help support our families.

Thank you! Thank you!



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Burnaby Food First

HEALTHY AFTER SCHOOL SNACKS!



Learn how to shop for and prepare healthy, tasty snacks for kids.

Join Sondi Bruner and learn some delicious and nutritious suggestions for after school snacks. This is a co-event with the Brentwood YMCA.

We will spend the first part of the evening talking healthy snacks and then all are welcome to stay for a Family style dinner. **Children of all ages are welcome to attend this event!**

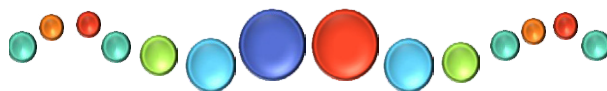
Tuesday, February 16 / Brentwood Community Resource Centre
(2055 Rosser St. - [map](#))

Timing: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

FREE but space is limited. Visit burnabyfoodfirst.blogspot.ca/ for more information

Email burnabyfoodfirst@gmail.com or call 604-209-2404 to register.

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Dewdney Tree Planting Day

R.R. Smith Members,

I thought I would send you some photos of our tree planting day. It was absolutely fantastic! The kids were so enthused and their excitement is still going on. They are learning to water, dig trenches, observe if the water pools at the top or goes to the roots and are experts with clay soil and its challenges. Tomorrow they are going to be teachers and teach another class how to water.... today we began our articles for our class newspaper and of course tree planting day will be the front page.

The learning, community engagement and cooperative work far exceed my expectations.

Of course we are not done yet! We are examining rocks

on the swale and learning about the types, classifications and shapes.

My teachers are begging for more garden boxes and weather instruments and we now have to have an outdoor schedule as we all want to use the naturescape at the same time. This is a good problem to have!

Thank you so much for the R.R. Smith Foundation's support of the project. One of our grade 4 students said... it takes a whole community to plant all this....and he was right! We are very fortunate to have so many people part of our community and this project.

Thanks again,
Sue McLeod



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Start Up!

R.R. Smith Members:

I was out of the country until Monday and am just digging through my mail between preparing for workshops when I discovered your letter from the RR Smith Foundation about the Start UP! and of course, the cheque for shipping and booklets. I thought I'd let you know it's helping right now.

On Monday we will be doing a workshops at Templeton Secondary in Vancouver. You can read about the program in the attachment.

We will be webcasting 2 workshops, and today I went out to the school, and copied and mailed out booklets to 11 new teachers who are watching via webcast. The bill today was \$85 so far for shipping and handouts.

We ran out of books and needed to order more, which we will send out next week. The 1st book, Love that Dog is a great book for TOCs, because they can do a read aloud from the book and create many language arts lessons. The other book is The First Week of School, how to start up your class in the critical first week. Both cost us about \$5 ea. to buy or print plus shipping to the teachers.

We charge \$20-30 to teachers who do not have Pro D support, for the webcast of the full day of workshops and booklets and handouts while we learn the techniques of webcasting. I think it is promising way to support teachers all over BC.

Thanks for your support. It already is helping!

Ray Myrtle

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Please post by the sign in sheet, and pass on to TTOCs and Teacher Candidates.

Early Career Teachers

start UP!

..... April 27th in Vancouver
or watch live or online for a week

TOC Toolkit- LA-Love that Dog* gr 3-9

Dozens of lessons for an hour or a week from just one book, and we give you the book and a great handout! - Diana Cruchley

Start UP! Your K-3 Class:

"Start Up Your Primary Class with Confidence (K to Grade 3): Start the Year With Great Strategies and Resources-Elaine Tan Comeau

TOC Toolkit Physical Activity on the Go

Learn physical activity ideas for elem. school TTOCs that are easy to implement, require little or no equipment in class, gym or outdoors
-Action Schools

Start UP! The First Week of School*

Strategies, ideas & resources for starting your first week & a 33 pg. booklet. For gr. 3-8 Ray Myrtle

*Watch the webcast live or online for a week

Register at <http://bit.ly/startupreg>

The Start UP! workshops are recommended by PITA, Pro D Committees, faculty associates, mentors, district staff, principals and have had over 1500 participants. Questions? startupyourclass.ca or contact Ray at ray.myrtle@gmail.com

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Love That Dog- Diana Cruchley

Love That Dog is a fabulous book; the students love it, As a TOC you can carry it with you each day, You can read it aloud in less than an hour and it lends itself to great discussions and terrific lessons. Use it to teach multiple reading strategies, introduce a journal program and inspire students in a poetry unit. Diana's Cruchley provides a wonderful handout with strategies and each participant will receive a copy of the book!

Start Up Your Primary Class with Confidence (K-3) - Elaine Tan Comeau (program change)

Start the year confidently with great strategies and resources to make your first weeks a huge success! Elaine will share her practical ideas and strategies gained from 12 years of teaching primary classrooms.

TOC Toolkit: Physical Activity On the Go! with Action Schools! BC Gr. 4-7

This workshop shares physical activity ideas for elementary school TTOCs that are easy to implement, require little or no equipment, and can be offered in a classroom, gym, or outdoors. Active TTOCs will also qualify for an Action Resource & complimentary TOC Action Bag filled with resources and equipment which will be sent to them after the session. Come and learn engaging and innovative physical activities to take with you when you're on the go!

The First Week of School- Ray Myrtle 3-8

This workshop will help you to start and manage your new classroom whether you get a contract starting in September or later in the year. Get The First Week of School, a 33 pg. booklet of lesson suggestions, strategies, ideas and checklists for your first week with your new class. Network as you learn about the other parts of the Start UP! program. Start UP! your year prepared & confident!

Especially for Teacher Candidates & TTOCs	Designed for early career teachers
	AM- 'Love that Dog'
PM- Physical Activity on the GO!	PM- Start UP! Your K-3 Class (or) The First Week of School* Gr. 3-8

* Webcast watch live or online for a week!

At Templeton Secondary School in Vancouver.

We appreciate the continued support of myPITA, BCTF locals, teachers and leaders at all levels.

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intermediate association

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Fee for the day includes: workshops & handouts and membership in the

Start UP! Your Class Cooperative
[Http://bit.ly/startupreg](http://bit.ly/startupreg)

Can't attend? See other workshops at: startupyourclass.ca

Start UP! workshops prepare you for your 1st class. TOC Toolkit workshops grow your skills as you TTOC. For info, join our community at startupyourclass.ca

Programs for Early Career Teachers
Strategies, ideas and resources for teachers with a new assignment!

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The R.R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation is:

- A Registered Charity under the Canadian Income Tax Act #86160 2126 RR0001
- Incorporated under the BC Society Act

The purposes of the society are to advance public education in British Columbia and in developing countries.

If you believe, as we do, that Education can make a difference, please support the work of the R.R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation by making:

- A regular donation which will be used in the year that it is given to support the grants the Foundation makes that year
- A donation to the Foundation's Endowment Fund so the interest earned can be used for future grants
- An "In Memoriam" donation for a family member or friend
- The R.R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation your Life Insurance beneficiary thereby making your premiums tax deductible
- A real estate donation

WHAT WE DO

- A** Providing scholarships and bursaries to
 - Doctoral students in any area which advances public education, and
 - Deserving students, to enable them to attend post-secondary educational institutions,
- B** Making and administering grants to Canadian registered charitable organizations, the purposes of which are similar to those of the society,
- C** Acquiring school materials, books, equipment, and supplies of all kinds, and donating them to schools,
- D** Providing funding to support innovative projects which advance public education,
- E** Working cooperatively with governments in Canada and other countries, and other charitable organizations.

The Foundation makes grants to projects that meet these criteria and are registered Canadian charities. Application forms are available at www.rrsmith.ca