

E-Newsletter October 2021

# BUILDING THRIVING COMMUNITIES

Community Schools in B.C.



**United Way**  
British Columbia

Working with communities in BC's  
Interior, Lower Mainland, Central  
& Northern Vancouver Island

## Welcome

This is our 9th Community Schools in BC e-newsletter and our goal remains to both inform and build networks in the field of community education and schools in B.C. In this edition we highlight opportunities for professional development, networking and building capacity in your communities. Please email Sukh Shergill at SukhS@uwlm.ca to contribute updates or join the mailing list.

## Professional Resources



Have you checked out the Healthy Schools BC website?

[www.healthyschoolsbc.ca](http://www.healthyschoolsbc.ca)

Healthy Schools BC builds the capacity of the health and education sectors to effectively implement healthy schools initiatives. This use a Comprehensive School Healthy (CSH) approach. CSH is an internationally recognized framework for supporting improvements in students' educational outcomes while addressing school health in a planned, integrated and holistic way.

Check out two very relevant sections of their website.

1) **Resources** - Provides a collated list of 28 websites, ranging in topics of First Nations Education, Farm to School, Physical Activity Programming, Inclusive Play, and Sexual Health.



2) **Grants** - Provides a collection of school grant opportunities and submission deadlines in one convenient location.



## Professional Resources



Do you enjoy listening to informative podcasts?

Two BC Community School Coordinators, Bal Dhillon and Gayle Beavil, host the Community Room Podcast.

You can enjoy the podcast on most major hosting platforms including, Apple, Spotify, and Speaker!

Whether you are an educator, parent or community partner, you will find something of value in these rich conversations about the incredible possibilities for schools -- and society.

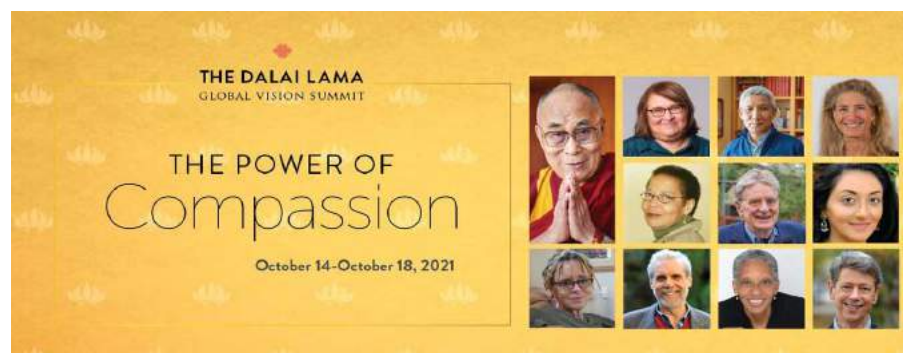
They dive into inspiring conversations about the magic that happens when schools prioritize care, connection and community. They have hosted some amazing guests and look out for recent episode with Abe Fernandez from New York Children's Aid Society!



## Summit

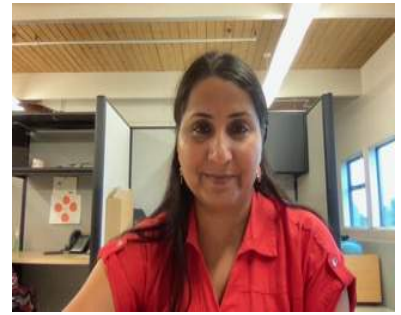
Register for this FREE world event that offers an immersive exploration of compassion (science, transformative power, impact for society and the earth).

The link to register is long and complicated. So simply google The Dalai Lama Global Vision Summit.



## Introduction

The Richmond School District has recently introduced a new Community Schools Coordinator role. Meet Karamjit Jagdeo! She brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise. Her diverse work experiences include Program Coordination for the Poverty Law Sector, Settlement Services and Early Childhood Education.



Karamjit is very excited to develop and grow the Community Schools programming in Richmond. She looks forward to collaborating with community partners to offer a wide variety of free or low cost after-school programs to support children's holistic development.

Please feel free to connect with Karamjit at [kjagdeo@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:kjagdeo@sd38.bc.ca) or 604-340-7807.

## Advisory Committee

Are you interested in strategic planning with BC Community Schools Advisory Committee (BCCSAC)? Email [SukhS@uwlm.ca](mailto:SukhS@uwlm.ca) to RSVP for the next meeting.

**Friday October 29th, 2021**

**1:00 – 2:30 PM**

Zoom Mtg info:

<https://zoom.us/j/2984579420>

**Meeting ID: 298 457 9420**

**Telephone Dial-In: 1-877-853-5257**



The agenda will include presentation from BC211, Announcement of United Way BC, Breakout Discussion, and Local Updates. The focus of this next meeting will be to create an action plan in support of the following priority areas:

- All Schools in BC have a community schools approach.
- Community Schools approach is embedded in how governments deliver services to children and families.
- There is a strong presence representing community education/community schools interests

We will also explore how BCCSAC is positioned to support these priorities areas and what options exist to achieve these outcomes.