



Squamish – Whistler - Pemberton

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### School Culture Workshops

School District 48 would like to invite parents, students and staff to attend two excellent workshops ...  
***Relationships: The Fourth “R” of Schooling*** and ***Empowering Parents to Create Safe Environments***

***(1) Relationships: the Fourth “R” of Schooling*** will be facilitated by Dr. Shelley Hymel, Professor Faculty of Education at UBC. Traditionally, schools have focused on academic achievement or the three “Rs” of reading, ‘riting and ‘rithmetic. In this presentation, a fourth “R” of learning is considered – social relationships, as critical to the creation of safe and caring learning environments and ultimately as a foundation for academic success. Acknowledging a growing body of evidence pointing to the critical role of positive social relationships in education, we consider how children’s interpersonal competencies develop, the many different approaches to enhancing children’s interpersonal growth that can be implemented in school settings and the impact of such work on both social behaviour and academic performance.

***Workshop - Relationships: the Fourth “R” of Schooling*** will be offered in the following location:

In Whistler – January 18, 2010 – 7:00 p.m. at Whistler Secondary School.

***(2) Empowering Parents to Create Safe Environments*** will be facilitated by Lorraine McLeod throughout the corridor. The *RespectEd Program* has been promoting healthy relationships and safe communities since 1984. This award-winning program has helped more than 3.5 million Canadian youth and adults understand abuse, harassment and interpersonal violence and to learn skills that help them develop safer relationships.

***Workshop - Empowering Parents to Create Safe Environments*** will be offered in the following locations:

In Squamish – January 26, 2010 – 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Howe Sound Secondary School.  
To register please contact the school secretary at 604 892-5261.

In Whistler – January 27, 2010 – 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Spring Creek Community School.  
To register please contact the school secretary at 604 935-3822.

In Pemberton – January 28, 2010 – 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Signal Hill Elementary School.  
To register please contact the school secretary at 604 894-6378.

For further information, please contact Rose MacKenzie, Director of Instruction at 604 892- 5261.