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BC Family Hearing Resource Society



March 1, 2011

Dear Families,

Next month, April 28th – 30th, we will be offering our PEER group program to families with hard of hearing children who are transitioning to Kindergarten in the fall. This is a really exciting and valuable program for children and their parents. The children's program is geared towards promoting independence with equipment, positive self-esteem and effective self-advocacy skills, all of which are crucial to their success in mainstream settings and everyday life situations. Parents will have the opportunity to learn important information about Kindergarten transition through facilitated discussions and through hearing from both professional and parent/teen/young adult panels. Come to learn more about supports in the school system, acoustics, teaching strategies, technology, funding, and how to be an effective advocate for your child. It's all about information and learning from one another! Please see the attached brochure for more information.

Our PEER program is for local and outreach families alike. Accommodation is being offered for outreach families through the *Services for Family and Community Development Program*, on the Victory Hill site in Burnaby. If you wish to take advantage of these accommodations or learn more, please contact Cathy Luther as soon as possible as space is limited and requests are on a first come, first serve basis.

Lunch will be provided each day.

We hope you'll be joining us for PEER Group 2011! **Please RSVP by April 1st 2011.** You can register by calling 604-584-2827 or toll free 1-877-584-2827.

Sincerely,

Cathy Luther
Family Support Parent

Kristyn Payne
Teacher of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing