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Interactive Innovations: March 2 – 4
<http://www.interactiveinnovations.ca/>

Premier's Awards for Teaching Excellence Awards Presentation: March 3, 2008

Pan-Canadian Interactive Literacy Forum: April 13 – 15, 2008
<http://literacy.cmec.ca/index-en.html>

Reel Vue, Student Film Project

Students, there's still time to get your applications in for Reel Vue. Let a piece of your visual art, writing or music earn you the chance to make a film with a team of two other students on the Southern Gulf Islands. You'll also attend your film's World Premier in Vancouver.



Application details are on the [Reel Vue website](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/reelvue). Click on the band of colours above the "Welcome" sign. The general idea is that you send in your most compelling story around the theme of B.C. history, connecting your submission to one of five themes, home, time, space, humanity and choice. The deadline for submitting applications is February 22, 2008.

See B.C. Through the Eyes of a Pen Pal

Teachers, join in the anniversary celebrations of B.C.'s 150 years by connecting your students with other B.C. students. An easy way to do this is to make a connection with another school in the Province. To get started, visit [BC Schools](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/bcschools). You might want to consider connecting with a school with the same name as your school, or a

school in another town where relatives of your students live.

Student Congress - Application Deadline Approaching

Grade 10–12 students, get your applications in for the [2008 Student Congress](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/asc/). The final day for making application is Friday, February 22. Apply online at <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/asc/>

The Congress is taking place in Vancouver on April 4. The theme for this year's congress is "Your Education = Your Future." Student delegates will have a chance to hold discussions on achievement in the classroom, and what they can do to be leaders in their community.

2008 Annual Student Congress



Are you currently a grade 10-12 student studying in a public, independent or band school?

Would you like the opportunity to share your ideas with other students from across the province?

Are you interested in speaking directly with the Minister of Education on important issues?

On Friday, April 4, 2008 at the Morris J. Wolk Centre for Dialogue in Vancouver, the Ministry of Education will host the second annual Student Congress. This one-day Congress will bring together students from across British Columbia.

How to Apply

- Fill in the online application form and be sure to provide all requested information.
- Print the consent form for your parent or guardian to sign.
- Bring the consent form to your school office for a school administrator, such as a principal or vice principal, to sign. Ask your school office to fax it back to the Ministry of Education at 250-387-0044.

All applications, including consent forms, must be received by 5pm on Friday, February 22, 2008.

Participants will be randomly selected. Selected applicants will have travel costs paid by the ministry.

For the online application and answers to all your questions, check out:

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/asc/>



Celebration of Learning: Student e-Gallery

Teachers and students, the deadline for submissions to the Student e-Gallery has been extended to February 19. B.C. K-12 students are invited to submit a photo of one piece of original art to be displayed in an e-Gallery as part of the Ministry of Education's



Celebration of Education Month. Interested students should speak to their art teacher or principal for information on how to submit.

Fast Forward Educational Media Showcase, April 30 - May 1, 2008

Is audio-visual part of your work? If so, you may want to attend the Fast Forward Media Showcase held April 30 & May 1st, 2008 in North Vancouver. Organized by Langara College, the show allows media buyers to view, evaluate and discuss the best in video and DVD suitable for use in education, training and libraries. [Fast Forward](#) is organized annually by media users in K-12 and post-secondary education to bring together high quality educational media distributors and buyers.

School Field Trip: BC Sports Hall of Fame

Who inspires youth today? Find out with a field trip to the BC Sports Hall of Fame. Field trips are designed to help students learn about B.C.'s outstanding sports history and heroes. Visit the [BC Sports Hall of Fame website](#) for more details or contact 604-687-5520.

Celebration of Learning Education Month Contest

Contest?

Learn about education in B.C., past and present, and win a grand prize package of a family trip to Victoria, including travel, accommodation and tours of the B.C. Legislature and Royal BC Museum (special thanks to the Royal BC Museum!). Other prizes include a selection of great educational materials.

How do I enter the contest?

1. Visit the Ministry of Education's Celebration of Learning Online Calendar - the Calendar runs throughout March, 2008.
2. Hunt through the Online Calendar for the daily EdFacts.
3. During the week of March 23 - 30th, take the Education Month Online Quiz.
4. Winners* will be announced on March 31.

Winners will be randomly selected from Education Month Online Quizzes with perfect scores.

When and where can I find the Online Calendar?

You can get to the Celebration of Learning Online Calendar either from the main [Ministry of Education](#) webpage or from the Ministry's [Education Month](#) webpage. The Online Calendar will be available beginning the last week in February.

What else will the Online Calendar feature?

Art from K-12 students across BC (Student e-Gallery); archival photographs, film-clips and audio interviews with one-room school teachers; and links to educational events happening around the province this very special March.

Eco Kits for B.C. Schools

As part of the Green Schools strategy, the Ministry of Education is offering all public and independent schools (K-12) a [BC Green Schools Eco Kit](#). The deadline for ordering free Eco Kits is March 31.

The kit contains an idea book full of possible projects, such as establishing composting or recycling programs in the school, tending a garden or cleaning a local pond. A log book allows students and staff to help their school rise in rank through an environmental-status merit system. This is an opportunity for all B.C. schools, teachers and students to become green with a bias-balanced, curriculum fit, green schools Eco Kit.

If you are already a green school or are working on becoming green and need a new kit at any level, Green, Jade, Emerald, or Earth, your next kit level is being made available to you.

[Learn more](#) about the Eco Kits program. Or if you are a school administrator, [sign your school up to get an Eco Kit](#).

China and Korea Calling: 2008 Peace and Reconciliation Study Tour for Canadian Teachers

The [2008 Peace and Reconciliation Study Tour for Canadian Teachers](#) is a heavily subsidized professional development opportunity. The study tour supports teachers in using the teachers' guide [Human Rights in the Asia Pacific 1931-1945: Social Responsibility & Global Citizenship](#) published by the Ministry of Education in both English and French. The deadline for application is March 1, 2008.

Writers in Electronic Residence: 20th Anniversary

The [Writers in Electronic Residence](#) (WIER) program turns 20 years old this year. The program connects classes or other groups of students with established Canadian writers for writing salons and mentorship.

Applications are now being accepted for WIER's spring term, running from March 17 - June 6.

Canadian writers who have participated in WIER in the past include many of Canada's biggest names, including Patrick Lane, Susan Musgrave, Richard Van Camp and Linda Rogers.

WIER has also begun working with teachers of distance education. To find out more about WIER's programs, please contact:

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