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March 2008: Education Month

Education Month is here and throughout B.C. the Celebration of Learning has begun.

British Columbia abounds with learning opportunities. [The Celebration of Learning Online Calendar](#) highlights educational events in B.C. in March. Visit the Online Calendar to check out what's happening in your community and to get a sense of the scope of education-related activities taking place in B.C.

K-12 Students from around the province are helping to celebrate Education Month by submitting photographs of their works of art. Their contributions are fantastic. To enjoy them, check out the Celebration of Learning Online Calendar's Student e-Gallery.

The Celebration of Learning includes an [EdFacts contest](#) with 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!

For more information on Education Month, please visit the [Education Month website](#).

Electronic Curriculum Updates

The Education Standards Unit has set up an electronic Curriculum Information Update system.

Please subscribe through the link provided on the [Curriculum homepage](#) on the Ministry of Education website.

The Education Standards unit appreciates feedback on the service. Also, please spread the word about this subscription service to your colleagues.



Happy Education Month from the Ministry of Education.

Anti-Bullying Day

On February 27, students, teachers and members of the general public wore pink shirts across B.C. as a sign of their support for anti-bullying day.

Attorney General Wally Oppal signed a proclamation earlier this month to declare February 27, 2008 Anti-Bullying Day in British Columbia.



The proclamation highlights the Province's commitment to building a safe and inclusive environment of communities that foster respect, fairness, equity and compassion, and to celebrate the actions of individuals, schools

and communities to address bullying, harassment and intimidation.

Putting an end to bullying is one of the Ministry of Education's top priorities. The Province passed legislation last spring requiring all schools to have codes of conduct for their students that meet provincial standards. The ministries of Education and Public Safety and Solicitor General are also updating the Focus on Bullying and Focus on Harassment and Intimidation guides, and developing a brochure that will soon be in schools to help families better understand the role they share with schools in bullying prevention.

Reel Vue - Student Film Project Deadline Extended to March 10

Teachers and students, please note that the deadline for submissions to [Reel Vue](#), a student film project, has been extended to March 10.

The Reel Vue website now includes an online registry and students can send in their submission form and materials online.



Reel Vue is a fantastic opportunity for students interested in the arts. Check it out today!

Supplemental Resources to the HeartSmart™ Kids Program

The Heart and Stroke Foundation of B.C. & Yukon is offering the following free educational resources to educators to promote healthy hearts:

- HeartSmart™ Active Fun Kit for Families – this interactive educational tool is full of ideas to get a generation of families on the move and in the groove of regular physical activity
- Pumped Magazine – New Edition – 24 colorful pages of stories, information and tips on physical activity, nutrition, and living smoke-free (Grades 4-6 only)

To receive free classroom sets and for more information about the HeartSmart Kids™ Program, please contact: Toll-free: 1-888-473-4636 ext. 364 or healthpromotion@hsf.bc.ca

Apply for funding to hold Explorations summer camps. The application deadline is extended to March 31, 2008.

Through the Explorations program, 2010 Legacies Now will provide schools and school districts up to \$7,000 per camp offering children’s summer programs. Explorations is specifically designed to reach students facing issues of access and/or equity to participate in summer activities.

Explorations supports programs across B.C. where children discover new interests and learn skills in the arts and/or sport and recreation. Explorations encourages schools and community groups to partner together in offering fun, unique programs that complement the school curriculum.

For more information call Meghan Hunter at 1-866-427-2010 ext. 5137 or email explorations@2010LegaciesNow.com. Visit www.2010legaciesnow.com/explorations/ to review guidelines and download an application form.

Praise for Explorations summer camps:

“I’m VERY excited about the variety of activities being offered and the quality of the staffing this year. The buzz has started in the district, and parents are already lining up to get their children involved.”

- Gordon Holden, camp coordinator, SD #71

“This grant offers opportunities. Being able to access this type of funding opens up possibilities for communities that are fighting to stay afloat.”

- Rose Falk, camp coordinator, SD #27

“I enjoy my experiences in the Explorations program because it provides me with leadership opportunities that are grounded in my belief to build positive community relations through sport.”

- Karen Kettenacker, camp coordinator, SD #5

Make a Case Against Racism - International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, falls on Good Friday this year.

To mark the observance of the date, the Ministry of Attorney General, in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, has designed an innovative initiative: "Make a Case Against Racism." The initiative includes an exciting interactive CD-cover design competition for students in Grades 4 to 7.

Resources are being delivered to schools in early March; beginning on March 3rd, teachers can visit www.WelcomeBC.ca to download a user-friendly teachers’ guide to help plan their participation in advance of the March 21 observance date.

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