

Upcoming Deadlines

April 4, 2008

Visa Olympics of the Imagination children's art competition (see *EdInfo* Vol. 7 No. 12)

April 28, 2008

Governor General's Awards for Excellence in Teaching Canadian History (see below)

Notable & Upcoming

March 31, 2008

Winners of the Education Month EdFacts Contest announced

April 4, 2008

2008 Student Congress

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

April 13-15, 2008

Pan-Canadian Interactive Literacy Forum

<http://literacy.cmec.ca/>



English 12 First Peoples IRP



Development of the new English 12 First Peoples (EFP12)

Integrated Resource

Package (IRP) is nearing completion.

Distribution of the EFP 12 IRP is

planned for May 2008 in preparation for implementation in September 2008.

Although the response period has closed, the response draft of the EFP 12 IRP is still available for viewing on the [Ministry of Education curriculum website](#). This draft will be replaced with the final IRP on the curriculum webpage as soon as it is printed and available for webposting.

Sample Exams will be available on the [Provincial Examinations website](#) in June 2008. Currently the [2007-2008 draft EFP12 Examination Specifications and draft Sample Questions](#) are available for viewing.

English 12 and English 12 First Peoples both meet the same rigorous graduation requirements. Students may choose to take one or both of these courses and they may use results from one or both provincial examinations towards provincial scholarships. It is intended that students who earn credit for English 12 First Peoples will qualify for entry into post-secondary educational institutions and programs on the same basis as those who earn credit for English 12. Accordingly, the final EFP 12 IRP will be forwarded to British Columbia post-secondary institutions for their review and consideration.

The final versions of the Exam Specifications, Sample Questions, and

Premier Gordon Campbell, Education Minister Shirley Bond, and Stephen Point, B.C.'s Lieutenant Governor, with the recipients of the Premier's Awards for Teaching Excellence at a ceremony at Government House in Victoria earlier this month. Congratulations to all the Awards winners!



The Governor General's Awards for Excellence in Teaching Canadian History

EdInfo would like to draw your attention to the Governor General's Awards for Excellence in Teaching Canadian History. Six recipients will be awarded \$2,500, a medal and a trip to Ottawa for two to attend the Awards ceremony. In addition, \$1,000 will be awarded to the recipients' schools.

Recipients will enjoy two days of unforgettable experiences. In the past, these have included Vice-regal ceremonies and luncheons with her Excellency; cocktails in the Senate, as well as tours of La Citadelle, Old Québec City, Parliament Hill, Rideau Hall, the Library and Archives Canada Preservation Centre and the Mackenzie King Estate.

The History Society invites educators from elementary, middle and senior levels to participate in the Awards, provided that their work features Canadian content with an historical dimension. Teachers can present themselves or a group or be nominated by a student, parent or colleague.

The deadline for submissions is April 28, 2007. To apply, please see the [rules](#), [form](#) and [information](#).

Look for the new Governor General's Awards poster featuring Champlain's Habitation arriving in schools in April.

Reel Vue, Student Film Project Update

Students have now been selected for the Reel Vue, Student Film Project. Selected students will work together to create films related to BC history at the Gulf Islands Film and Television School.

EdInfo will keep readers up-to-date on the progress of the student films. Be sure to keep your eye out for next year's Reel Vue, Student Film Project.

Last Chance to Enter Education Month EdFacts Contest

Education Month is almost over and this is your last chance to enter the [EdFacts contest](#). The EdFacts contest draw will be held on March 31. The grand prize package is 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!

Educational Portrait of Canada, 2006 Census

Statistics Canada recently released [education-related findings from the 2006 census](#). The census data highlights national and provincial trends.

Curriculum Update: March 2008 Home Economics IRPs

The final Home Economic IRPs, Textiles 8-12, Foods and Nutrition 8-12, and Family Studies 10-12 are now available on the [Ministry of Education curriculum website](#).

Hard copies of the Home Economic IRPs will be distributed to secondary schools when available and will soon be available from the [Queen's Printer](#).

Curriculum Update: March 2008 Home Economics IRPs (cont.)

The Ministry of Education is responsible for ensuring that educators and students have appropriate learning resources to support learning of the curriculum. Recommended learning resources are posted in Grade Collections by subject area and grade. To support the new Home Economic curricula, evaluations of potential learning resources will be conducted over the next few months. Once the evaluation process is complete, a notice will be sent out through the Curriculum Information Update service with a link to the updated Grade Collection.

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