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Be Part of the Vancouver 2010 Olympics and Paralympics Education Program



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The Ministry of Education and the Vancouver Organizing Committee are collaborating to bring the excitement of the Olympic and Paralympic Games to students throughout the province, across Canada and around the world. Educators and students can access activities and resources and share their stories at [/EDU](http://www.edinfo.gov.bc.ca), the Canadian School Portal for the Olympic and Paralympic Games: <http://www.vancouver2010.com/edu>.

Paralympic School Week November 3-7, 2008

Educators across the country are invited to participate in the Pan-Canadian Paralympic School Week program, which adopts the ideals of the Paralympic Movement and focuses on people with a disability who are making a difference.

The theme for the Paralympic School Week is "Paralympism in Canada." A teacher's guide "Celebrating Paralympic School Week in Your School," which contains activity suggestions and resources, is available on [/EDU](http://www.edinfo.gov.bc.ca). The Ministry of Education would like to acknowledge the contributions made by a number of BC educators in the production of this guide.

Sharing the Dream Webcasts November 12, 2008

The Ministry of Education, in collaboration with British Columbia Education Leadership Council (BCELC) and the Road to 2010 Youth Leadership group invite senior students across the country to join us on November 12, 2008 for the first in a series of student-led webcast interviews related to global citizenship. Our first guest will be Canadian Olympic gold medalist Carol Huynh.

Between webcasts, students can interact and exchange views and ideas through the "TakingITGlobal" online discussion forum. For more information and to learn how your school can get involved, go to the Sharing the Dream website at www.sharingthedream.gov.bc.ca.

Get to Know B.C.'s Education History



In celebration of B.C.'s 150th birthday as a crown colony, the Education Minister Shirley Bond announced a new website housing a set of resources that supplement the regular social studies and drama curriculum. All students, parents and teachers are encouraged to explore the BC150 Resource website and learn more about the following resources:

- *BC Education: The Story of the One-Room Schoolhouse*: A set of activities illustrating the history of BC education through images and stories of one-room schoolhouses, developed in collaboration with three BC schools.
- *Far West: The Story of British Columbia*: A book chronicling B.C.'s cultural past, from the first Aboriginal people to present day. A teacher guide (grades 4 to 9) that supports the book is also included.
- *Rush to BC: A Social Studies Resource*: A teacher's guide and set of interactive student activities focused on the explorers, fur traders and gold miners who came to BC.
- *BC History in Action: A Drama Resource*: A teacher's guide for teaching BC history through drama for grades K to 7 and 8 to 12.

These timeless resources are applicable to the current curriculum and can also be used to supplement classroom lessons after 2008. The BC150 Resource website is available at <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/bc150/>.

Education Guidelines Support Children and Youth in Care

The ministries of Children and Family Development and Education have launched new provincial guidelines aimed at improving

information-sharing, strengthening practices and joint planning to help children and youth in care succeed in school.

Developed in consultation with regional representatives, public and independent school system representatives, the *Joint Education Planning and Support for Children and Youth in Care: Cross-Ministry Guidelines* will assist educators, child welfare workers, families and caregivers in responding to significant transitions or periods of stress for children and youth in care.

Under the new guidelines, information that could be shared with child welfare workers and foster parents include report cards, school transcripts, and other information relevant to a child's well-being and success at school. With improved information-sharing, those who are involved in the care plan for the child or youth can monitor their progress and be made aware of potential issues that may influence educational outcomes.

The new guidelines are ready to be implemented this school year. For more information on these and other initiatives, please visit www.gov.bc.ca/mcf or www.gov.bc.ca/bced.

Free Construction Safety Training Lessons Available to Schools

The Construction Safety Association of British Columbia (CSABC) is a non-profit organization owned and operated by the construction industry of BC. This is an important program for students who are considering careers in the construction industry. Every year thousands of construction workers are injured on the job. Most accidents can be prevented through education and practical skill development.

CSABC is the distributor of a program of construction safety which consists of 12 lessons on construction safety for workers. The lessons are contained on a CD and include a study session, review and an assessment.

For further information please call the Construction Safety Association of BC at 604-434-3222 or toll free at 1-877-434-3222, or e-mail info@csabc.ca.