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Sharing the Dream

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## Notable & Upcoming

**February 20, 2009**  
Sharing the Dream webcast #2 with Michael Furdyk

**April 30, 2009**  
Sharing the Dream webcast #3 with Severin Cullis-Suzuki

**September 7-11, 2009**  
Back to School Celebration

**October 23, 2009**  
Provincial Pro-D Day 2010 education workshops

**October 30, 2009**  
Canada's Torch Relay begins in Victoria

**November 2-6, 2009**  
Pan-Canadian Paralympic School Week

**February 12-18, 2010**  
2010 Olympic Winter Games

**March 12-21, 2010**  
2010 Paralympic Winter Games

vancouver2010.com /EDU

Canadian school portal for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games

[/EDU](#) is the Canadian school portal for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The website features five main themes: sport, culture, sustainability, the Olympic Movement and the Paralympic Movement, plus the overarching theme of global citizenship.

For more information on /EDU, go to [www.vancouver2010.com/en/culture-and-education/education/-/33970/1qaq2ey/index.html](http://www.vancouver2010.com/en/culture-and-education/education/-/33970/1qaq2ey/index.html).

## Ministry of Education Sharing the Dream Programs

[Sharing the Dream website](#) is the BC Ministry of Education's (MEd) contribution to the Vancouver 2010 Education Program. Students can participate in activities and discussions with students from other parts of the country and the world, and teachers can access resources to help plan and implement lessons and activities focused on the spirit of the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

For more information, visit Sharing the Dream at <http://www.sharingthedream.gov.bc.ca/>.

## Adopt a Country



Premier Gordon Campbell at the Adopt a Country launch.

Adopt a Country, launched by Premier Campbell at the February 12 [one-year countdown event](#) is a school-based program where schools or classrooms "adopt" one of the countries participating in the Vancouver 2010 Games.

Students from K-12 will learn about global citizenship by: engaging in research and discussion of economic, environmental and cultural topics; connecting with local cultural organizations to learn about their adopted country and people; displaying their learning to the community; and cheering for their adopted country during the 2010 Games.

Download the Adopt a Country [guide](#) from MEd's Sharing the Dream website at [www.sharingthedream.gov.bc.ca/adopt-a-country/](http://www.sharingthedream.gov.bc.ca/adopt-a-country/).





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### Project Showcase

The /EDU [Project Showcase](#) features school projects that relate to the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games and the pillars of sport, culture, and sustainability.

The Showcase offers teachers an opportunity to share the imaginative work they're doing with a worldwide audience, and to be inspired by the work of their colleagues. Teachers and their students can engage in the Olympic and Paralympic movements by highlighting activities that make a difference to them, their schools, their communities, and the world.

Every school, class or individual who submits a project to /EDU receives a certificate that can be hung in a classroom or school display cabinet.

For more info, go to [www.vancouver2010.com/en/culture-and-education/education/project-showcase/-/33980/sm1379/index.html](http://www.vancouver2010.com/en/culture-and-education/education/project-showcase/-/33980/sm1379/index.html)

### Teachers' Forum

The [Teachers' Forum](#) is a professional online community inspiring teachers to share ideas, best practices and classroom resources.

The University of BC's Faculty of Education facilitates the forum, provides interesting online guests and constructive topics for discussion, and suggests new and relevant K-12 education resources in the areas of sport and healthy living, culture and sustainability. To join the conversation, visit: [eduforum.vancouver2010.com/](http://eduforum.vancouver2010.com/).

### 2010 Posters and Computer Wallpaper



/EDU's Fun Zone offers Vancouver 2010 desktop [wallpaper](#) of your favourite sport to download on your computer screen. Check out the images at [www.vancouver2010.com/en/fun-zone/downloads/-/32722/1hsgj4c/index.html](http://www.vancouver2010.com/en/fun-zone/downloads/-/32722/1hsgj4c/index.html).

You can also download the Vancouver 2010 posters to hang in your school info centre or classroom.

For these and other fun activities, like [meeting the 2010 mascots](#), and playing the environmentally-friendly online game [Operation Recycle](#) with Miga, Quatchi and Sumi, go to /EDU's Fun Zone at [www.vancouver2010.com/en/fun-zone/-/32708/5c8g80/index.html](http://www.vancouver2010.com/en/fun-zone/-/32708/5c8g80/index.html).





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The Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games is inviting youth aged 13-24 from British Columbia to take part in the *u-reduce/u-produce* video digital storytelling contest.

Participants should send a 10-to 90-second video or animation clip showcasing innovative things people can do to reduce their environmental footprint. The Grand Prize is \$2,000. The contest runs from February 9 to March 10, 2009.

For more information, visit [www.vancouver2010.com/dl/00/63/31/-/63318/prop=data/xna9sq/63318.pdf](http://www.vancouver2010.com/dl/00/63/31/-/63318/prop=data/xna9sq/63318.pdf).

## Bon Voyage Sumi!



Our favourite Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games mascot is on an adventure of Canadian proportions. [Sumi](#) (in small plush form) is flying to Canadian schools, inspiring students and educators to engage in the passion and spirit of the

Paralympic Games.

Schools document their special activities with Sumi through artwork, photos and in written projects, then forward Sumi and the stories of his latest journey to friends at a different school anywhere in Canada. Sumi's adventures are posted on /EDU. To learn more, go to [www.vancouver2010.com/dl/00/61/34/-/61342/prop=data/1qqq19f/61342.pdf](http://www.vancouver2010.com/dl/00/61/34/-/61342/prop=data/1qqq19f/61342.pdf).

## Useful Resources

For more online resources that teachers can use to connect their lesson planning with the learning opportunities related to Vancouver 2010, go to [www.vancouver2010.com/en/culture-and-education/education/useful-resources/-/33984/qreycs/index.html](http://www.vancouver2010.com/en/culture-and-education/education/useful-resources/-/33984/qreycs/index.html).

For updates and information about Vancouver 2010 Education Programs, subscribe to receive e-mail communications by selecting "EDU Canadian School Portal" on the Vancouver 2010 Communications subscription form <https://secure.vancouver2010.com/en/register-form/-/32710/dc=114/hi=1/8y8yeg/index.html>.



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