



NewsBytes

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BCCPAC 2011 Spring Conference & AGM

The Parent Voice: Connecting For The Future – April 29 – May 1 at the Hilton Vancouver in Richmond. All parents from around the province are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate in all or part of the weekend. Information including the registration form, speakers, travel subsidy, hotel, resolutions, voting, etc is available on our [website](#) – [To read all about it click here](#)

Government Press & News Releases

Catch up on the latest K-12 Government news/press releases. Visit the new section of our website by [clicking here](#)

Healthy School Snacks at No Cost to You- The deadline to apply for this year's BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program (BCFVNP) has been extend to April 15. The BCFVNP is part of [ActNowBC](#). Participation in this program is at no cost to schools. Students and school staff will receive a fresh fruit or vegetable snack once-a-week every other week. The fresh and nutritious fruits and vegetables are grown in BC, subject to availability. The program began five years ago with 10 schools and currently serves more than 1150 schools and 381,000 students. The major partners of the program are Overwaitea Food Group and Saputo, the sponsor is the BC Government and more than 1000 farmers are also actively involved. [Click here](#) for information or visit <http://www.aitc.ca/bc/>

Breakfast For Learning British Columbia

Breakfast for Learning British Columbia provides nutrition grants to start and sustain successful school and community-based breakfast and snack programs for children and youth across the province. These grants are available to support child nutrition programs that serve breakfast, lunch and/or snack programs offered in the school setting, during regular school hours. For our full funding criteria, [click here](#). **New Grant Application Deadline - June 1st, 2011**

How Children Learn to Read

Back by popular demand, CEA and Dr. Ben Levin's Knowledge Mobilization Team at OISE have teamed up to provide you with new one-page summaries on timely and relevant topics of interest to parents, trustees, teachers, and administrators, based on current empirical educational research.

Please follow this link to access the first new Facts in Education summary, How Children Learn to Read <http://cea-ace.us1.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=ad36f7933a&id=1247d82381&e=373013cc84>

CIRA and Media Awareness Network Launch Guide to Avoiding Risks Online

As the Internet has become a part of our daily lives, so too have the number and severity of potential risks we face each day. With increasing accessibility to digital technologies, Internet literacy programs are, now more than ever, essential to protecting Internet users and their computers. MNet focuses its efforts on equipping adults with information and tools to help young people develop the critical thinking skills required to understand the extent to which they, as consumers and citizens, are being well informed. [Click here for full details](#)

BCPSEA has recently launched a public Twitter feed to provide school Trustees, staff, parents and members of the general public with up to the minute news releases and background information regarding provincial bargaining with teachers and related topics. Their Twitter address is 'BCPSEA'

Environmental Law Clinic – University of Victoria – Challenging the shutdown of school busses

Public document for your information. This is a legal opinion on the potential shutdown of school buses by school boards in districts across the province as it relates to environmental concerns specifically using School District #79 Cowichan as a case study. [Click here for full details](#)

Do You Know Canada's Next Green Journalist? 3 Prizes Available.

Strutting your stuff isn't just for the Fashion Week runways anymore. Now, up and coming environmental journalists can bathe in the spotlight on their way to becoming [Canada's Next Green Journalist](#). 12-18 year olds are invited to show off their photos, videos and/or written articles on their local environments, illuminating topics ranging from climate change and water, to agriculture and biodiversity. We're giving away [three prizes of \\$500 cash for schools, a digital camera, a camcorder, and a laptop](#) for the winners in each category, in addition to the chance to represent Canada on the world [Young Reporters](#) stage. It's true what they say: environmental journalism is so hot right now. So spread the word to every young person, parent, teacher and school you know [to enter](#) by April 30, 2011!

The Year of Science: Igniting Scientific Minds - \$25,000 Scholarship to be won

[Click here for further details](#) - Visit www.YearofSciencebc.ca to learn more about the program and how to enter the \$25,000 scholarship contest.

Youth Science Month is a national event that sees over 500,000 students competing in project-based science across Canada through a series of regional fairs. Winners will compete at the 50th annual Canada-Wide Science Fair in Toronto, May 14-21, 2011. More information can be found at the Science Fair Foundation of B.C. at: www.sciencefairs.ca

1st Annual "Raise Your Voice" video essay contest is here!

Enter Environmental Youth Alliance's (EYA) video essay contest for a chance to win a \$1000 environmental entrance scholarship. All entries must be received by 11:59pm on May 2, 2011 to be eligible to win. [Click here for full details](#)

The 2011 Census is staffing 35,000 jobs across Canada.

Calling all stay-at-home parents, students, recently retired persons, and those wanting to supplement your income. Rates of pay (\$14.72 to \$18.04 an hour) vary by assignment. The work period is early March to the end of July 2011, depending on assignment. Visit the 2011 Census website or call **1-866-773-2011** for more information.

If you can commit to at least 20 hours per week including evenings, weekends and holidays, apply now.

To download and submit an online application, visit the website at <http://www.census2011.gc.ca/>

Share your Event

Does your PAC/DPAC have an event, workshop, seminar or meeting happening in your area which you would like to share? If so, please let us know about it and we will post the information on our [Provincial/Regional/District Events page](#) of the website.

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