



NewsBytes

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Pink Shirt Day – February 23, 2011 – Bullying Stops here! - Bullying is a major problem in our schools, workplaces, homes, and over the Internet. Over the next few weeks on [CKNW](#) they will be helping raise awareness on these issues and the guests will hopefully give us all the tools needed to stand up against bullies and step in when we see it happening. Then on February 23, 2011 we encourage all of you to wear something pink to symbolize that we as a society will not tolerate bullying anywhere

Summer job season not so far away - The end of the school year is only three and a half months away. If you have kids in high school they may already be thinking about their summer jobs. You can help them by sharing your own experiences and encouraging them to exercise their health and safety rights at work. Want some ideas? Learn about how to talk to your kids about safety before they start work and after they're hired by reading the WorkSafeBC brochure, [This Could Happen to Your Child](#). Or, pass along [Getting a Job](#), which gives your kids useful tips on how to address their own safety concerns at work.

A reminder: April 15 is the deadline for entries into the WorkSafeBC Student Safety Video Contest. For inspiration and full contest details, visit the [contest web page](#).

Green Games Sign up extended to March 1 - BC Green Games is a province-wide competition for students in K-12, designed to motivate action, enable sharing and reward and celebrate the green efforts of schools in BC. Schools can sign-up teams until March 1. Projects may include but are not limited to topics like the following: climate change; greenhouse gas reduction; energy conservation; stewardship and conservation. Click for details or visit <http://www.bcgreengames.ca/>

Good food hero comic contest – Deadline March 1, 2011

Students from across Canada are invited to create their own comic and enter it in the [Canada's Good Food Hero Comic Contest](#). This is your chance to get creative and create awareness about food in Canada. Winners will receive awesome prizes, and the top 10 entries from each age group will be featured in the *Good Food Hero Comic Book*, to be printed and distributed across the country in a 32-page colour booklet!

The Human Early learning Partnership – has provided information for parents about a study called the Early Development Instrument, which many parents will be receiving letters about at this time. The study rolls-out in February across most districts in the province. [Click here for further details](#). [Click here for Newsletter](#).

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Science Worlds, Night of Family Science – 3 Locations Confirmed (Kamloops February 24, Victoria March 10, Courtenay April 7, 2011)

Science world is presenting “Night of family Science” in 8 locations across BC and these events are being sponsored by the Provincial Government as part of the year of Science. For further information as well as details on how you can help [click here](#) or contact [Brian Anderson Program Developer, Community Engagement](#), t | 604-443-7493 or 1-800-363-1611



BC Centre for Safe Schools & Communities - Please find attached the February e-Newsletter from the BC Centre for Safe Schools and Communities. This quarter's theme is Substance Abuse and Health. This newsletter can also be found on the Centre's website at http://www.ufv.ca/bccssc/Resources/e_Newsletters.htm



Positive Parenting Videos – A new video project aimed at supporting and strengthening BC’s immigrant and refugee communities. Currently available in Mandarin with English subtitles, and Cantonese, Korean and Vietnamese dubs with English subtitles, the culturally appropriate videos look at the challenges faced by immigrant families as they navigate a new culture, new societal rules – and, in some cases, a growing communication gap between parents and children. The videos seek to ‘demystify’ the ministry, explain child protection and family support, and offer clear information about the wide range of programs and services available, including those for children and youth with special needs or mental health challenges, and their families. [Click here for videos](#)



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