



NewsBytes

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Renew your BCPAC Membership Now

Time to renew your [membership](#) for the upcoming year: September 1, 2010 – August 31, 2011. To be eligible to vote at the [Fall Conference](#) Extraordinary General Meeting, memberships must be received by October 31, 2010.

BCCPAC Our Voice Magazine – Calling all Members for Ideas & Contributions

We are seeking content ideas and submissions from our membership. Drop us an email info@bccpac.bc.ca or call 604-687-4433 or toll free 1-866-529-4397 and let us know what topics most concern you and/or information you'd like to share with parents across B.C. Thank you.

The BC Earthquake Alliance would like to invite your school to be part of the 1st Annual **ShakeOut BC Earthquake Drill!** January 26, 2011 @ 10 am

British Columbia is located in a seismically active region where a few thousand earthquakes occur each year. Although only a small number of these earthquakes are large enough to cause damage, the threat of a major earthquake in the province is real. On January 26, 2011 – the 311th anniversary of BC's last magnitude 9 earthquake and tsunami – a locally-driven, province wide "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" drill will take place called "ShakeOut BC". All residents across British Columbia are encouraged to take part in the largest earthquake drill in Canadian history! In addition schools are encouraged to practice portions of their emergency plan, such as simulating an evacuation, involving parents in the pick-up of students and other emergency response drills. The ShakeOut BC drill is planned to occur during the morning, however, the drill can be carried out during the afternoon if it is more appropriate for your school schedule.

Schools are requested to complete a registration at

http://www.shakeout.org/bc/register/school_form.php?email and will be asked to participate in a survey after the drill.

Free Course offers Interactive Food Safety Training

VICTORIA - The Province has launched a new self-guided online course on how to safely handle and prepare food so you can reduce the risk of food-borne illnesses caused by contamination, announced Ida Chong, Minister of Healthy Living and Sport. The web-based, interactive course will benefit people who prepare food in work, community and home environments, where it is not always necessary for them to hold a food training certificate. It's available in multiple languages at www.foodsafety.gov.bc.ca, as well as on DVD. A short video about the course led by Kendall is available at http://www.hls.gov.bc.ca/protect/ehp_foodsafetydemo.html.

BC Centre for Safe Schools and Communities

[Click here](#) for the summer e-Newsletter from the BC Centre for Safe Schools and Communities. The focus of this edition is Child Exploitation. You will find some useful tips for keeping children and youth safe in the introduction, *Summer Internet Safety*. This newsletter can also be found on the Centre's website at http://www.ufv.ca/bccssc/Resources/e_Newsletters.htm

Curriculum Information Updates – Primary Program: A Guide for Teaching (2010)

To support the implementation of [full school day kindergarten](#), the Ministry of Education is updating the [Primary Program: A Framework for Teaching \(2000\)](#) (PDF, 4.6MB) to include the latest research and best practices to support children's learning and development. The draft resource titled, *The Primary Program: A Guide for Teaching (2010)*, is available for review on the Ministry of Education website at: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp/drafts/> from June 25, 2010 to October 15, 2010. Teachers, parents, education partners and stakeholders are invited to provide feedback by filling in the [response form](#). The updated Primary Program will be available during the 2010/2011 school year.

Canadian Teachers Federation will launch a new initiative - On September 1, the Canadian Teachers'

Federation will launch a new initiative – *Imagineaction* – a student-driven social action program.

Imagineaction will offer teachers subsidies to support student-driven social action projects; access to expertise to work with them on issues of community importance; professional development, including resources and other supporting tools to facilitate the critical thinking process within curriculum and the development and implementation of effective sustainable social action projects. For further information visit their website:

<http://www.imagine-action.ca/Index.aspx>

Rock Solid Foundation – WITS Program

Rock Solid Foundation's anti-bullying curriculum known as the WITS Program is being implemented in 120 schools across BC, teaching children to use their WITS (Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out, Seek Help) when faced with an aggressive situation. For more information and to see a video of the WITS Program in action, please visit their website www.witsprogram.ca.

Heart & Stroke Foundation - HeartSmart Kids Program

Do you want your child to make heart-healthy lifestyle choices?

If yes, tell your child's teacher or school about the HeartSmart Kids™ program! The HeartSmart Kids™ program is a fun, interactive way to teach children about healthy eating, active living, and being smoke-free. Beginning this September, the program offers educators a new FREE e-learning module that makes it easy for educators to learn about the HeartSmart Kids™ program anytime and from anywhere. Teachers who complete the module will receive FREE classroom resources such as lesson plans, a class set of student magazines and classroom posters.

Show your commitment to the future health of your child.

For more information visit: www.heartandstroke.bc.ca/heartsmarkids

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