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*Keeping you up to date on events and resources essential for healthier schools and communities*

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## About Us

**Our Vision:** Children and youth in British Columbia are nurtured in safe, caring, and inclusive schools and communities in order to ensure their well-being and maximize their potential.

**Our Mission:** To facilitate the use of evidence-informed approaches to promoting safe, healthy, and inclusive schools and communities.

**Our Mandate:** To provide research and resources which support the creation of safe and socially just schools and communities throughout the province.

To learn more about who we are and what is available through our centre...

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## Monthly Themes

Last month marked **Anti-bullying Week** from November 17-21 where schools, communities and organizations got together to strengthen efforts toward the elimination of bullying. This community based initiative has grown out of the Alberta town of Cochrane to become an annual event in North America and Europe. For more information visit Antbullying Week's official website where they already have next year's theme highlighted <http://www.bullyingawarenessweek.org/>. Founders of this day also have a website filled with hands-on materials for learning and teaching to help stop bullying which requires year round effort. Check it out at <http://www.bullying.org>

An unfortunate reminder of how far we still have to go to reduce bullying took place November 20<sup>th</sup> when a plan called 'Kick a Ginger', possibly inspired by the cartoon South Park and circulated using the social networking site Face Book, promoted the bullying of people with red hair. CBC news has coverage on the story:

[CBC News 'Kick a Ginger Shows Anti-bullying Efforts Not Working'](#) May we all remain mindful of the devastating effects of bullying and continually work toward inspiring safe, healthy and inclusive schools and communities.

**December 6 is the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.** Many organizations from labour unions, non-profit societies, government organizations to small and large businesses acknowledge this to be an important day. Listed below are various links for helping to end violence against women:

[Amnesty International Canada](#)

[BC Ministry of Community Services and their online directory of women's services](#)  
[Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General-Victim's Services](#)  
[SFU's FREDa website \(Feminist Research Education Development and Action\)](#)  
[Status of Women Canada](#)  
[UN Division on the Advancement of Women and the UNFPA](#)  
[Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter](#)  
[We Can End All Violence Against Women, BC Campaign](#)  
[YWCA's Rose Campaign](#)

## Library Corner

Visit our on-line lending library at [www.bccssc.ca](http://www.bccssc.ca)

Below are a few examples of the many resources we have pertaining to this month's theme.



School Based Violence Prevention Programs: a resource manual preventing violence against girls and young women  
By Leslie Tutty and Cathryn Bradshaw



Cyber-bullying: issues and solutions for the school, the classroom and the home.  
By Shaheen Shariff



Prevention of Violence Against Women in Squamish BC: community mobilization program (activity kit).  
By Shannon C. Herdman



Violence Against Women: breaking the silence (video recording).  
By the Vancouver RCMP, Friday Communications and BCTV.

## Upcoming Events and Activities

**16 Days of Activism to End Violence Against Women**

**November 25 to December 10<sup>th</sup>, Vancouver BC**

For more information go to the We Can End ALL Violence Against Women website  
<http://www.wecanbc.ca/>

**Flesh Mapping- Vancouver Markets Pacific Women**

**November 25 to December 10, Vancouver BC (various venues)**

<http://www.rapereliefshelter.bc.ca/35years/fleshmapping.html>

**Memorial for the Montreal Massacre- A Free Public Conference**

**December 6, 2008, Vancouver BC**

[PDF of brochure](#)

**Children, The Heart of the Matter, Child Care Conference**

**February 13-14, 2008, Bell Performing Arts Centre, Surrey BC**

This conference brings together a variety of people who share in caring for, protecting, and educating children. There are two keynote speakers and many workshops to choose from. For more information call 604-527-8032 or go to

[http://www.childcareoptions.ca/pdfs/Final\\_brochure\\_CHOM\\_2009.pdf](http://www.childcareoptions.ca/pdfs/Final_brochure_CHOM_2009.pdf) to view conference details and registration.

## Hot Topics and Releases

**The 2008-2009 Civil Forfeiture Crime Remediation and Crime Prevention Grant Funding Program** is provided by the Victim Services and Crime Prevention Division of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General. Funding for up to \$20,000 may be available for one-time community projects. The application deadline is January 16, 2009. Go to [http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/community\\_programs/funding/](http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/community_programs/funding/) for more information or email [SGVSCPD@gov.bc.ca](mailto:SGVSCPD@gov.bc.ca) to obtain a hardcopy of the application form.

**The Government Non-Profit Initiative (GNPI)** has put together a discussion paper on how the provincial government and non-profit sector groups can work more effectively and strategically together. Read it here <http://www.nonprofitinitiative.gov.bc.ca/> by clicking on 'discussion paper'.

## We Would Love to Hear From You

If you have information or an event that supports our mandate of promoting healthier schools and communities, we would love to hear about it. Please forward your correspondence to [safeschoolscommunities@ufv.ca](mailto:safeschoolscommunities@ufv.ca) for consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.



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