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

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The BC Centre for Safe Schools and Communities, and co-located centres, Social Responsibility and Non-Profit Development are run by a dynamic team of university professors, researchers, experienced professionals and administrative staff. We would love the opportunity to meet you and share a little more about our research and services. Perhaps you will consider attending our open house on September 26th (details under 'upcoming events').

Standing from left to right: **Sheila St. Laurent**, Library Coordinator, **Patrick Neal** (MA), Information Manager, **Irwin Cohen** (PhD), Research Director, **Lucie Honey-Ray** (BA), Non-profit Development Manager, **Annette Vogt** (BA), Project Coordinator, **Amanda McCormick** (MA), Research Coordinator. Front centre: **Tamara Childs**, Centres' Assistant.

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

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Monthly Theme

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY, September 8th, 2008.

This year's International Literacy Day (ILD) falls on the same day as the first full day back to school for British Columbians. Happy learning!

Learn about the history and importance of ILD from the Human Resources and Social Development Canada website <http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/hip/lld/nls/Resources/ild.shtml>

Check out some of the events taking place across the country in celebration of International Literacy Day (ILD) http://events.nald.ca/browse/special_event/?name=International+Literacy+Day&scope=Provincial&year=current

The BC Ministry of Education wants British Columbians to have the best reading skills in all of North America. Visit their website to access the many tools and support systems they have established for you, your family and your community <http://www.readnowbc.ca/>

Children's library staff and ECE community partners may be interested in attending a round-table rhyme sharing event held in both Vancouver (October) and Surrey (November) public libraries. This is a free event intended to bring fresh ideas to the story teller. To register go to www.bcla.bc.ca/YAACS/default.aspx.

Library Corner

Designing Early Literacy Programs: Strategies for At-Risk Preschool and Kindergarten Children (Book)

Preventing reading difficulties and promoting success in at-risk 3 to 5 year-olds is what this book is all about. Ideas for tailoring instruction to the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse learners are accompanied by clear assessment guidelines. The book also offers practical, how-to-do-it suggestions for setting up literacy activities and arranging the classroom environment. Included are reproducible sheets for conducting literacy assessments and a primer on phonics for teachers.

50 Activities for Teaching Emotional Intelligence, level III: high school (Book)

An activity guide that has been developed based on the ground-breaking brain and behaviour research on emotional intelligence. The result is a complete emotional literacy program. The book contains a comprehensive overview of emotional intelligence theory - what it is, why it has become such a hot topic in education, and its scientific basis in brain research, in addition to concrete suggestions for schooling the emotions.

The Secret of Natural Readers: How Preschool Children Learn to Read (Book)

Utilizing the actual experiences of six preschool children, 'The Secret of Natural Readers' documents the process of reading development through stories of their early years. The author discusses the implications of natural reading development and its feasibility among preschoolers from different segments of the population. She also spells out, for parents and early childhood teachers, critical information on how preschool children should learn to read.

Visit our online lending library at www.bccssc.ca/library

Upcoming Events and Activities

Coin-spiracy, Program for Educators September 2008

Coin-spiracy is a child centred social responsibility program that is intended to promote acts of kindness throughout the world. Registrations are currently being accepted for September 2008. If you are interested in finding out more information for your school or district, you can contact Eden MacDonald at 604.515.5463 or email emacdonald@kindacts.net Website: www.kindacts.net

The BC Centre for Safe Schools and Communities has one sample copy of the Coin-spiracy program in the resource collection. If you wish to preview this program, please visit our website at www.bccssc.ca and click on "Lending Library" or call the library direct at 604-870-5461.

'From Voice to Action' September 23rd, 2008, Prince George

This forum on stopping the exploitation of children, youth and women is a one day event being held at the Coast Inn of the North on Brunswick Stree. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and is first come first serve.

BC Centres' Open House BBQ September 26th 2008, University of the Fraser Valley, Abbotsford, BC

The BC Centre for Safe Schools and Communities, BC Non-Profit Development and BC Centre for Social Responsibility would like to invite you to the University of the Fraser Valley (UFV) for an open house and BBQ. Our centres have been in operation at UFV since 2004 and have developed a specialized resource library, and many other valuable resources. We are eager to share with you how our services can be a valuable contribution to your resource needs.

For more information or to be placed on our e-invitation list, please contact Tamara Childs, Centre's Assistant at safeschoolscommunities@ufv.ca, or 1-888-224-7233.

Combat Cyber-Bullying October 2nd, 2008, Richmond BC

This is a pre-event to the BCCPA Training Symposium and is put on by the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitoty General: Victim Services and Crime Prevention Division. Registration, which is free, is first come first serve. This event takes place between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the Marriot Hotel, 7571 Westminster Hwy, Richmond BC. Phone 604-276-2112 for more information.

Crime Prevention Symposium October 2-4, 2008, Richmond BC

The BCCPA is hosting their 30th Crime Prevention Information Exchange. This year's theme is Prevention Through Collaboration "Where Ideas Converge". For more information contact Inika Wong at 604-291-9959 ext. 229 or symposium@bccpa.org. For complete BCCPA Training Symposium program details visit www.bccpa.org/symposium.

Just Kidding Children's Entertainment Series 2008-2009

First one starts October 4, 2008, Vancouver Island University Theatre

Live Entertainment for families with children ages 5-12. Visit their website at <http://www.theatreone.org/justKidding.html> for more information.

Representative's Awards and Child and Youth Summit

October 20-21, 2008, Vancouver BC

BC's Representative for Children and Youth has announced their Awards of Excellence, annual awards to recognize and encourage excellence in BC's child and youth serving system. There are five different Awards of Excellence, including Advocacy, Cultural Heritage and Diversity, Innovative Services, Service Provider, and Youth Leadership. Nominations are due on September 10. Early registration ends September 30th. Find out more at <http://www.pacegroup.com/conf/index.php?mID=51>.

The Fourth R: Training

October 24, 2008, Vancouver BC

The Fourth R is a comprehensive curriculum that targets adolescent risk taking behaviour and was developed at the University of West Ontario. The program is comprised of three units: Relationship Safety, Sexual Health, and Substance Use/Abuse. For more information and to register visit

<http://www.vsb.bc.ca/vsbprograms/prod/register.htm?page=workshopdetails&workshopid=578>

Making Connections - Systems for Success

November 5-7, 2008 Richmond, BC.

November 6th will have featured Plenary Speaker, Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond, BC Children's Representative

Making Connections 2008 is the 11th Annual Conference focusing on a systemic, positive, school-wide approach to creating a safe and caring school culture. Promising practices will include linking assessment to instruction, linking social responsibility with PBS, and implementing PBS in elementary, middle, and secondary schools.

For further information, please contact Kathy Champion at: 604-668-6063 or by email: kchampion@richmond.sd38.bc.ca or visit our website at: <https://mail.sd35.bc.ca/~BC-PBS/>

Hot Topics and Releases

Drugs & Addiction, Facts You Need to Know is a magazine designed specifically for youth, in collaboration with youth, and authored by Elana Sures, M.A., Counselling Psychology. The magazine is filled with straight talk about drug use, questions and answers about the factors influencing choices, and plenty of support

resources and articles. This is a resource that parents, medical professionals, victim service workers and just about anyone else would benefit from reading. To learn more about this resource and request copies go to www.dafacts.com .

RespectED is a Red Cross initiative that aims at promoting healthy, respectful relationships through educational courses and workshops. Topics include: Child/Youth Abuse & Neglect Prevention, Relationship Violence Prevention, Bullying & Harassment Prevention, Comprehensive Risk Management.

<http://www.redcross.ca/article.asp?id=27213&tid=030>

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 for consideration on our provincial e-list. We look forward to hearing from you.

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