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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 Theme

Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Historical Marker

The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is an annual event held on March 21st. On that day in 1960, police opened fire and killed 69 people at a peaceful demonstration in Sharpeville, South Africa, in opposition to the apartheid "pass laws" . (http://africanhistory.about.com/od/apartheidterms/g/def_PassLaws.htm). The UN General Assembly called on the international community to double its efforts to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination, and proclaimed the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in 1966. Visit the UN site at <http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/racial/index.html> for more links and information.

Links to anti-racism and diversity initiatives in B.C.

Education:

Diversity in BC Schools: A Framework

http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/diversity/diversity_framework.pdf

School District 5 has invited communities to visit their new Social Responsibility website featuring various resources such as: internet safety tips for parents, lesson plans on diversity and a conference for girls on esteem and trust.

<http://socialresponsibility.sd5.bc.ca>

Racial/Ethnic:

AMSSA (The Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Services of BC)

http://www.amssa.org/antiracism_resources/index.htm

BC Anti-racism and Multicultural Programming and Definitions

http://www.welcomebc.ca/en/service_providers/bcamp.html

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp/visart810/apcmul.htm>

Immigrant and Multicultural Services Society

<http://www.imss.ca/>

Sexual Orientation:

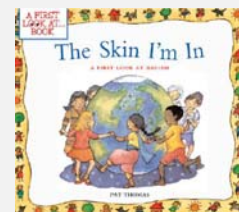
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Library Corner

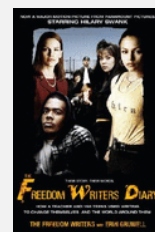
The Skin I'm In

This delightful picture book explores the difficult issue of racism. The fears, worries, and questions surrounding this complex subject are explored in a simple and reassuring way. Young children can learn what racism is and how to beat racism in their own lives.



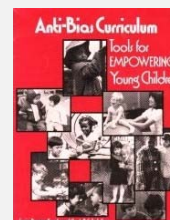
Freedom Writers Diary

With powerful entries from the students' own diaries and a narrative text by Erin Gruwell, "The Freedom Writers Diary" is an uplifting, unforgettable example of how hard work, courage, and the spirit of determination changed the lives of a teacher and her students." Available as a media kit which includes a DVD of the movie along with the Freedom Writers Diary book.



Anti-Bias Curriculum: Tools for Empowering Young Children

Racism and sexism have a profound influence on children's developing sense of self and others. This book on the creation of anti-bias curriculum can be used to help young children develop anti-bias attitudes, learn to think critically, and speak up when they believe something is unfair.



The Centre's library has a wide variety of resources on the subjects of racism, tolerance and discrimination. Please take a look at our on-line catalogue www.bccssc.ca/library or give us a call for more information 1-888-224-7233.

Upcoming Events and Activities

Preventing Stress, Violence and Safety Hazards in the Work Place

Workshops held between Feb. 3 and June 24 in a variety of locations across BC

Coordinated by the BC Federation of Labour

<http://www.bcfed.ca/event>

Towards 2020: Canada's Commitment to Children and Youth National Conference

April 26-29, 2009, Crown Plaza Hotel, Ottawa ON

For more information and to take advantage of the early bird conference fee please visit

www.towards2020.ca

Invest Right and Top Ten Scams, Hosted by Beacon Community Services

April 29, 2009, Sidney, BC

Free seminars presented by the BC Securities Commission and BC Crime Prevention Association. Refreshments will be served. Time: 9:30 am- 11:30 am

Location: Shoal Center 10030 Resthaven Drive

Contact: to RSVP please call Kathryn Mason 250-656-5537 ext. #106

BCCPAC Spring Conference & Annual General Meeting

April 30 to May 1, and May 3, Richmond BC

For conference and meeting details as well as registration information please visit

http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/index/event_calendar.aspx?cid=11

2nd Restorative Practices International Conference

May 31- June 3, 2009, Coast Plaza Hotel, Vancouver BC

Hosted by the Simon Fraser University Centre for Restorative Justice. More details can be found at <http://www.sfu.ca/crj/events.html>

Hot Topics and Releases

Brain Cells

Braincells is an interactive program on Cellphone Safety produced by the Vancouver company that developed the "Missing" Internet safety game, in conjunction with the BC Ministry of Education. Computer games have been criticized for glorifying bullying behaviour. Braincells aims to do the opposite by showing students how they can work together to stop bullying. It includes stories and games about bullying, hackers and cyber bullying. The program is suitable for students in Grades 5 to 7. To access the program, go to the Braincells website (www.braincells.net). Please note that you must register using your email address from a school district computer. Schools across British Columbia have been given use of the program free of charge until March 27, 2009. For more information please contact Drew Ann Wake of LiveWires Design at wake@livewwwires.com.

Let's Stop Bullying!

Boys and Girls Club Community Services of Delta/Richmond, funded by an innovation grant from the United Way of the Lower Mainland's, recently introduced an exciting new program, Let's Stop the Bullying. The program is created for and by young people. Take a look at the 'Let's Stop Bullying' brochure here <http://www.bgccs.bc.ca/memfiles/10169165> . To contact the Boys and Girls Club of Delta/Richmond for more information please call 604 591-9262.

Grants and Funding Information Available Through RURAL TEAM BC

Rural Team BC keeps BC residents up to date on grants and project funding options along criteria themes related to inclusive communities and work places, social enterprise technical assistance, sustainability and northern development. To receive these updates, email Brandon Hughes, Canadian Rural Partnership/Service Canada, hughes.bn@shaw.ca or find them on-line at http://www.communityfutures.com/cms/Funding_Sources.2.0.html

One current grant that may be of particular interest is the **School Community Connections Funding Program - Grant provider: Union of BC Municipalities, BC School Trustees Association**. The funding program is designed to address issues of common concern for Boards of Education and Local Governments such as early learning, physical activity opportunities and healthy eating options. Application deadline is March 31, 2009. Information: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=147>

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 together. Find it at <http://www.nonprofitinitiative.gov.bc.ca/> and click on 'discussion paper'.

We would love to hear from you!

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