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New! - BC Government Press & News Releases

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2011 Vancouver Island Parent Conference - February 5, 2011, Spectrum

Community School. Featuring the internationally renowned “Kids are Worth It!” author and educator, **Barbara Coloroso**. Other workshops include various aspects of **21st Century learning** and a special two-part session on **servant-leadership**. You will find information on their workshops at www.vcpac.ca/vip-workshops and bios for their speakers at www.vcpac.ca/vip-speakers. To foster collaboration at the school level, they are offering a 15% discount to teams of 5 or more participants from a school. This includes any combination of parents and staff.

[Victoria Island Parent Conference](#)

Are you a parent of a student in grades 4,7,10 or 12 and want to have your voice heard to effect change?

The Provincial Satisfaction Survey gathers opinions from parents, teachers and students on aspects of the BC education system such as student safety, student achievement and the school community environment and culture. From **January 4 to April 15, 2011** the Satisfaction Survey will be administered, giving you as a parent the opportunity to have your experience and voice counted. Survey responses help to identify areas of success, best practices and areas needing improvement in the K-12 education system. Information from the survey is used by School Planning Councils, Boards of Education, and the Ministry of Education to set goals and determine areas for improvement in student success. All responses remain anonymous and confidential for participants at all times.

How do I participate in the survey? - From January 4 – April 15 each school throughout the province will be provided with logon information for their parents to participate in the survey. Simply go to the website at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/, enter your logon number and complete the ten minute survey. Do not miss your chance to be heard!



HealthLink BC Web Button

HealthLink BC is a gateway to non-emergency health information and services in BC. These resources can be accessed via the web or by dialling 8-1-1.

To better support BC school communities with health information and services, HealthLink BC is seeking the assistance of school districts and schools to add its official [Web Button](#) to school websites. The Web Button provides a visual cue to website visitors that expert health information and services are just a click away. For more information, please visit www.healthlinkbc.ca or email HealthLinkBC@HealthLinkBC.ca.



High school contest: Safety can be creative AND lucrative!

WorkSafeBC announces its 6th annual Student Safety Video Contest. If you have a son or daughter between grade 8 and 12, encourage them create their video entry (max: 2 minutes) for a chance to learn more about potential exposure hazards at their after-school jobs and possibly walk away with a bit of cash in their pockets too! All your child needs to do is create an original video that addresses exposure issues in the workplace. With a theme of *Overexposed: What you may not see can kill you!*, they may want to consider such subjects as exposure to asbestos, chemicals, noise, heat, cold or other unseen dangers. Cash prizes will be awarded to winning students and their sponsoring schools, and all winning entries will be publicly recognized. Want some ideas? Have your child learn more about exposure risks and get inspired for their video project by visiting www.tinyurl.com/safetyvideocontest, where they'll also find complete contest details. For more on young worker safety, go to <http://www2.workafebc.com/Topics/YoungWorker/Home.asp>. But don't wait! The contest closes April 15.



DASH BC is pleased to provide you with the Dec/Jan 2011 Healthy Schools Network Newsletter. The HSN Newsletter keeps readers apprised of developments in school health, shares resources like articles, books and research findings, and showcases activities and learning from HSN members. [Click here for the current issue.](#)

HSN NEWSLETTERS

iMinds: a health education resource for BC schools

iMinds is a learning resource that aims to help young people maximize their mental health literacy—the knowledge and skills they need to achieve well-being and avoid lifestyle-induced chronic illnesses. While the content centres on substance use, students get much more out of the lessons than simply a better understanding of issues involving alcohol and other drugs. They get a better understanding of health—health of the mind, body and spirit—and a new appreciation for health as a fundamental resource for their everyday lives. For further information [click here](#). Also: We all know parenting can be a lot like going on a road trip—fun but sometimes challenging. [The Road Ahead: A Guidebook for Parents of Young Teens](#) can help you navigate the challenges. Check it out, and link other parents to it through PAC web pages.

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Share your Event

Does your PAC/DPAC have an event, workshop, seminar or meeting happening in your area which you would like to share? If so, please let us know about it and we will post the information on our **New** [Provincial/Regional/District Events page](#) of the website.

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