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BCCPAC 2010 Conference & AGM

Building the Future: Children First - April 16 - 18 at the Coast Plaza Hotel & Suites in Vancouver. Parents from around the province are encouraged to attend and participate in all or part of the weekend. Forms and information including the registration, voting, travel subsidy, hotel, speakers, resolutions, etc is available on our website – www.bccpac.bc.ca

[To read all about it click here](#)

2010 Provincial Budget – AFG restored, and other highlights

The 2010/11 [provincial budget](#) announced March 2, 2010 contained an overall funding increase of \$112 million to operating grants for school districts in 2010/2011.

CommunityLINK funding (Learning Includes Nutrition and Knowledge) has been maintained and returned to the education budget from the Ministry of Housing and Social Development's community gaming grant. PACs and DPACs have also seen their gaming grant funding returned to the 2008 level.

Passing the Torch of Global Citizenship - Vancouver 2010 – London 2012

Join Olympic and Paralympic athletes, learners and educators from around the world on Thursday, March 25 from 8:30-10:00 am PDT for the final Sharing the Dream student-led [webcast](#). BC students will connect live with London, England students to reflect on BC's Vancouver 2010 experience, and lessons learned around global citizenship, fair play, and the pursuit of excellence. Keynote speakers are Minister of Education Margaret MacDiarmid, VANOC CEO John Furlong, and Jonathon Edwards, Olympian and member of the London 2012 Organizing Committee.

The Passing the Torch Participant Guide offers suggestions on lesson-planning linked to the webcast.

For more details, and to download the Participant Guide and webcast poster, go to www.sharingthedream.gov.bc.ca.

Improving Kids' Mental Health

FRIENDS is a school-based program delivered among Grades 4,5 and 7 students where participants attend 10 sessions reinforced by take-home assignments that involves the family. The program will soon be expanded to include kindergarten and Grade 1 students. Parent training events will run the weeks of March 22 and 29.

For more information or to register, e-mail: flowerj@telus.net

BC Liquor Stores' Dry Grad Fundraising Campaign Underway

Vancouver - BC Liquor Stores begins this year's [Support Dry Grad fundraising campaign](#). Until March 31, BC Liquor Store customers will be able to support dry grad celebrations in their communities by donating \$1 or more at their local BC Liquor Store. All donations will be distributed to high schools planning alcohol-free graduation celebrations.

This year, 54 school districts are participating in the campaign. The contributions by liquor store customers top up funds raised by parents, students and teachers who work all year to raise funds for dry graduation activities. Last year, BC Liquor Store customers across the province donated a total of \$594,517 in support of dry graduation events.

The Kelty Resource Centre and the Provincial Youth Concurrent Disorders Program invite you to join their March Teleconference on Concurrent Disorders. There is no registration needed and no cost to participate. You can dial in, anywhere in BC. Youth, parents, families and service providers are welcome.

Title: "Youth dealing with both substance use and mental health issues- What works"

Date and time: March 23rd Tuesday 12-1pm sharp

Dial Toll Free **1800-265 1385** code **604-7076373**

Pink Shirt Day – Bullying Stops Here [\(PinkShirtDay.ca\)](#)

Bullying is a problem in our schools, workplaces, homes, and over the Internet. *The Christy Clark Show*, will be helping to raise awareness on these issues and offer information on tools that can be used to stand up against bullies and step in when we see it happening.

On April 14, 2010 you are encouraged to wear something pink to symbolize that we as a society will not tolerate bullying anywhere.

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