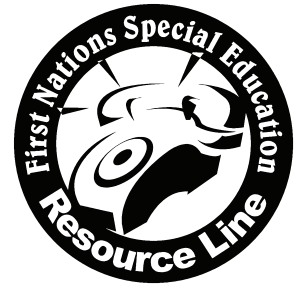


First Nations Special Education CONNECTIONS



Newsletter of the First Nations Special Education Toll-free Resource Line

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Working with First Nations
students in BC?

Have special education
questions?

Call the Resource Line!

The Resource Line is a free service for
BC educators and parents.

It can help you brainstorm approaches,
guide you toward helpful resources,
help you to understand assessment
documents, and let you know about the
latest information on special education.

When you call or email, you will reach
the Resource Line Coordinator, Holly
Smith. Holly is available to answer your
questions, Monday to Thursday, 12:30
to 4:30 during the school year.

Holly also travels throughout the
province offering in-school support, so
if she is away when you call, she will
follow-up as soon as possible upon her
return.

Contact the Resource Line:

Toll-free 1-877-547-1919

hollys@fnesc.ca

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www.fnsc.ca/resource-line.htm

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Connections Professional Development Issue 2010

October 21, Creston. DIBELS Next Training. Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills, measures designed to quickly and efficiently assess reading and pre-reading skills in Kindergarten through Sixth Grade. For more information contact madelinep@fnesc.ca.

October 21, Vancouver. Visions 21: Best Practices Across the Curriculum sponsored by the English as a Second Language (ESL) Provincial Specialist Association) will take place at Churchill Secondary School in Vancouver. <http://www.bctf.ca/psas/eslpsa>

October 21-22, Vancouver. BC School Counsellors Association (BCSCA) hosts its annual conference at the Coast Plaza Hotel and Suites, just steps from English Bay and Stanley Park.. This year's theme, "INVEST in children...in youth...in families...IN YOURSELF" will include intensive workshop sessions reflecting current and emerging issues in school counselling. This years keynote is Margaret Trudeau. She will be speaking on "Making Tough Choices." Visit the BCSCA website at www.bcschoolcounsellor.com or www.bcscaconference.ca

October 21-23, Richmond. BC Teachers of English Language Arts (BCTELA) Annual Conference brings together educators who are committed to teaching practices that respect and engage diverse learners. This year features sessions focusing on First Peoples literature and learning, social justice, and multiple ways of knowing. This year's theme is Building Pathways. www.bctela.ca

October 22, Burnaby. The Learning Assistance Teachers' Association (LATA) conference "Adaptations in Action," Classroom Practice at Byrne Creek Secondary School, 7777 18th Street, Burnaby, BC, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Morning keynote speaker Saima Fewster speaking on Learning Support and afternoon keynote speakers Lenora Archbald and Bill Standeven speaking on the Ministry of Education's "Adaptations and Modifications" Paper. <http://www.bctf.ca/lata/>

October 22, Delta. Encompass Conference 2010: All About Engagement - Practical Strategies K-12 co-sponsored by BCCLA (British Columbia Co-operative Learning Association) and SRCLE (Social Responsibility and Collaborate Learning Environments). Conference themes: Engagement, Social and Emotional Learning, Social Responsibility, Building Community, Social Justice Issues. Seaquam Secondary, 11584 Lyon Rd., Delta B.C. <http://bctf.ca/bccla/> or <http://srcle.net/> Contact - mgalliford@sd43.bc.ca

October 22, Richmond. Computer Using Educators of BC and British Columbia Educators for Distributed Learning PSA will co-sponsor the 30th annual conference. This year, our theme is "Connecting Diversity through Technology" and focuses on helping teachers from all content areas meaningfully integrate technology into their practice. This conference is an opportunity for educators to explore and discuss innovative practices that reflect current research concerning technology in education. <http://cuebc.ca>

October 22, Surrey. Boy Smarts: Strategies for Classroom Success In our rapidly changing and technologically complex society, schools are being asked to educate the most diverse student body in history to higher and higher academic standards. Some students--disproportionately boys -- are bored, disconnected, and underachieving. What does the research say about the varied learning needs of boys? How can we avoid the gender trap and respect the needs of all students? To what degree are boys visual learners struggling in auditory environments? How can classroom learning reflect emerging digital technologies? What are the best practices for reaching and teaching the diverse needs of boys? <http://www.MentoringBoys.com/>

October 22, Surrey. BCASCD Exploring Differentiated Instruction: Refining Our Practice with Cindy Strickland. This workshop will examine the attributes of the highest quality differentiation at the middle and high school level. <http://tiny.cc/oobt2>

October 22, Vancouver. Trauma: The Impact of Violence, Abuse and Neglect on Children presented by the Children's Foundation. Guest Speaker Diane Benoit, MD, FRCPC, Associate professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Toronto. \$125, \$100 (students), 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, includes workshops, lunch, coffee, snacks. Four Seasons Hotel, 791 West Georgia Street, Vancouver. Contact Dorothea Kraas, dorothea.kraas@childrens-foundation.org

October 22, Vancouver. SMART Board Conference <http://tiny.cc/psj0f>

October 22, Vancouver. Association of the Educators of Gifted, Talented, and Creative Children in BC Gifted Ed 2010 Conference. Guest Speaker Judy Willis, neurologist, middle school teacher, author and gifted advocate, is author of "Inspiring Middle School Minds: Gifted, Creative and Challenging." Conference

topics are "Brain Friendly Strategies to Ignite Gifted Learners in Middle Years," "Beyond Differentiation to Individualization: Appropriate Challenges for all Students." Contact Linnea Lanstrom at llanstrom@hotmail.com www.aegtcabc.org

October 22-23, Chemainus. Introduction to the Virtues Project: Awakening the Gifts of Character Learn how to apply the four principles and five strategies of The Virtues Project to bring out the best in ourselves and others, and live to our highest values. To register contact Kate Marsh 250-246-9705, katemarsh@shaw.ca, www.katemarsh.blogspot.com

October 22-23, Richmond. BCPTA Primary Leadership Conference Friday: Keynote Speaker - Debbie Miller "Reading with Meaning - Teaching With Intention" AM & PM Breakout Session Choices. Evening Component : Jenn Johns & Gretchen Fletcher "New Primary Teacher (K-3) Toolkit" Saturday: Mini Conference - Full Day Sessions, Debbie Miller, Primary FDK Team, Carole Saundry, Bonnie Davison Two Days \$241. Friday Evening New Teacher Component: \$50 (Includes a light meal). www.bcpta.ca

October 22-23, Surrey. PITA (Provincial Intermediate Teachers' Association) Fall Conference. Featuring over 60 workshops in literacy, math, science, social studies, PD and more. Learn from Adrienne Gear--Reading Power; Diana Cruchley--Writing; Mary Moody--Teaching Strategies; Lilianna Lanfranchi--Frehcn Strategies; Elaine Jaltema--Action Schools; Literature Circles; Ray Myrtle--Start UP Your Class Successfully, and many more. Watch for details at www.pita.ca or contact Ray Myrtle president@pita.ca

October 25-27, Chemainus. The Virtues Project, Facilitator Intensive. Prerequisite: Introduction to The Virtues Project (Oct. 22 - 23, 2010). To register or for more information contact Kate Marsh 250-246-9705, katemarsh@shaw.ca, www.katemarsh.blogspot.com

NOVEMBER 2010

November 8, Vancouver. From Childhood Aggression To Youth Violence In Boys & Girls Presented by Dr. James Garbarino, Ph.D, Author of Lost Boys and See Jane Hit. <http://tiny.cc/ivgyl>

November 16 -19, Richmond. Healing and Treating Trauma, Addictions & Related Disorders Conference presented by Jack Hirose & Associates and Edgewood Treatment Centre, offering many topics relevant to mental health practitioners, i.e. multiple addictions, trauma, eating disorders, depression, anxiety, eroticized rage/anger, relationships, borderline personality disorder, dual disorders, cybersex, emotional self-regulation, dissociation and healing, EMDR: Trauma Power Tool, mindfulness and other topics. <http://tiny.cc/10g4k>

November 18-20, Vancouver. 16th Annual Provincial Conference on Aboriginal Education, "Norming Excellence." The conference offers a unique networking and learning opportunity for educators from public schools, First Nations schools and independent schools to improve education outcomes for Aboriginal learners. Hosted by the First Nations Education Steering Committee and BC Ministry of Education. <http://www.fnesc.ca/conferences/index.php>

JANUARY 2011

January 21-22, Vancouver. Adult Educators' Provincial Specialist Association (AEPSA) 15th Annual Conference and AGM. Dealing with Neurodiversity, Addiction and Mental Health Challenges in Adult Students. Keynote: Robert Aitken, VCC www.bctf.ca/aepsa or contact psac74@bctf.ca

FEBRUARY 2011

February 18, Victoria. Organizing Strategies to Prepare for Homework and the Real World - An Interdisciplinary Treatment Approach. Organizational skills are a set of executive functioning skills that can be overwhelming tasks for even our most intellectually sharp students with social cognitive deficits. This workshop will explore two different types of organizational skills: static and dynamic. We will break apart the concept of dynamic organizational skills into 10 concrete steps, which are vital towards the completion of what is considered a "homework assignment." An educational strategy will be reviewed to accompany each step of the process. For more information, event details: <http://www.actcommunity.net/>

February 24-25, Duncan. Rapid Recovery Techniques For Depression & Low Self-Esteem Dr. Burns will illustrate treatment innovations that focus on five vitally important areas: assessment, empathy, motivation, technique, and the structure of the treatment itself. He will illustrate how to treat patients with unipolar and bipolar mood disorders and will bring these new methods to life with live demonstrations with audience volunteers. For more information <http://tiny.cc/92a05>

MARCH 2011

March 17-18, Vancouver. The Special Education Association (SEA) is proud to present the 36th Annual Crosscurrents Conference at the Westin Bayshore Hotel in Vancouver. Keynote: Dr. Paula Kluth plus a variety of quality sessions and exhibitors for regular and special education. For information, visit the website at www.bctf.ca/sea or contact Conference Chair Leann Buteau lbuteau@gmail.com