



## **March 2009 Report**

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### **Aboriginal Education**

- Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement 3<sup>rd</sup> annual report process
  - April 3 – Talking Circle and lunch with Ab Ed staff and the Boundary Aboriginal community @ Glanville Centre
  - April 5, Ab Ed parent mtg, BCSS, 6 pm
  - April 6, Ab Ed parent mtg, GFSS, 6 pm
  - April 27 – Ab Ed report working session, 12 – 4pm, SBO
- March 3 – secondary Aboriginal culture scope and sequence mtg
- Aboriginal Network of Performance Based Schools: 5 Boundary schools involved

### **Early Years Programs**

- StrongStart Application submissions:
  - Outreach pilot to begin April 1
  - Dr. D. A. Perley Elementary to possibly begin in September
- Ready Set Learn pre Kindergarten school events completed
- Boundary Early Years Coalition mtg – Feb 17
- Feb 25 – Early Learning Framework – mtg and Kindergarten teacher in-service planning

### **Student Services/Special Education**

- February 25- BCSS Teaching Assistant in-service re: Orton –Gillingham tools
- BCeSIS Individual Education Program training for special education teachers
- Walker Resource Program – presentation to the Board at April meeting
- March 9 – Spectrum Solutions mtg in Nelson
- March 18– Boundary Child and Youth Committee mtg at the School Board Office from 1 to 3 pm
- Walker adult program .25 staff increase for April 1- 17 adults plus many on wait list
- February 12 – POPARD in-service for Child and Youth Counselors re: social skills group work for students with autism and other developmental needs
- March 30 – Special Education Audit training in Victoria

## **Literacy and Learning**

- February 12 & 13 – Leyton Schnellert Literacy In-service – 25 staff involved. Community partners in Literacy were invited with 3 attending
- February 19-Rural Schools Steering committee illuminate mtg – planning for Rural Schools Conference in October
- Illuminate on-line sessions available Mondays' from 3:30 to 4:30 pm – many different opportunities available and includes a pilot strategy on connecting classrooms around the province – literature and writing circles.
- March 2 - 3:45 pm @ SBO – August Days Planning committee
- March 5– Community Literacy mtg with to determine stewardship of community literacy

## **Partnership Projects**

- March 4, Regional BEDC mtg in Greenwood
- Safer Boundary Initiative –March 5, steering committee mtg and determination of Reclaiming Youth Action Grant applications @ Selkirk College
- Respectful Relationships –three year evaluation now underway.
- BC Safe School student survey data for 2008 now being reviewed We will also be sharing some or all of these results with Freedom Quest and with the Safer Boundary Initiative Steering Committee.
- March 25 – BC Safe Schools Institute Symposium in Abbotsford
- February 17 -CYSN and ECD Southern Interior Regional coalition meeting in Kamloops

