

What's new from Open School BC



Open School BC is pleased to introduce this new format of our monthly newsletter to our readers.

As we continue to develop and refine our messages for our partners and the greater education community, you may see more changes, additions and moves in our news releases.

March has been a relatively quiet month for us as far as new releases go, but we are very pleased that our **B.C. First Nations Studies 12** is approaching completion and soon the entire resource package will be available to order.



We are proud of Open School BC's contribution in bringing Aboriginal culture and history to the classroom. This resource is designed to enhance students' appreciation of the diversity of First Nations perspectives, cultures and individuals. Aligned with the learning outcomes included in the 2006 BC First Nations Studies IRP from the Ministry of Education, this resource also addresses the most recent provincial exam specifications.

We currently have the four print modules available to order as well as the *Perspectives CD*, which contains some excellent multimedia features and a number of video interviews. Check out

the Features Page for more information and a media sample.

<http://www.openschool.bc.ca/features/bcfns12.html>

The *Teachers Guide* and *Source File* will be available for ordering by the end of the month. The online course is available now, at no charge, to our *Online Consortium* members.

The **Educators' Resource Centre** (ERC) continues to grow with contributions from many groups such as ActNow BC, Earth Day Canada (EcoKids), Belmont Secondary School and from BC teachers. We extend a hearty congratulation to Daryl Learned as this month's winner of an iPod Shuffle. He contributed the Social Studies 9 English Civil War Jeopardy game, using Power Point.

We also have continued to develop the ERC, incorporating the green leaf icon to any resources that relate to sustainability.



GREEN IDEAS

Currently, this symbol appears with the details of a resource, and soon it will show up in any search result.

Open School continues to promote its new education resources and services and you can find out more about all of our new material on our frequently updated Features Page. <http://www.openschool.bc.ca/features/> Make a point of stopping by regularly to browse our resources and services storefront for the BC education community.