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For some of us in British Columbia, we are already seeing the first signs that spring is coming, winning the war over winter. As the excitement and distractions grow for the students, we find ourselves getting ready for the end of another school year.



Learning: Anyone, Anytime, Anywhere

Spring brings the annual **Virtual School Society Conference**, and with that the opportunity to catch up with all of our friends and online colleagues, sharing the latest news and developments. If you're going to be there, be sure to drop by our booth, say hello and hear about our brand-new online teacher service first hand.

<http://www.learnnowbc.ca/educators/Conference/conference2009.aspx>

We're also very pleased to tell you that two of our Education Project Managers will be giving a presentation at the conference. Be sure to look for Adrian Hill and Jennifer Riddel's session "Using Simulations to Promote Critical Thinking" right after lunch on day 1, Wednesday, April 22nd.



We are pleased to announce that the first module of **Science and Technology 11** is completed and available in both print and online. We are introducing a new look for our courses with this first module. We have modernized the look of our resources, revised it to a fresh, innovative design that will appeal to students.

The first module of Science and Technology 11 is called *Forensics*, exploring the science behind popular TV shows.

<http://www.openschool.bc.ca/features/scitech11.html>

In this module students will learn what really happens when investigators scour a crime scene for evidence. The

thought-provoking topics and engaging multimedia will capture students' imaginations, hold their attention, and arouse an interest in the study of science and technology.

As we have done with our other recent releases, we hope to issue the next module as soon as it is completed until the full course is available in both print and online.



The second instalment of the **Family Studies 10 – 12** program is now available. **Interpersonal and Family Relationships** is the second in this series of two-credit courses. This section of Family Studies explores effective communication and the many facets of relationships. This course also follows our new, updated design.

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

We now have a Features Page for our new **KinderMath** resource. I invite everyone to learn more about this excellent resource designed for preschool and kindergarten age students.

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

I'm sure that everyone knows a student who is already starting to think about a summer job. A lot of students will apply for jobs in the service industry a try and an excellent way to gain an advantage is by being **FOODSAFE** certified.

<http://www.openschool.bc.ca/foodsafe/infopage.html>

We encourage you to introduce your students to our FoodSafe Level 1 online course. This is convenient way for a student to take the course, write the exam and get their FOODSAFE Certification without having to sit in a classroom all day.

