



March 2010 Resource Bulletin

Spring is Here!

Spring has arrived and there seems to be a lot going on! With so many holidays and special events happening (not to mention warmer weather), Spring is a great time for ELSA students to check out what's happening in their community. Therefore, for the March Bulletin we've put together a few resources to help introduce some of the upcoming special days, along with information about a few community events.

To get started, here are a couple of links with holiday teaching materials:

Best of the Reader – E-Book on Holidays

<http://www.bestofthereader.ca/Ebooks/Holidays-print.pdf>

Boggles World

<http://bogglesworldesl.com/holidays.htm>

Norouz

March 21st

Norouz is a holiday to celebrate the first day of Spring. It is celebrated in many countries including Iran, Turkey, Afghanistan, Albania, Georgia and Azerbaijan, to name a few. Here is a short article on the history and current traditions of Norouz.

<http://middle-eastern-customs-holidays.suite101.com/article.cfm/norooz>

Nowruz Festival in West Vancouver

<http://westvancouver.ca/Government/Level3.aspx?id=13680>

Passover

March 29st

Passover is the Jewish holiday commemorating the Hebrews' escape from enslavement in Egypt. Here is a brief history and explanation of Passover traditions.

http://www.chabad.org/holidays/passover/pesach_cdo/aid/871715/jewish/What-Is-Passover.htm

Easter

April 4th

Easter is the Christian holiday which celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Here are links to information about the history of Easter as well as information about where some of the Easter traditions came from.

<http://www.history.com/topics/history-of-easter>

These articles might be useful for jigsaw activities:

<http://cultural-anthropology.suite101.com/article.cfm/origins-of-easter-holiday-traditions>

http://holiday-entertaining.suite101.com/article.cfm/easter_trivia

Eco Easter Egg Hunt in Surrey

<http://www.surrey.ca/Living+in+Surrey/Environment/Exploring+Surrey/Surrey+Nature+Centre/Special+Events/Eco+Easter+Egg+Hunt.htm>



Vaisakhi

April 14th

Vaisakhi is a colourful festival which celebrates the harvest and the Sikh New Year. It is also the day that Sikhs celebrate the founding of Khalsa.

<http://www.baisakhifestival.com/baisakhi-festival.html>

In Vancouver and Surrey, there are large parades to celebrate this day.

Vancouver:

http://www.sikhpioneers.com/events_detail.php?id=3

Surrey:

<http://www.dasmeshdarbar.ca/events/event/surrey-nagar-kirtan-vaisakhi/>

Earth Day

April 22nd



Earth Day Canada Website

You can find Earth Day events happening in your area by clicking on the map.

http://www.earthday.ca/pub/events/search/shell_form_public.php

Earth Day Resources

<http://www.teacherplanet.com/resource/earthday.php>

Audio Clips of Earth Day Founder

http://earthday.wilderness.org/newsroom/audio_gaylord.htm

What's New at ELSA Net?

Professional Development:

The ELSA Net Conferences are just around the corner! We are looking forward to seeing everyone there!

April 16th – Surrey

April 29th - Vancouver

Newsletter:

The Spring Newsletter will be coming out in April! The theme is 'Building Community'. Look for it on the Resource page of the website.

On the Website:

Check out the new **ELSA for the Workplace** link on the Teacher's Resource page. There are links to lesson plan ideas, resources, and newsletters.

http://www.elsanet.org/links_teachers.html

Here are a few websites that will be posted soon.

Teach It World – teaching ideas, audio resources and a great **image bank** with downloadable pictures!

<http://www.teachitworld.com/index.asp?home=1>

ESL Galaxy – free printable worksheets, games and activities

<http://www.esl-galaxy.com/>

ESL 4 Teachers – lesson plans, worksheets, activities and more...

<http://www.esl4teachers.com/>

Upcoming Events

Here are a few of the events happening this Spring. For more information on these and other events see our Events Calendar on the resource page of the ELSA Net website. <http://www.elsanet.org/resources.html>

March 24-27 TESOL Convention
http://www.tesol.org/s_tesol/convention2010/

April 10 Immigrant Professionals Conference
<https://www.aspect.bc.ca/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=8>

April 30/May 1 BCTEAL Conference at BCIT in Vancouver
<http://www.bcteal.org/index.cfm>

If you know of other events for the ELSA Net Calendar, please email Carmen at carmen@elsanet.org