



ELSA Net



English Language Services for Adults

October 2009 Resource Bulletin

What's new at ELSA Net this fall?

Medical Emergencies Workshops

Students learn about 9-1-1, Walk in Clinics, 8-1-1 and BC Poison Control in three interactive and informative workshops.

9-1-1 and Walk in Clinic videos

DVDs have been delivered to all ELSA locations in BC! You can download teaching materials to go with the videos from the Resource page on our website.

ELSA Youth Curriculum

In the works is a dynamic curriculum that focuses on the needs and interests of youth ages 17-24.

More sharing sessions

Look forward to more sharing sessions this fall! Our first instructor session will be for literacy instructors. Be on the look out for an invitation.

Fall Newsletter

The fall newsletter will focus on ESL and Special needs. The deadline for submissions is October 19th.

October 13th Resource Fair

Join us in the Alice Mackay room at the Vancouver Public Library downtown and 22 publisher and nonprofit organizations to explore new resources and services.

ELSA Net welcomes our new ECE coordinator Judy Olivier!

Staying Healthy

These useful websites offer resources and information on the H1N1 virus and how to prevent the spread of influenza:

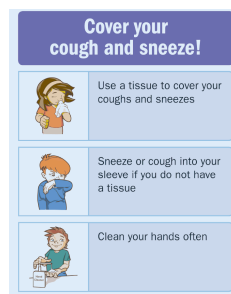


<http://www.fightflu.ca>

or call 1-800-454-8302

Healthlink BC

www.gov.bc.ca/govt/swine_flu.html



<http://www.chatham-kent.ca/>

At regional meetings, providers offered suggestions about preparing for and responding to possible outbreaks of swine flu:

- Have a prepared lesson plan for each level in case of an unexpected teacher absence
- Have prepared contact assignments for high level classes
- Teach students about prevention
- Try to contact a local public health nurse to come and talk about swine flu

Accessing Community Health Services Videos and classroom resource materials

ELSA Net is excited to introduce two new videos for the ELSA classrooms! Look for the DVD at your school.

Calling 9-1-1 ELSA level 1

Emily's dad collapses when returning to the car after shopping. A stranger comes to help Emily by calling 9-1-1. This video uses authentic dialogue from BC Ambulance!



Visiting a Walk in Clinic ELSA level 2

Victor is having troubles with blurred vision, weight loss and feeling tired, but he doesn't have a family doctor. His daughter, Emily, takes him to a walk in clinic.



Teaching materials to accompany the videos can be found on the Teacher's Resource page at <http://www.elsanet.org/>

NEW RESOURCES



Publisher: Fernwood Publishing

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ISBN-13: 978-1552662915

Check out this great, interactive website. Students can practise using a bank machine or debit machine online!



<http://www.oclf.org/en/newcomers.php>

A new resource from Bow Valley College contains useful methodology, lesson plans and materials for teaching literacy level students:

Title: Learning for Life
An ESL Literacy Handbook
Author/publisher: Bow Valley College
ISBN: 13-978-1-894783-18-7

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Revised Cut-Offs for the ELSA 3 Progress Listening & Reading Tests

Revised Cut-Offs

	Existing Cut-Offs	Revised Cut-Offs
L3 Listening Test	21/30	17/30
L3 Reading Test	25/35	20/35

Expected Outcomes

At VCC, the revised cut-offs will have the potential for producing between 60% and 75% pass rates for both the ELSA 3 Progress Listening and Reading Tests. We recommend that the revised cut-offs be used in the interim period until further data analysis and possibly revisions are done.