

# ELSA NET

## *Instructor's Bulletin*

WELCOME BACK!

FALL PROMISES TO BE FILLED WITH  
EXCITING NEW VENTURES FOR ELSA PROGRAMS.

### Rural ESL Planning Guide

The *Roots and Connections* resources were created by NorQuest College for use in rural communities of Alberta. The resources were created to address the dramatic changes in rural communities due to increased immigration. There are four components: A program planning guide, an instructor guide, a toolkit, and a curriculum. The resources are based on the Canadian Language Benchmarks and can be downloaded from the links below.

#### **Rural ESL Planning Guide**

[http://www.nald.ca/library/learning/roots\\_connections/planning\\_guide/planning\\_guide.pdf](http://www.nald.ca/library/learning/roots_connections/planning_guide/planning_guide.pdf)

#### **Instructor Guide**

[http://www.nald.ca/library/learning/roots\\_connections/instructor\\_guide/instructor\\_guide.pdf](http://www.nald.ca/library/learning/roots_connections/instructor_guide/instructor_guide.pdf)

#### **Toolkit**

[http://www.nald.ca/library/learning/roots\\_connections/toolkit/toolkit.pdf](http://www.nald.ca/library/learning/roots_connections/toolkit/toolkit.pdf)

#### **Curriculum**

[http://www.nald.ca/library/learning/roots\\_connections/curriculum/curriculum.pdf](http://www.nald.ca/library/learning/roots_connections/curriculum/curriculum.pdf)



### Fall Field Trip Idea

In celebration of their fortieth anniversary, Burnaby Village Museum is offering FREE admission for the rest of 2011. Carousel rides are \$2.75. For more information about Burnaby Village Museum, visit their website at <http://www.burnabyvillagemuseum.ca>.

Literacy BC is sporting a new look, a new office and a new name! Decoda Literacy Solutions offers the same great services, but can now be found at <http://decoda.ca>. Take advantage of their well-stocked library. You can browse and order books online, have them mailed to you and then return them in a pre-paid envelope when you are finished. There are plenty of ESL-related books to choose from. To access the library, click on *Resources*.

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## My Teaching Corner

**My Teaching Corner** is a blog for teachers. Of particular interest is a series of lessons on public speaking. Each public speaking lesson is different and is accompanied by exercises for students to practice at home. The lessons cover a lot of ground from dealing with jittery nerves to signposting a presentation. These are great materials to help students with presentations and public speaking and some great reminders for us as well!

<http://myteachingcorner.blogspot.com/p/public-speaking-lessons.html>



These Translink videos are fun and engaging. Sarah, the character in the videos, takes on a challenge to get from Metrotown to downtown and keeps a videolog of her travels. Videos include *Transit 101*, *Safety & Etiquette* and *Using Next Bus*.

“Get the inside scoop on travelling by transit. Our short videos will tell you

about transit zones, how to buy tickets, where the security phones are and lots of other handy hints, like using your mobile phone to find out when the next bus is coming. So sit back, press play and get ready for some useful tips for your next transit trip!” Find out more...  
<http://www.translink.ca/en/Rider-Info/Transit-101.aspx>

## SFU Literacy Certificate Program

Simon Fraser University now has a Certificate in Literacy Instruction (undergrad) and the newly-minted Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Adult and Community Literacy. Refer to the information below for more information about the program .

Telephone: 778.782.3436

E-mail: [educadv@sfu.ca](mailto:educadv@sfu.ca)

[www.educ.sfu.ca/ugradprogs](http://www.educ.sfu.ca/ugradprogs)



There is also a Facebook page at

<http://www.facebook.com/SFUAdultLiteracyInstruction?sk=wall>

## Academic Word List (AWL) Online

Katie Mitchell is passionate about teaching the AWL and one look at her website titled *The Academic Word* confirms that passion. The Academic Word has both teacher and student materials. Students work through a series of flashcards and quizzes to master the use of Academic words by Sublist. She also provides warm up exercises for teachers and templates for easy classroom preparation.

[http://www.theacademicword.org/The\\_Academic\\_Word/Welcome.html](http://www.theacademicword.org/The_Academic_Word/Welcome.html)

## FALL 2011 EVENTS



**BC TEAL**  
**INTERIOR CONFERENCE**  
October 15th

**ELSA NET CONFERENCE**  
October 17th

**TRI-TESOL CONFERENCE**  
October 21st and 22nd