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## January 2010 Resource Bulletin

### What's New at ELSA Net?

#### On the Website:

##### **New Olympics Resource Package**

We are happy to announce the new Olympics Resource Package is now on the website. You can download lessons and games from the Teacher's Resource page.

##### **Fall Newsletter**

The fall newsletter is now available on the Resource page of the website. The focus is on ESL and Special Needs. We would like to thank everyone who contributed.

#### Networking Events:

##### **ELSA Childcare Sharing Session**

On November 20th, ELSA childcare staff gathered for a half day sharing session hosted by ELSA Net. Participants discussed challenges and successes, and shared ideas for resources.

##### **ELSA 3, 4 & 5 Instructors Sharing Session**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 training/sharing sessions. ELSA Net is currently putting together a Moodle Site on which instructors will be able to share formative assessment resources. Look for it this spring.

##### **ELSA Literacy Instructors Sharing Session**

Literacy instructors enjoyed a sharing session on December 11th at SUCCESS in Surrey. Thank you to all the instructors that made it out on the first snowy day of 2009.

##### **More sharing sessions**

Look forward to more sharing sessions in the New Year. Our first instructor session will be for staff working in Blended programs. We'll be posting the dates on our events calendar soon.

### Upcoming Events

Here are a few of the events happening this winter and spring. For more information on these and other events see our Events Calendar on the website.

**January 29th** Applied Linguistics Information & Resource Fair  
[http://web.uvic.ca/ling/applied/applied\\_events.htm](http://web.uvic.ca/ling/applied/applied_events.htm)

**February 4-6** Early Years Conference 2010  
[http://www.interprofessional.ubc.ca/Early\\_Years\\_2010.html](http://www.interprofessional.ubc.ca/Early_Years_2010.html)

**March 24-27** TESOL Convention  
[http://www.tesol.org/s\\_tesol/convention2010/](http://www.tesol.org/s_tesol/convention2010/)

**March 25** ELSA Blended Programs Sharing Session

**March 26** ELSA Net is excited about hosting a new spring conference "on the other side of the bridge" for our Surrey, Delta, Fraser Valley members

**April 29** ELSA Net Conference at BCIT in Vancouver

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

If you know of other events for the ELSA Net calendar, please email Colleen at [resourcecoordinator@elsanet.org](mailto:resourcecoordinator@elsanet.org) or Carmen at [carmenl@elsanet.org](mailto:carmenl@elsanet.org)

### ELSA Net DVD Resources

Many providers have told us about the success they are having with the recent 9-1-1 and Walk in Clinic videos. If you have not seen the video in your organization, please let us know by emailing [resourcecoordinator@elsanet.org](mailto:resourcecoordinator@elsanet.org).

You can also view the videos online at:  
<http://www.amssa.org/healthyliving/esl-resources/video.html>

## 2010 Olympic & Paralympic Games

These useful websites offer resources and information on the upcoming Olympic & Paralympic Games:

### Stories about Athletes

Athlete of the Week

<http://www.ctvolympics.ca/>

30 Greatest Olympic Stories

<http://www.olympics30.com/>



### Olympic Community Celebrations

There are numerous celebration activities all over the lower mainland during the Olympic Games. Here is the link to find out more:

<http://www.vancouver2010.com/celebrations-and-ceremonies/>

### Olympic Torch Relay

Stories, photos, videos and interactive map

<http://www.vancouver2010.com/olympic-torch-relay/>

### Lessons and Materials

<http://www.olympicschool.ca/default.aspx?PageID=1000&LangID=en> (free, but need to register)

### Word Puzzles and Activities

[http://bogglesworldesl.com/winter\\_olympics.htm](http://bogglesworldesl.com/winter_olympics.htm)

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/olympics/>

(need to become a member)

### Videos

<http://www.vancouver2010.com/olympic-videos/>

<http://www.vancouver2010.com/paralympic-games/videos/>

## Olympics Crafts for Childcare Staff

Check out these websites for fun Olympics themed games and crafts. Since ELSA students are likely to be discussing the Olympics in their classes, some of these activities might be useful for parenting sessions.

Ideas for making Olympic torches, medals and even swimming goggles, plus lots of printable materials...

<http://holidays.kaboose.com/Olympics.html>

Ideas for making Olympic paper rings, a medals chart and a colourful flag handprint wreath...

[http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/olympic\\_crafts\\_for\\_kids.htm](http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/olympic_crafts_for_kids.htm)



Lessons and materials for "Kid's Olympic Day Games," which focus on the Olympic values of peace and friendship...

<http://www.first-school.ws/activities/firststeps/Olympics.htm>

Ideas for making World Neighbours Handprint Poems, paper Olive Leaf Crowns and more...

[http://www.freekidscrafts.com/sports\\_&\\_olympic\\_crafts-t104.html](http://www.freekidscrafts.com/sports_&_olympic_crafts-t104.html)

## Chinese New Year & Valentine's Day

Chinese New Year falls on February 14th this year, the same day as St. Valentine's Day. Here are a few useful resources you may want to use.

### Chinese New Year

<http://www.pitchengine.com/edgewatercasino/vancouvers-biggest-2010-chinese-new-year-celebration/38041/>

[http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/01/chinese\\_new\\_years\\_day.html](http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/01/chinese_new_years_day.html)

### Valentine's Day

[http://bogglesworldesl.com/valentines\\_day\\_worksheets.htm](http://bogglesworldesl.com/valentines_day_worksheets.htm)

<http://www.eslflow.com/Relationships.html>

