



PEITF Summary

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Share your Love of Reading at Annual Convention

The PEITF Annual Convention Committee invites you to share your love of reading. As many of you know, the PEI Literacy Alliance has set up a lending library of children's books at the Food Bank. We encourage you to bring a loved favourite to share with the families who access the services at the Food Bank. A box will be set up at the Information Desk during Convention. All donors will receive a ticket for a draw for prizes on Friday afternoon. Your support of this endeavour is much appreciated, and will provide much needed reading material for some of our own students!

This is a reminder that the Federation has DVD's of previous keynotes that are available for staffs to view as part of their school development days.

Join the Cuso Team in the Island Marathon

Join the Cuso Team in the Island Marathon, Oct. 14 – walk, run, jog to fundraise for overseas work. For more information e-mail: marian.white@cusointernational.org
Cuso is busy recruiting for over 100 open jobs listed at:
<http://volunteerplacementsoverseas.org/english/volunteeropenings.asp>

Take a listen to the 200+ interviews done with former volunteers at
<http://marianwhite-cuso-vso.mypodcastworld.com/>

Move Your World: Global Issues Youth Conference

Are You 15-18 or Know Someone Who Is?
Interested in global issues related to Peace & Conflict, Sustainability, and Social Justice?
Want to attend a hands-on and exciting 4-day Conference
with Peers from across Atlantic Canada?
Apply today for a spot at the FREE (travel bursaries available as well)
Move Your World: Global Issues Youth Conference October 5-8, 2012 in Lake Aylesford, Nova Scotia
For more information and to apply TODAY visit: www.redcross.ca/hipnews
OR
<http://myw2012.eventbrite.com>

The Annual Museums and Schools Partnership Award
Le Prix du partenariat musées-écoles

The Annual Museums and Schools Partnership Award celebrates and encourages excellence in collaboration between Canadian museums and schools, school boards or districts in developing educational programming to enrich and expand students' understanding of and appreciation for Canada's cultural and natural heritage. The deadline is Nov. 15 for entries. <http://www.museums.ca/Awards/?n=16&lang=1>

Le Prix du partenariat musées-écoles qui est décerné annuellement, reconnaît et encourage l'excellence de la collaboration entre, d'une part, les musées et, d'autre part, les écoles et conseils, commissions ou districts scolaires dans le cadre du développement d'une programmation éducative visant à enrichir et à augmenter la compréhension des élèves et leur appréciation des patrimoines culturel et naturel canadiens. La date limite de mise en candidature est le 15 novembre.

<http://www.museums.ca/Awards/?n=16&lang=10>

Annual Meaning of Home Writing Contest in Support of Habitat for Humanity

From October 10 – November 9, 2012 students in grades 4, 5 and 6 can enter the annual Meaning of Home writing contest in support of Habitat for Humanity Canada (HFHC). The contest is a fantastic opportunity for students to put their creative writing skills to work for a good cause. This year is the sixth of the contest, which has received more than 10,000 entries, donated over \$450,000 to Habitat for Humanity and inspired hundreds of children across the country to make writing a priority early in life.

The winner of the contest will be part of the ultimate gift: a \$60,000 contribution towards the building of a Habitat home in or near the winner's community. The winner also receives an iPad, while each runner-up will be given an iPod Touch! To top it off, the winner gets to enjoy a pizza party for their entire school.

With the "Dollars for Essays" program, five dollars is donated to a local Habitat for Humanity affiliate each time an entry is submitted. This means that each of the students participating will have a chance to make a difference and experience first-hand what it means to give back to their communities.

New to the contest this year is the Spirit Award, which will be given to schools who send in over 50 entries. The best part is: teachers can incorporate the writing contest into their classroom activities and assignments. As you know, one of the key elements of language learning is to interact and connect with individuals. Here's how the writing contest helps teachers meet some core requirements:

- The writing contest provides students with the opportunity to produce an original piece of creative work that reflects their capacity for independent critical thought.
- The contest is an activity that students will see as meaningful; one that challenges them to think creatively about a topic that directly impacts their lives – the meaning of home – and

will ultimately improve their writing skills.

You can download a complete, ready-to-go Education Module including a lesson plan, activity ideas, writing tips and a Habitat for Humanity Canada fact sheet, as well as full contest details, at www.meaningofhome.ca. The website will be live by mid July and will have the updated contest information available. Also, by referring a colleague to participate in the contest you are in turn helping Habitat through our “Dollars for Essays” program mentioned above. You can refer easily by clicking <http://www.genworth.ca/contest/refer.html>

Dianne Woloshuk Assumes Presidency of CTF in 2013

Dianne Woloshuk of Saskatchewan to assume presidency of Canadian Teachers’ Federation in 2013. On the last day of the 92nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Canadian Teachers’ Federation (CTF), delegates elected Dianne Woloshuk, a past president of the Saskatchewan Teachers’ Federation, who will assume the presidency a year from now. Dianne Woloshuk has over 30 years of teaching experience in Saskatchewan’s rural and urban school systems. The fluently bilingual president-designate obtained her Master’s Degree in Education from the University of Saskatchewan in 2004. Dianne has served five years on the CTF Board of Directors and three as Vice-President on the federation’s Executive Committee.

Listen, I read

Listen, I read is a riveting Canadian tale in which award-winning authors, teachers and students are the central figures. The story is set in the world of Canadian contemporary literature and the plot revolves around social justice action in our communities. It examines how contemporary Canadian literature can ignite students’ passion and engage them in social justice activities.

This year, 35 Canadian schools have successfully completed the Listen, I read project since it was launched last November via the Canadian Teachers’ Federation (CTF)’s Imagineaction program in partnership with the Canada Council for the Arts, the Canadian Commission for UNESCO (CCU), the Public Lending Right Commission (PLRC) and Indigo Books and Music.

Watch this three-minute video

(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b5cv4nIJO6Q&feature=youtu.be>)

which describes the face-to-face encounter that high school students in Alexandria, Ontario had with Charlotte Gingras, the author of the award-winning book “Un été de Jade”, a book about self-discovery for youth aged 12 and up. Thanks to their sociology teacher, Lisa-Ann Belle-Isle at l’École secondaire catholique Le Relais, 16 students read the book, examined its underlying messages and meanings and then channeled their creativity and inspirations in projects such as photo albums, calligraphy and articles.

Teachers: visit Imagineaction: <http://www.imagine-action.ca/> in September to discover ways you can embark students on a creative and inspiring journey of civic engagement.

Perspectives - E-Publication of CTF

<http://perspectives.ctf-fce.ca/en/8/Default.aspx>

Perspectives e-publication is published by the Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF), a national alliance of provincial and territorial teacher organizations that represent nearly 200,000 elementary and secondary school teachers across Canada.

In the June issue:

1. So what is it about Canada?
2. Teachers' perspectives on student mental health in Canadian schools
3. Civic community schools: What's involved for teachers?
4. Cyberbullying - CTF calls for a national education campaign
5. Teaching the Net Generation: Teachers' Perspectives
6. Listen, I read
7. Engaging students in Canada's Democracy Week
8. Aboriginal EAs strive to be teachers
9. The Annual Museums and Schools Partnership Award

Aerospace Education and Presentations

Are you looking for speakers at your special event, science class, school assembly, education programs or conferences and seminars? I would like to take a moment to introduce myself, I am Brian Ewenson, an aerospace educator and professional speaker on space and aviation programs. My audiences have ranged from ten people at a local library to a conference center with twenty-five hundred attendees, from pre-K to scientists and engineers. My programs are adaptable to a broad range of ages, venues and audiences and can be adapted to meet your particular needs. I am a former employee of the Canadian Space Agency and Lockheed Martin's Space Day program. I travel across the US and Canada performing aerospace education programs. If you should need a local reference for my programs, please contact Nancy Battet of the Lester B. Pearson School Board at nbattet@lbpsb.qc.ca <<mailto:nbattet@lbpsb.qc.ca>> or 514-422-3000. In the past 20 years, I have reached more than one hundred thousand students and adults in my audiences with inspirational programs based on my work in the space program. This all began at four years old on a family trip to the Kennedy Space Center. Please take a moment to review my web site, www.brianewenson.com <<http://www.brianewenson.com/>> and do not hesitate to contact me about scheduling a presentation at your facility, program or community. We work with schools, community organizations, museums, science centers and corporations to bring aerospace to your community. I am presently booking for the 2012-2013 school year.

Discover Your Democracy/Découvrez votre démocratie

Canada's democracy is well respected throughout the world, yet fewer and fewer young Canadians are voting. According to research, teachers can have a big impact in reversing

this trend by educating, informing and engaging the next generation of voters through interactive, hands-on projects. In conjunction with the 2nd annual Canada's Democracy Week (September 15-22, 2012), Imagineaction will be offering a number of project supports for student-developed and student-led projects on "Discover Your Democracy - past and present". This pilot project window is offering a limited number of subsidies to support projects. Click here <<http://www.imagine-action.ca/NewsArticle.aspx?id=12&lang=EN>> to be brought directly to the link.

Découvrez votre démocratie

La démocratie du Canada est bien respectée à l'échelle mondiale, mais de moins en moins de jeunes Canadiens et Canadiennes votent. D'après les recherches, les enseignantes et enseignants sont bien placés pour renverser cette tendance en sensibilisant la prochaine génération d'électeurs et d'électrices à la question, en l'informant et en suscitant sa participation à l'aide de projets interactifs et pratiques.

À l'occasion de la 2e Semaine canadienne de la démocratie (du 15 au 22 septembre 2012), Imagineaction offrira du soutien pour des projets élaborés et menés par des élèves sur le thème « Découvrez votre démocratie : passée et présente ». Ce projet pilote, d'une durée limitée, est démarré. Suivre ce lien

<<http://www.imagine-action.ca/NewsArticle.aspx?id=12&lang=FR>> pour plus d'information.

Tip to Tip for Africa Bike Ride
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This fundraiser is in support of The Townships Project, a Canadian non-profit jumpstarting businesses in South African townships through micro lending, micro franchising, and asset based community development. Island teachers are invited to put in a team and do some fundraising for this event, if they are interested. The event takes place over the Thanksgiving weekend (October 6 - 8) and involves riding across the Island on the Confederation Trail for the 3 days. Accommodations, meals, and snacks are all included in the registration fee. Details are on the Tip to Tip For Africa Bike Ride Website. Check out articles about previous rides at <http://tip2tip4africa.org/category/2012-news/>