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1. News about the 2010 Conference

Spring Conference and Professional Development moves online!

April 21 - 24, 2010

A collaborative group of educators and agencies including the Virtual School Society, KnowWeeks, BC Learning Network, Open School BC and others have come together to plan a series of online Pro-D events culminating in an online conference April 21 to 24, 2010. This series of online professional learning events will help fill the Pro-D gap. Watch for more information about the online conference in the new year.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like to participate in the planning please send us an email at support@LearnNowBC.ca or knowoffice@knowplace.ca.



2. BC Early Learning Framework - Training modules will be available online at LearnNowBC.ca



The Ministry of Education, in partnership with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Children and Family Development, has created two documents for early child educators:

- BC Early Learning Framework; and
- Understanding the British Columbia Early Learning Framework: From Theory to Practice.

The British Columbia Early Learning Framework describes the vision, pedagogical principles, and key areas of learning for children birth to five years (before school entry).

The BC Early Learning Framework Implementation Project is pleased to offer free online training for all BC early childhood educators. This training will be available online through LearnNowBC by the end of January 2010.

For more information, please contact support@LearnNowBC.ca.

3. Elluminate *Live!* - Version 9.7 available soon



Elluminate Live! Version 9.7 will soon be available to BC educators through LearnNowBC.

Elluminate *Live!* V9.7 features:

- Support for 64-bit Windows operating systems with 64-bit JVMs.
- Support for Mac OS X 10.6 (Snow Leopard) and Windows 7 (32 bit).
- A new Connection Speed setting of "Wireless (300 Kbps)" to better manage

the user's experience.

- Improvements to the Preferences panel where you will now see yellow highlighting in the preferences list to indicate there are changes that have not yet been applied.
- Within the Clip Art Library you will notice that the "Elluminate" tab has been renamed as the "Application" tab.

Note that Elluminate will no longer run on Windows 95, 98, ME or NT. Please be aware that Elluminate *Live!* has not supported these versions for several releases now, but with the release of Elluminate *Live!* 9.7, any users using these versions will no longer be able to do so.

[Book your meeting now using Elluminate Live!](#)

4. Live Tutor takes a break for the holidays - StudyBUZZ, Charged Up for Math and Science, and Homework help are still available 24/7.

LearnNowBC's holiday tutoring update:



- LearnNowBC's Live Tutoring service will be unavailable from December 18, 2009 until January 4, 2010, as our Live Tutors take a well-deserved break over the holidays. Live Tutor is normally available from Sunday to Thursday, 6pm to 10pm (except holidays). Students can participate in up to ten one-on-one tutoring sessions each evening.



- Study Buzz is an online self-help study service, available all day, every day. Students can test themselves, check their results, and see what they need to work on. Available 24/7.



- Charged Up for Math and Science is a "streamed video" lesson service that is available 24/7. Students can choose their course topic, watch the lessons, and get answers to commonly asked questions. Available 24/7.
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5. LearnNowBC Links

- [Sign-up for LearnNowBC](#)

- [Past issues of the LearnNowBC eBulletin](#) are now available online in PDF format
- The [DPA Tracker Educator Module](#) helps you track your students' DPA Logs
- Browse through the [Learning Resource Repository](#) for free Learning Objects to use in the classroom. Resources available in these subject areas: English, French, Korean, Health & Career Education, Mathematics, Punjabi, Sciences, Social Studies, and Spanish
- Browse through the [Homework Help websites](#) - helpful websites for students, including:
 - [EBSCO Resources](#)
 - [World Book Web](#)
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