

**December 12, 2011 E-News**  
**BC Aboriginal Child Care Society**

**Merry Christmas and all the Best for 2012!**  
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**\* BC ACCS Holiday Office Closure- Dec 17 2011- Jan 2, 2012 (inclusive)**

Please note that the BC ACCS office will be closed from December 17 to January 2. We will be back in the office on Tuesday January 3, 2012

We wish you the very best of the season. May your homes be filled with joy and belly laughs. May your little ones be safe and feel connected to the spirit of giving and sharing. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

## **RESOURCES**

### **\* Christmas Carole by various First Nations- Interpretations of Classics and an Original**

\* *The Twelve Days of Native Christmas* is a visual and musical adaptation of the well-known classic Christmas song, representing a Native American perspective. Twelve different Native cultural groups are represented in the lyrics and images of this five minute piece  
[http://visionmaker.semchor.com/product.asp?s=visionmaker&pf\\_id=12DY%2D09%2DH&dept\\_id=23445#more](http://visionmaker.semchor.com/product.asp?s=visionmaker&pf_id=12DY%2D09%2DH&dept_id=23445#more)

Excerpts can be found on YouTube:

30 second intro: <http://youtu.be/chiSAWtU920>

1 1/2 minute intro: <http://youtu.be/dIkbVuRnJ7c>

\* *The Little Drummer Boy sung in Cree* by Laura Burnouf: <http://youtu.be/MBgdt2vRb2c>

\* *12 Days of Christmas Powwow style*: <http://youtu.be/QF7J5wnvfzA>

\* *Huron Carole* Sung by Tom Jackson: <http://youtu.be/-ZECOMooAH8>

\* *Original: Stuck in the smoke hole of our tipi* By Shoshoni Elder Oldhands  
<http://youtu.be/YkwlR6EnOps>

### **\* The “Truth about Santa”**

If you are expecting to have the “Santa conversation” with your older children and wish to nurture the spirit of Christmas and Santa for your younger children- this blog presents an excellent approach.

Source: <http://www.cozi.com/live-simply/truth-about-santa>

#### ***Excerpt:***

*Santa is bigger than any person, and his work has gone on longer than any of us have lived. What he does is simple, but it is powerful. He teaches children how to have belief in something they can't see or touch.*

*It's a big job, and it's an important one. Throughout your life, you will need this capacity to believe: in yourself, in your friends, in your talents and in your family. You'll also need to believe in things you can't measure or even hold in your hand. Here, I am talking about love, that great power that will light your life from the inside out, even during its darkest, coldest moments.*

*Santa is a teacher, and I have been his student, and now you know the secret of how he gets down all those chimneys on Christmas Eve: he has help from all the people whose hearts he's filled with joy.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\* Success By 6 Early Childhood Development 2012 Calendar**

The Success By 6 Early Childhood Development 2012 Calendar will be in circulation in December 2011. For more information, please contact your local Success By 6 coordinator. Copies may also be available through participating credit unions, whose support has made these calendars possible. Thank You Credit Unions of BC!

<http://successby6bc.ca/projects/provincial-calendar>

### **\* Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) Go Viral**

Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) Go Viral – Cowichan Valley - The first version of the video clips was available for preview at the ECEBC Communities of Leadership Innovation Showcase in Vancouver last week. The group has created the storyboards for the five 30 second clips and is now editing content and working on the sound tracks. Thanks to support from BCGEU, the project was able to hire a professional company to produce the animated clips that will be shared widely through social media channels, conferences and events. The five clips raising awareness of the importance of ECEs and uniting them across the province are titled: It's not magic, Lifting children and families; Planting the seeds of the future; Puzzle and Pinwheel. The project also has special green wrist bands for ECEs which are a unifying theme in the clips. Final content is expected to be ready in May. A copy of the project brochure will follow showing the playful style of the images that will be used in the videos.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **\* 15th Annual Children the Heart of the Matter Conference**

**When:** February 3-4, 2012

**Where:** Bell Performing Arts Center, Surrey

**Contact:** check the CCRR website closer to the date for more details:

<http://www.childcareoptions.ca/conferences.php>

**Description:** Early Care and Learning Conference

### **\* International Innovations in Early Childhood Education A Canadian Forum on Early Childhood Frameworks**

**When:** July 13-15, 2012

**Where:** Victoria, BC

**Contact:** [uvicearlyyears@dearmondmanagement.com](mailto:uvicearlyyears@dearmondmanagement.com)

**Description:** This conference, the first of its kind in Canada, brings renowned early childhood leaders from Reggio Emilia Italy, New Zealand, and Australia to Victoria, British Columbia for learning, sharing, and planning ways forward for Canada's young children and families. The conference is hosted by the [Unit for Early Years Research and Development](#), located at the University of Victoria's School of Child & Youth Care. The conference builds on the ongoing Investigating Quality project initiated by the Unit in 2005, which explores the links from theory to policy to practice.

Website for more information: [www.uvicearlyyears.ca](http://www.uvicearlyyears.ca)

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