



## March 2010 Child Care Resource Bulletin

Spring is on its way, so it is time to get out and about with the family.  
Here are some FREE family outings.

**Burnaby** March 27 Easter Bunny Skate at the Bill Copeland Arena. The Easter Bunny is coming! Enjoy ice skating, face painting, and crafts. Free for preschoolers. For more info visit [parks@burnaby.ca](mailto:parks@burnaby.ca)

**Burnaby** April 22 Healthy Kids Preschool Fair 9:30 -12 noon at Bonsor Community Centre. Free Admission. Come meet health care professionals, and gather information on your young child's health. There will be activities, crafts, and snacks. [parks@burnaby.ca](mailto:parks@burnaby.ca).

**Coquitlam** Family Fun Nights at the Mall Children ages 3 to 10 and their parents are invited to join Tri City Librarians at Coquitlam Centre from 6pm to 8pm on the last Wednesday of the month from March to August 2010. There will be games, art, crafts, songs, stories and it's FREE. For more info call 604 4641414

**Nanaimo** Every Tuesday 9:30am to 10:30am Wee Ones Fun at Woodgrove Mall. Join in some fun for the wee ones sponsored by Pacific Care Come. Enjoy songs, activities, and stories with your child.

**Surrey** Earth Day Celebration April 17 11-3pm at Bear Creek Park. Join in on the party for the planet. Lots of cool family activities and fun for more info call Surrey Parks and Recreation 604 301-5121

### Upcoming Events

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

**April 9th** - Save Your Sanity: Proactive Strategies for Challenging Children 8:30a.m. - 3:00p.m.  
<http://www.crdconsult.com/>

**April 10** Coquitlam Pine Tree Montessori Preschool Communication Workshop  
call for details 604 70-7426

**May 27-29** - ECEBC's 39th Annual Conference  
<http://www.ecebc.ca/events/index.html>

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

### St. Patrick's Day

March 17th

Check out the Handprint Rainbow and the Leprechaun Trap!

<http://www.kaboose.com/finder.html?fn=crafts&sp=Enter+Keyword&cat%5B%5D=ne2mw0&cat%5B%5D=ov9kp2&cat%5B%5D=2ct5gj&x=65&y=16>

Crafts, games, songs, poems, and even colouring pages!  
<http://www.dltk-holidays.com/patrick/index.html>

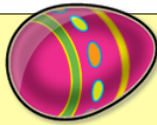
More fun activities and crafts...

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/stpatrick/>



## Easter

April 4th



For great Easter games, activities and crafts check out these websites:

<http://www.dltk-holidays.com/easter/index.html>  
<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/easter/>

Books for the pre-school child.  
THE Egg by Pascale de Bourgoing (multi Languages)

### Poem:

The Snowman and Bunny:  
*A round little snowman  
Had a carrot for a nose  
Along came a bunny  
And what do you suppose?  
That hungry little bunny,  
Looking for his Easter lunch  
Ate the snowman's carrot nose  
Nibble, Nibble, Crunch!!!*

## Vaisakhi

April 14th

### Vaisakhi Parade in Surrey

The streets of Surrey come alive during the annual Vaisakhi parade. Vaisakhi is the celebration of both the Sikh New Year and the anniversary of the establishment of Khalsa.

<http://vancouver.about.com/od/vancouverevents/p/vaisakhiparade.htm>

## Earth Day

April 22nd

### Resources

Earth Day colouring pages, games, crafts and activity sheets.  
<http://www.dltk-kids.com/crafts/earth/index.html>

Check out the Paper Chain Caterpillar and the Litter Bug!  
<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/earthday/>

### Books about protecting Mother Earth

*Mother Earth* by Nancy Luenn

*Into The Night* by Deborah Heiligman

*Eagle's Reflection and Other Northwest Coast Stories* by Robert J Challenger

### Chant to sing with children

#### Cedar Tree

Oh Oh cedar tree  
Won't you come and walk with me.

Oh Oh Cedar Tree  
Won't you come and sing with me

Oh Oh Cedar Tree  
Won't you come and teach me.



## Mother's Day

May 9th

Here are some great mother's day activities.

<http://www.dltk-holidays.com/mom/index.html> and <http://crafts.kaboose.com/holidays/mothers-day/>

As early childhood educators we are aware that some children may not have a mother in their life for any number of reasons. However, the child may have a strong, caring female figure in their family who that child may wish to acknowledge during this celebration.

Mother's day is a time we can celebrate all women in a young child's life regardless of the role they play. One art activity we can do with children is to make a collage of pictures from magazines of different women doing many different things. We can discuss with the children what the women are doing, what type of jobs they have, etc.

