

## Winter Olympics 2010 — Information Sheet

The 2010 Winter Olympics will take place in Vancouver from February 12 to 28, 2010. A month later, the Paralympic Winter Games will begin on March 12 and conclude on March 21, 2010.

Hosting the Olympic Games in Canada will give Canadians an opportunity to showcase our achievements, creativity and cultural diversity. The Olympic Games also offer a wonderful learning opportunity for students.

Here are some of the ways students can get involved:

- Bring the Olympics into the classroom. There are many ways you can link the Olympic Games to the Ontario curriculum.
- Hold your own school Olympics event — and celebrate your achievements by participating in the [Healthy Schools Recognition Program](#).
- Get involved with the Olympic Torch relay. The relay will arrive in Ontario on December 11, 2009 and relay through our cities, towns and rural communities until January 5, 2010. Visit [www.vancouver2010.com/torchrelays](http://www.vancouver2010.com/torchrelays) to find out more. The Olympic Torch will stop in 42 communities in Ontario for local noon and evening celebrations. If your school is located in one of these communities, contact your local mayor's office to find out how your school could become involved.
- Visit the Vancouver 2010 Education website at [www.vancouver2010.com/edu](http://www.vancouver2010.com/edu) for opportunities for teachers and students to learn, share and participate in activities geared towards the Olympic and Paralympic Games, such as:
  - Bon Voyage Sumi: The Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games mascot is visiting schools across the country, inspiring students and educators to engage in the passion and spirit of the Paralympic Games
  - Sharing the Dream Webcasts: A series of student-led webcast interviews related to five Olympic and Paralympic themes and to global citizenship
  - Project Showcase: Features school projects from across Canada that relate to the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games or the pillars of sport, culture and sustainability.
  - Pan-Canadian Paralympic School Week, November 2-6, 2009: A week-long program adopting the ideals of the Paralympic Movement and showcasing people with disabilities who are making a difference.
  - La Flamme virtuelle de la francophonie (francophonie's virtual flame): a virtual platform where members of francophone communities across Canada can meet, exchange ideas and showcase themselves through all kinds of engaging productions (available in September 2009).

You can also sign up for updates from Vancouver's /EDU website by visiting the About /EDU section on the website.

Please take this opportunity to bring the Olympic Games celebrations into your school.