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This is Bullying Awareness Week: November 16 - 22, 2008

What do the communities of Edson, Alberta, Kamloops, B.C., the City of Toronto, over 11,000 students in London, Ontario, and the CBC's Rick Mercer have in common? They are all participating in the sixth annual Bullying Awareness Week, from November 16th to 22 with the theme, "Stand Up to Bullying!" Information: www.bullyingawarenessweek.org

Fast Facts:

- Bullying occurs in school playgrounds every 7 minutes and once every 25 minutes in class.
- Just one in four children report that teachers intervene in bullying situations, while seven in ten teachers believe they always intervene
- Most bullying occurs close to adults.
- Bullying is reduced in a school if the principal is committed to reducing bullying.
- 85 per cent of bullying episodes occur in the context of a peer group.
- 83 per cent of students indicate that watching bullying makes them feel uncomfortable.

- Bullying stops in less than 10 seconds, most of the time when peers intervene on behalf of the victim.
- By age 24, 60 per cent of identified bullies have a criminal conviction. Young children labeled by their peers as bullies require more support from adults, from government agencies, have more court convictions, more alcoholism, more anti-social personality disorders and use more mental health services.

Resources:

www.bullying.org

"Where you are NOT alone!"

the most visited and referenced website about bullying

www.cyberbullying.ca

"Always on? Always Aware!"

the first website about cyberbullying

www.bullyingcourse.com

"Learn to be the change!"

online courses and webinars about bullying and cyberbullying