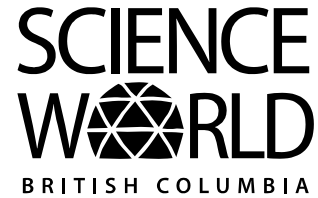


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## Science World and the Province “PAL” Up to Inspire Students

**VANCOUVER, BC**—Education Minister Tom Christensen, Science World President & CEO Bryan Tisdall and Science World Board of Governors Chair Morgan Sturdy proudly announced the creation of the B.C. Program for the Awareness and Learning of Science (BC PALS) today. Through the \$5 million government investment in Science World's enrichment programs for students and teachers, elementary schools throughout B.C. will get firsthand experience with science and technology.

“We are extremely excited about the Province’s support for BC PALS,” said Morgan Sturdy. “The program will allow us to reach out to young students across the province to promote awareness and support for the contribution of science and technology to the future prosperity of British Columbia.”

The BC PALS Program was developed to support the math & sciences curriculum in elementary schools and includes:

- A free visit to Science World or free Science World outreach visit for all elementary students.
- Curriculum-related resource materials for B.C. teachers.
- Teacher preparation for elementary teachers in training.
- Super Science Club, an expansion of an after-school science enrichment program at inner-city schools.
- Odyssey Schools, a program that will provide supplementary resources to science teachers.

Program planning will take place this summer and most programs will begin at the start of the new school year in September.

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