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Learning Update

Hello everyone! I am hoping that you had an opportunity to rest, re-energize and enjoy the company of your family and loved ones during the Thanksgiving long weekend. Following is your bi-monthly newsletter that includes current innovative learning information and resources. Please note that all issues will be posted on our [CISPG.ca website](http://CISPG.ca) 😊

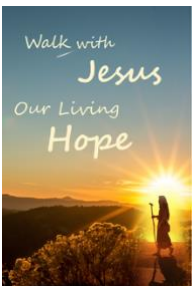
Provincial Pro D Day: October 23, 2020

In this issue, I have tried to compile most of the professional learning opportunities that will take place on the upcoming Provincial Pro D Day (see side bar as well).

Of note is Langley SD's "Connecting the Pieces" Pre-K and Kindergarten Virtual Conference where Janice Novakowski will be presenting some ideas around early math concepts. For more information or to register, go to [Connecting The Pieces](#). (Teachers \$99, Student Teachers & ECE's \$55).

As well, for those teachers who use Joyful Literacy resources and strategies, Janet Mort will be presenting via Zoom. The Joyful Literacy team has created a Virtual Summit for elementary teachers called Safety, Wellbeing and Learning. [Click here](#) to register (\$200).

The POPEY Team will present at the [BC Primary Teachers' Association](#) on SEL and the Core Competencies (pm) and the Early Literacy Framework (am). Keynote by Kimberly Schonert-Reichl (Non-BCTF \$125).



We respectfully acknowledge the unceded ancestral lands of the indigenous nations in which we live, work and play. The Lheidli T'enneh Nation in Prince George. The Tsimshian Nation in Prince Rupert. The Haisla Nation in Kitimat. The Wet'suwe'ten in Smithers. The Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta in Dawson Creek.

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Upcoming Events

Provincial Pro D October 23, 2020

[Classrooms to Communities 2020](#)

Provincial Conference from Prince George and online. Join educators from Prince George and across BC to share approaches to place-based experiential education.

More Provincial Pro D October 23

Social Studies:

<https://bcستاconference.ca>

Counsellors: <https://bcستاconference.ca>

Primary Teachers:

<https://bcpta.ourconference.ca>

Music Educators:

<http://bcmeaconference.com>

And more: [psa day 2020](#)

POPEY After-School Literacy Workshops – 3:15 – 4:15 pm

POPEY is offering a series of free one-hour workshops, each focusing on one element of Comprehensive Literacy Instruction.

Use this [link](#) to sign up for:

Word Work	October 28, 2020
Writing	November 13, 2020
Oral Lang	November 27, 2020

New Resources

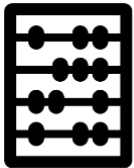
All of the resources mentioned in this newsletter have been collected from school districts and educators across the province. Please be reminded that the links embedded within this document are meant to provide examples of “wise practice” across BC. They are not meant to overwhelm, but rather to support CISPG educators with a repository of rich resources. I am grateful to school districts and educators across BC who so generously share their learning with us.

Literacy



- [More Picture Books to Teach and Practice Inference](#) by @pernillesripp.com – This post shares an impressive list of picture books to develop inference.
- [Adrienne's OLLI](#) - When schools shut down last spring, Adrienne Gear wanted to find a way to continue to support teachers as they went to online and virtual teaching. OLLI lessons (Online Learning Lesson Ideas) were weekly lessons, based on a picture book, that teachers could either use for remote or in-class lessons. Since then, teachers have continued asking her when she would be posting them again. While she can't promise to post a new one every week, she will do her best to post as many as she can! She also includes a list of her previous OLLI lessons and anchor books. **CHECK HER WEBSITE** frequently: [readingpowergear](#).
- [What's Going On In This Picture?](#) The New York Times invites teachers and students to use this bank of 40 puzzling images, all stripped of their captions or context, to practice visual thinking and close reading skills by holding a “What’s Going On in This Picture?” discussion or writing activity, via in-person or remote instruction. If you’re not sure how to get started, they have a [recorded webinar](#) that walks teachers through the process and describes the power of this simple activity. In addition, they have [lesson plans](#) and [resources](#) to help teachers use a wide variety of Times images to get students writing, thinking, speaking and listening.

Numeracy



- [Halloween Pumpkin Math](#) Megan Zeni has created an amazing website focused on learning outdoors. Follow her @Roomtoplay and **CHECK HER WEBSITE** frequently.
- You may also be interested in the [Pumpkin Decomposition Experiment](#) and other hands-on activities that “spark children’s creativity and learning.”
- [Multiplication By Heart](#) - a free, online version of the Multiplication by Heart cards – great for families at home. The physical deck of cards can also be pre-ordered. According to the creators, these visual flash cards “use beautiful visualizations and spaced repetition to teach multiplication facts with under 5 minutes of practice per day.”
- Kim Sutton from [Creative Mathematics](#) is currently offering a FREE short video and PDF of a great puzzle set called Cross Number Puzzles. **CLICK HERE FOR VIDEO**. It includes 30 blackline masters at three levels that will challenge students in grades 2-5. These puzzles use addition and subtraction skills plus encourage algebraic thinking.

Explorations



- BC Science World has a collection of free Science/STEAM resources. Check out [Science World Resources](#) and follow them @ScienceWorldTR. You can also sign up for their newsletter.
- Join Science World educators and teachers across B.C. for weekly sessions about STEAM learning and teaching. Click this link to [register](#) for free workshops.

PHE/SEL



- [Using Learning Journals to Move Students Toward Self-Regulated Learning](#) – the amazing Kristin Visscher has shared this strategy as a means for students to respond to the “Big 3” questions: What Are You Learning? How Is It Going? Where to Next? Although she wrote this for her online classes last Spring, she will continue to use this strategy in her classroom environment. Follow Kristin @Visscherinspired
- Explore how [Explicit SEL instruction](#) helps students develop and practice social and emotional competencies (US style). Note the [CASEL Guide to Schoolwide Social and Emotional Learning](#). Follow them @caselorg.
- To learn more about SEL and the CASEL framework, take a look at [What is SEL?](#)

Inquiry



- Check out “Inquiry Based Learning”, a resource of [SurreySchoolsONE](#). A great place to start!
- Learning By Inquiry has a new post entitled [How To Help Students Form Rich, High-Quality Inquiry Questions](#). Other resources are available on this site as well.

Inclusive Ed



- Based in Vancouver, Shelley Moore consults locally, provincially and beyond. Visit [blogsomemoore](#) for an extensive array of inclusive education resources and check out her website - [SMOOREMINUTES](#) with videos dedicated to empowering schools and classrooms to support ALL Learners! Created by Shelley Moore, this website and video series offers resources, research, professional development activities and inspiration in 5-minute chunks!



5 MOORE-MINUTES!
with Shelley Moore

Indigenous Ed



- The Delta School District has created an excellent [Indigenous Education Community](#) website focused on Indigenous learning. Although some of the documents refer primarily to the lower mainland, it is a very useful resource for information about the BC curriculum, weaving Indigenous perspectives into your classroom and lesson plans. The videos entitled [“Learning With Nathan”](#) are very engaging!
- Another “go-to” site is [Strong Nations](#), an online store that offers a variety of resources, including educator resources, free lesson plans, books for use in the classroom, and more! Follow them @strong_nations. Check out these latest [resources](#).

ProD



- The Canadian Assessment for Learning Network and the Alberta Assessment Consortium are hosting a three-part virtual conference beginning November 21, 2020. There are 16 sessions highlighting ongoing Assessment for Learning (AFL) practice across Canada. For more information and to register (\$200 per person) go to [How Clear Is Our Vision?](#) At the same time, check out the excellent Alberta Assessment Consortium site for information on performance assessments, rubrics, etc. 😊
- [Engaging All Learners in the Middle Years](#) - Greater Victoria School District 61 would like to invite educators in BC to join in a shared conversation about engaging all learners in the middle years. This four-part interactive webinar series will be led by Dr. Leyton Schnellert. Special



guests include: Shelley Moore, Nikki Lineham, John Harris, Miriam Miller, and others. Visual representations by Kristin Wiens. All Webinars take place from 3:15 – 4:45 pm:

Webinar #1 – Thursday, October 29th – Responsive Teaching with Leyton Schnellert and Nikki Lineham

Webinar #2 – Thursday, Dec 3rd – Designing for Diversity & Deeper Learning with Leyton Schnellert and Shelley Moore

Webinar #3 – Wednesday, Feb 17th – Place Conscious Learning with Leyton Schnellert and John Harris

Webinar #4 – Wednesday, April 21st – Self-Regulated & Social Emotional Learning with with Leyton Schnellert and Miriam Miller

Planning & Assessment



- From Educational Leadership Magazine: [Eight Essential Principles for Improving Grading](#)
- Tom Schimmer has written a recent article entitled [“Quality Over Quantity: Mindsets for Grading Reform”](#). Well worth a read.
- Check out this blog for information/resources about secondary Humanities courses and assessment: [My Growth Mindset blog](#). Shannon Schinkel @dramaqueenbrc is a “gradeless and PBL innovator, writer and presenter” who currently teaches in the secondary system in Prince George.
- Here is a [Plants & Lifecycles Virtual Makerspace and Innovation](#) unit co-created by Christine Dixon @christinekdixon and [Marla Rosenthal](#) for Kinder/1st grade teachers in California. The virtual makerspace is full of read alouds, videos, games, coding and innovation links with the focus on nature and our natural resources. Check out the blog section of her site as well. They have three more units to share:
 - [Life on Land STEAM & Innovation Unit](#)
 - [Life Below Water STEAM & Innovation Unit](#)
 - [Nature & Natural Resources STEAM & Innovation Unit](#)