

CISPG LEARNING

Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George



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://bcsstaconference.ca>

Counsellors: <https://bcscconference.ca>

Primary Teachers:

<https://bcpta.ourconference.ca>

Music Educators:

<http://bcmeaconference.com>

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:

Reading October 14, 2020

Word Work October 23, 2020

Writing November 13, 2020

Oral Lang November 27, 2020

Learning Update

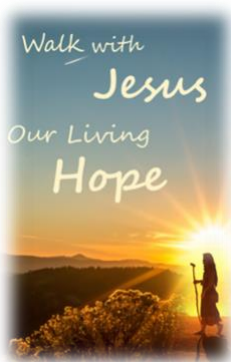
On October 5, we celebrate World Teachers' Day in honor of all of our CISPG teaching and non-teaching staff. Take a moment to view the [Singapore Children's Virtual Choir](#) as they pay tribute to teachers around the globe for their dedication and inspirational work with students, particularly during these extraordinary times. You may also wish to take part in McDonald Canada's offer of a free medium premium roast coffee or tea on that day ☺ Thank you for all you do on behalf of CISPG learners. You make a difference every day!

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.

Save the Dates

One of the "silver linings" that has resulted from the COVID pandemic is the exponential growth in cost-effective online professional learning opportunities. This pro-d growth is a huge benefit for our CISPG Diocese with its geographic challenges, as we can now learn from the comfort of our homes or schools at a time that works for us. Please note the many upcoming events that are taking place in the next few months

(see sidebar) – and enjoy! I will update this list as events become available ☺



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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New Resources

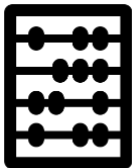
All of the resources mentioned in this newsletter have been collected from school districts and educators across the province. They will be also posted as well on our [CISPG.ca website](http://CISPG.ca) under Curriculum & Instruction/Websites & Blogs. Please note that this section of the website is currently under construction 😊

Literacy



- Adrienne Gear - Check out [Top Ten Tuesday](#) for great book recommendations on the Fall season. Follow her on Twitter [@AdrienneGear](#).
- [What's Going on In This Picture?](#) From the New York times (and excellent for critical thinking). Students look closely at a posted image, stripped of its caption and join a moderated conversation about what they see. On Thursday afternoon, the newspaper reveals more about the image and its origins at the bottom of this post.
- [POPEY](#) is offering a series of free one-hour workshops, each focusing on one element of Comprehensive Literacy Instruction. See POPEY After-School Workshops in the sidebar on page 1. As well, if you missed the eHandouts from our online POPEY session on September 23, please check them out [here](#).

Numeracy



- “Data Talks” has just been launched on the [you-cubed website](#). Founder Jo Boaler recommends that teachers start their class with a data talk – “so important for our students becoming data literate K-12”.
- The amazing Janice Novakowski (@jnovakowski38) has shared a document about using math manipulatives, materials and tools - ideas for individual math kits, small group shared materials and use of virtual manipulatives: [Use of Math Manipulatives and Materials – A Collection of K-9 Resources](#). **READ THIS!**
- On the Richmond blog as well is an excellent planning resource - thanks to Janice Novakowski: [SD 38 K-7 Math Essential Learning Standards](#). **READ THIS**
- Janice also reminds teachers to check out the great resources on prioritizing learning standards, finding out what your students know, and outdoor learning – available on the [BC Numeracy](#) website. Follow them on twitter [@BCnumeracy](#).
- Kelli Vogstad has shared the following article on [“How to create Math Toolkits for your Students”](#).
- Check out some of the projects available at [Public Math](#) like the [Hexagon Challenge](#).
- Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks Resources - Recent videos this week provide teachers with some quick mental math breaks for your students: [10 Primary Math Breaks](#) and [Upper Elementary Math Breaks](#). To receive weekly updates, sign up [here](#).
- Steve Wyborney has shared a favorite resource that was posted in 2019 – [20 Days of Number Sense and Rich Math Talk \(K-12\)](#). You can subscribe to his [blog](#) or take a look at his YouTube channel.

Explorations

- For teachers of Social Studies, this is a **MUST VISIT** website/blog created by Glen Thielmann, currently working at SD #57 and UNBC. Check out his story cards and his [Grade 8](#) and [Grade 9](#) course outlines and section on resources. Glen is a well-respected teacher and winner of the Governor General’s Award for Teaching.



- Keep kids of all ages engaged and interested in exploring art and making with unique hands-on projects inspired by your favorite [Hirshhorn](#) artworks. New projects are released every week.
- Canadian Heritage - Check out [Northern Lights Virtual Show!](#) This unique virtual show will engage students while teaching them Canada's history.
- [Exploring By The Seat Of Your Pants](#) aims to inspire the next generation of scientists, explorers and conservationists by bringing science, exploration, adventure and conservation live into classrooms through virtual speakers and field trips with leading experts across the globe. Subscribe to the teachers' newsletter and book camera spots to attend "live" events.
- [National Film Board for Education](#) – Check out the [Education Playlists](#) for ages five to seventeen.

PHE/SEL



- 15 New Cooperative Games for grade K-3, 4-6, 7-12 are UP and RUNNING on the [PHE Learning Centre!](#)
- Shared by RosePillay1: Create A Classroom Manifesto In Collaboration With Your Students - <http://learnforward.ca/classroom-manifesto-eguide/> FREE guide for Grades 1-6 classrooms on how to be "powerful learners".
- Shared by @T_F_Berger - One form of expertise teachers develop over years is how to keep students on track for learning throughout the day, and these strategies teachers have shared with [@edutopia](#) are their essential tools for helping students regain their calm and focus: [How To Maslow Before Bloom](#).

Inquiry



- Take a look at Trevor Mackenzie's [YouTube channel](#) for some video content around inquiry. Follow Trevor @trev_mackenzie
- Each week, Trevor also shares an inquiry [sketch note](#).
- [Ms J's Learning Blog](#) – shared by Jenny Schroeder. This is an excellent blog full of videos that show inquiry-based learning at work. Well worth a read – and great for ADST or STEAM projects!



ProD



- Register for FREE Open Course Resources [webinar](#) on October 8 at 3:30 pm: Student-Centred Assessment to Support Inquiry-Based Learning with [@rbathursthunt](#) [@trev_mackenzie](#)
- Tech-Up from Science World offers coding and digital skills professional development experiences for educators. Their reservable virtual programs are designed by education specialists and reflect British Columbia's curriculum. Check out the [Coding Workshops](#) here.
- Online Seminars on Daily 5 Literacy Framework, Café Literacy System, Math Daily 3 Framework and more can be found on the [Daily 5 Café](#) website.

Planning



- Lesson Plan resources shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 from:
 - [UVic](#)
 - [SFU](#)
 - [TeachBC](#)
 - [UBC](#)
- More planning resources can be found on the [cispg.ca](#) website under [Curriculum& Instruction](#).

Online Resources



- Recommended by Janice Novakowski for #mathstorytellingday on Friday, there is “a great collection of online math picture books available on TumbleMath”. Check out [TumbleMath](#) for acquiring a district license for teachers and families to use!
- Canadian website [Math Storytime](#) has FREE online math books in English and French for K-4, also available as an app. Also great for parents.
- [Math Games at Home](#) from INVESTIGATIONS3 – a selection of blog posts about using some very interesting Math games at home

