

# CISPG LEARNING

Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George

*“Creating inspiring and innovative Catholic Learning Communities”*



## Upcoming Events

### Canadian Assessment for Learning Conference (CAfLN)

Join the assessment conversation at this year's AAC-CAfLN conference on November 21, 2020, January 23, 2021, and May 8, 2021. To register, go to [Assessment 2020](#).

### STAYLIT with @DrJCarrington Saturday, January 30, 2021

What is StayLit? It's a PD day with "some of the best speakers we could find, as we walk our children, and each other, through hard things." Dr. Jody Carrington is a psychologist, speaker and author of "Kids These Days", a Canadian best seller. Early bird registration is \$39.20.

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

POPEY (Provincial Outreach Program for the early Years) is offering a series of free one-hour primary sessions, each focusing on one element of Comprehensive Literacy Instruction.

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

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| Writing   | November 13, 2020 |
| Oral Lang | November 27, 2020 |

### ADST FREE webinars

Oct 30: [Micro: bits in the Classroom](#)  
Nov 9: [Introduction to Makey Makey](#)

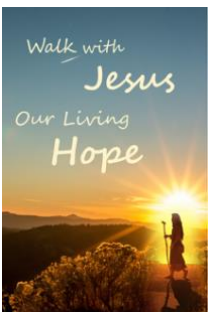
## It's All About the Core!

The current CISPG Learning Plan 2020-2022 recognizes the critical importance of social-emotional well-being (for both students and adults). We now know that, in order for students to acquire the essential skills needed to thrive and develop as lifelong learners and educated citizens, schools and classrooms must sharpen their focus on the "missing piece" in education, social-emotional learning (SEL). "Social and Emotional Learning is inextricably linked to school and life success. Empirical research indicates that well-designed, well-implemented, teacher-taught SEL curricula can achieve multiple benefits that include significant improvement in students' social-emotional development, behaviour and academic performance." (Durlak et al, 2011)

Social-emotional learning proficiencies are most apparent in the BC Curriculum in the "Personal" and "Social" Core Competencies. Personal and Social competency encompasses what students need to thrive as individuals, to understand and care about themselves and others, and to find and achieve their purposes in the world. These Core Competencies are developed primarily through student reflection and self-assessment.

In our revised CISPG Learning Plan, we have created a new learning goal: "Embed social-emotional learning and the Core Competencies into daily classroom practice so that students will thrive and appreciate themselves as unique individuals."

In order to support schools and educators in implementing this critical goal, I have added a section for Core Competency resources to this newsletter. I hope that these are useful to you 😊



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## New Resources

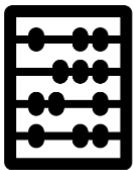
All of the resources mentioned in this newsletter have been collected from school districts and educators across the province. Please be reminded that the links embedded within this document are meant to provide examples of “wise practice” across BC. They are not meant to overwhelm, but rather to support 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



- United Library Services, in collaboration with BC author and literacy expert Adrienne Gear, has introduced a new subscription service titled “GearPicks Pack”. This is a yearly subscription service offering schools and libraries anchor books (fiction and non-fiction children’s literature chosen by Adrienne Gear) to supplement Reading Power and Writing Power collections. For more information on this service, check-out [GearPicks Pack](#).

### Numeracy



- [Math Walks](#) This site was created last March during quarantine to encourage math discussion during neighbourhood walks. However, the many interesting puzzles can be used very well in the classroom.
- Jess Kyle @jessanwa from SD #36 has pulled together resources for doing Counting Collections, both in the classroom, at home and outdoors, for primary and intermediate. Here is the link: [Mathing Around](#)
- Professional Learning Resources to check out:
  - [Joyful Math](#) by @McLennan1977, published by @stenhousepub and available in Canada through @PembrokePublish. Recommended by Janice Novakowski – “lots of preK, Kindergarten and grade 1 ideas for joyful math experiences with materials and through art and literacy and outdoors.
  - [Building Thinking Classrooms in Mathematics](#) by Peter Liljedahl @pgliljedahl
- [Number Talk Images](#) – Shared by Janice Novakowski. Take a look at this weebly curated by @Pierre\_Tranche
- Here are dozens of [#wodb](#) (Which One Doesn’t Belong) tasks for your classroom use at <http://wodb.ca>. Website by @MaryBourassa. Shared by Christopher Danielson @Trianglemancsd

### Explorations



- While it’s not quite the same as seeing the Mona Lisa or Christ the Redeemer in person, some of the world’s most popular and remote destinations have created libraries of online images and video as well as 360 degree virtual tours that let you virtually explore museums, galleries, world wonders and even national parks. Check out this link to explore some of the [Best Virtual Tours](#).

### PHE/SEL



- Inspired by schools around Alberta, Ever Active Schools has compiled strategies to help your school develop a cold weather recess plan. This **100% FREE downloadable** resource includes content like the Student Leader Handbook: [Cold Weather Recess Planning](#)
- Adrienne Gear has just released a new book entitled **Powerful Understanding: Helping Students Explore, Question & Transform Their Thinking About Themselves and the World Around Them**. Powerful Understanding explores effective ways to build social emotional skills

and help students make connections, question what they read, and reflect on their learning as they develop into stronger readers and learners.

## ProD



- [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 29<sup>th</sup>** – Responsive Teaching with Leyton Schnellert and Nikki Lineham

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

**Webinar #3 – Wednesday, Feb 17<sup>th</sup>** – Place Conscious Learning with Leyton Schnellert and John Harris

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

## Core

## Competencies



- [Core Competencies ... It's Not About The Checklist](#) – This is a **MUST READ**. Follow Kelli @kellivogstad
- [Developing and Supporting K-12 Student Reflection and Self-Assessment of Core Competencies](#) (Ministry doc)
- [POPEY Core Competencies](#)
- [Rose Pillay 2019 Adaptation of Ministry Final Core Competencies](#)
- [Exploring the CC's](#) – Ministry Videos of Final Core Competency work
- [Vancouver School Board \(VSB\)](#) – excellent website containing information on the Core Competencies, **Updated Posters**, Templates, I Can statements etc.
- [North Vancouver School District 44 \(NVSD44\)](#) – another excellent website with some great self-assessment of Core Competencies. It is very worthwhile to “tour” this entire site.
- [Mission SD75](#) – more useful resources focused on the competencies
- [Core Competency Book Lists](#)
- [Core Competency Handbook - Surrey SD](#) (Elementary)
- [Core Competency Handbook - Surrey SD \(Secondary\)](#)
- [Identity Inquiry – Bathurst-Hunt/Apels](#)
- [Kindness Ninja Inquiry Workbook](#)
- [Visscher Sorting Activity](#)
- More documents can be found on the cispg.ca website under Learning Services, Curriculum & Instruction, [Core Competencies](#).