

CISPG LEARNING

Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George

“Creating inspiring and innovative Catholic Learning Communities”

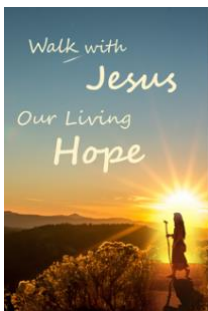
Kindness PLAN

Kindness is a virtue and truly matters – as Aesop said – ‘No act of kindness, how small, is ever wasted.’

Welcome to World Kindness Day (and Friday the 13th)! I noticed this poster by @DrTinarae (click on the image for the full poster) and thought it would be very fitting for this week’s newsletter. On her poster, she mentions the importance of expressing gratitude to others who are kind and make a difference. So, in that spirit I would like to express gratitude to:

- Laurie Hooker and Chris Dugdale, who support our “innovative learning” work at all times, despite their very full plates;
- Our “front-line workers” in schools, who work tirelessly to make a difference for kids and their learning during these exceptional times;
- Educators across BC and beyond who share their world-class learning and expertise in the spirit of generosity so that we can all move forward together;
- Our colleagues in neighbouring Dioceses who walk with us on our learning journeys – special thanks to Sandy and Rose ☺
- Everyone in our CISPG family. You have the courage to walk into our buildings every day and do “what really matters” to make our Catholic Learning Communities a place where all learners can thrive.

Have a restful weekend!



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

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.

Shelley Moore is offering a 15% DISCOUNT CODE for this event.: Here is the link to register and use discount code **SHELLEY**

<https://staylit.swoogo.com/staylit2021/b>

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

Please note that these workshops are currently on pause so that some technical glitches can be resolved ☺



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



- Shared by @tenilleshade on Twitter: “This article needs to be read by every literacy educator. It’s balanced, fair, and thought provoking.” **When Young Readers Get Stuck**
- The November issue of @ELmagazine is full of resources & ideas (such as the article above) for supporting K-3 students—even from a distance. Read this important edition here: <https://bit.ly/2Hy2Koj> #edchat #earlychildhood.
- Tim Rasinsky, (@TimRasinski1), Professor of Literacy Education at Kent State and author of the Megabook of Fluency is making the following offer: “If anyone would like for me to send you my Morphology Monday, Word Ladder Wednesdays, and Fluency Friday lessons, just send me an email with "Send Me Your Word Study & Fluency Lessons" in the subject line and I'll start a list of folks to send the lessons to via email and as pdfs.” His email is: trasinsk@kent.edu.

- **Top Ten Literacy Podcasts** – Note #5 **Powerful Literacy Practices** with Jennifer Sarravallo
- From Howie Hua (@howie_hua), Math teacher at Fresno State: “Here's a slide deck template of virtual "I am a math person" frames with a reflection section, if anyone wants it”: **I Am A Math Person**
- Also from Howie Hua, **Let’s Play “Got It”**
- From Peter Liljedahl (@pgliljedahl), author of Building Thinking Classrooms: “There is now a free book study guide available for Building Thinking Classrooms in Math. You can get it from **Building Thinking Classrooms Publications**. Peter’s book is available on Amazon Canada (out of stock currently) or University of Toronto Press.



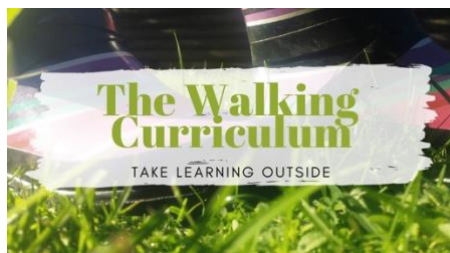
- Steve Wyborney is an award-winning teacher and instructional coach from Oregon. He is well known for his use of instructional technology and his work with mathematics and his passionate belief in the exceptional potential of every student. He has created a blog with many useful resources for teachers. Check here for his new blog post **Esti-Mysteries and Number Sense Resources Every Day for the Rest of the School Year**. **WELL WORTH A READ!**

Explorations



- **Power Smart for Schools** is an online hub of energy focused education resources. FREE engaging and adaptable activities for K to 12.
- **National Geographic Education** offers a searchable database of free resources, including Lesson Plans, Maps, Photographs, Infographics, and Articles for use Geography, Earth Science, Biology and the Arts.
- **The Ultimate Guide to Choice Boards and Learning Menus** by AJ Juliani

PHE/SEL



The Walking Curriculum by Dr. Gillian Judson has just been named one of the world's most inspiring innovations in K12 education by internationally renowned education nonprofit HundrED. "The Walking Curriculum provides us with easy-to-use, child-centred and developmentally appropriate activities that make outdoor learning – regardless of whether you're surrounded by trees or concrete – memorable,

meaningful and fun."

- **50 Educational Brain Breaks** via [@WeAreTeachers](#)
- **Brain Breaks** – 20 Ways to energize your students FAST!
- **37 Quick and Easy Brain Breaks for Kids** from [prodigygame.com](#)
- **80 Sponge Activities – brain Breaks for the Classroom**
- **fitFlow Activity** – Yoga is a great way to recharge, add movement, and practice mindfulness anytime throughout the day.
- **fitBoost Cards** - Get your students out of their seats! These free printables take just three minutes in between lessons.
- **fitBoost Activity** – Try out these fun moves to enhance physical fitness and mental alertness.
- Check out Classroom Activities: Sponge Ideas for Elementary Students via [@Scholastic](#) - **Sponge Ideas K-5**
- **Classroom Exercise Breaks for Elementary Students**
- The Sense Walk by [@HCTF_Education](#) is a favourite activity ideas. A great way to promote physical and mental well-being for K-3 students! Check out the full Healthy at Home collection, sortable by grade level and health topic: **DASH Healthy At Home**
- A collection of kindness, inspirational stories and quotes. FREE K-8 lesson plans. **Random Acts of Kindness.**

Indigenous Ed



- Check out the **Aboriginal Resource "must-have" list** - indigenous resources shared on Twitter by Nadine McSpadden ([@NadineMcSpadden](#)). Available on the [surreyschools.ca](#) website.
- To access where **Indigenous Knowledge and Perspectives in K-12** intersect with the curriculum in every area of learning at every grade level, please check out this link on the BC curriculum website.
- **Indigenous Perspectives Education Guide** from [@HistoricaCanada](#)

ProD



- **Assessment for Learning** - Shared by Rose Pillay ([@RosePillay1](#)) on Twitter: Watch and listen to this webinar series <https://dylanwiliamcenter.com/webinars/>, which started in 2014, as [@dylanwiliam](#) describes what formative assessment is (and is not), details out the five key strategies, and provides dozens of practical techniques.

- Shared by Jo Boaler on Twitter:
This virtual Pro D opportunity is focused on preparing great K-2 content for the first session of our new virtual professional development for teachers on December 8, we hope you can join us! Get more info and enroll here:
<https://tinyurl.com/youcubedK2PD>



- **Networks of Inquiry and Indigenous Education (NOIIE)** @noiie_bc
November 18 is the first in a 6-part Learning Burst series! 30 minutes of new learning from 2 BC schools engaged in inquiry about how place-based learning can promote belonging & wellbeing. RSVP [@ 2020 Learning Bursts](#)
- **Shelley Moore** - Want to know more about **inclusive and competency based IEPs**?! The first 3 sessions of an 8 part series is now open for registration. #cbiep #icbiep [Register here](#) **This is a MUST CHECK** for Learning Resource teachers.

INCLUSIVE & COMPETENCY BASED

Individual Education Plans (ICBIEPS)

WITH

SHELLEY MOORE

AND FEATURED GUESTS

The first 3 sessions of an 8 part series

Part 1: The history & rationale of an ICBIEP

NOV. 28, 2020
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (PST)

Part 2: The role of place in an ICBIEP

DEC. 9, 2020
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM (PST)

Part 3: Student agency in an ICBIEP

JAN. 23, 2021
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PST)

Core Competencies



Check out [The Core Competency Packages](#) by [@sd68bc](#) Nanaimo Ladysmith SD. This is a **MUST CHECK**.

Pass The Baton - learn how to pass the baton & give YOUR Ss ownership of their music making! Available at Amazon Canada.

Arts Education

