

CISPG LEARNING

Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George

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Hello everyone!

This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent, a period of hope and preparation extending over the next four Sundays before Christmas. Although we will be celebrating Advent in different ways in 2020, the beginning of a new liturgical year offers opportunities for reflection and renewal in our schools and personal lives. It is a time to look forward with hope and anticipation. You may wish to check out the following sites/resources – with huge thanks to Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 and Patrick Gillespie from CISVA for sharing this extensive collection ☺



Favourite Sites for FREE Resources:

- Teaching the Liturgical Year: A ready-to-use lesson on each Sunday Gospel for Grades K-12 <https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org/elesson/teaching-the-liturgical-year> (and more FREE Catholic Education resources from <https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org>)
- <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/advent/>
- <https://www.sadlier.com/religion/blog/advent-catholic-prayers-advent-activities-for-kids>
- Virtual Advent Calendar – “Hope” - <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar/>
- Canadian Catholic Bishops’ weekly video reflections for Advent 2020 <https://www.cccb.ca/liturgy-sacraments/resources-in-english/liturgical-calendar/video-reflections/>

Clearinghouses of resources related to Advent

- <https://catholiccurrent.org/resources-for-advent/>
- https://www.hrsrchurch.org/religious_education/adult_faith_formation_resources/advent_and_christmas_spiritual_resources_2020
- <https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent/>
- <https://waterloocatholics.org/adven-resources>
- <https://emmausproductions.com/special-feature/advent-pandemic-2020/>

All the best! Frances Roch, CISPG Coordinator Curriculum & Instruction

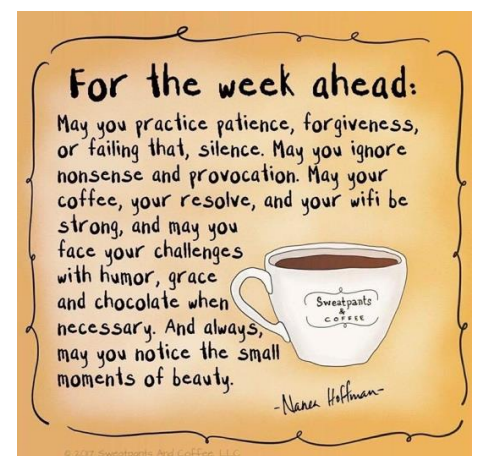
Upcoming Events

Descriptive Feedback: A Deeper Dive with @rickwormeli, Dec 3/20- TO LEARN MORE OR TO REGISTER:
<https://buff.ly/2Hh7i2h>



Cost is \$25 CAD per participant.

A NOIIE (Network of Inquiry and Indigenous Education) Learning Event with Kath Murdoch – NOIIE is hosting @kjinquiry on Jan 18 for a zoom session about student inquiry. RSVP:
<http://noii.ca/2021-kath-murdoch-rsvp-january-18th/>



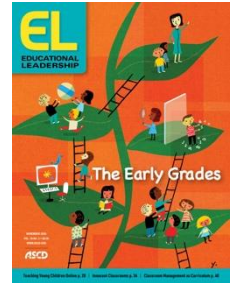
New Resources

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.

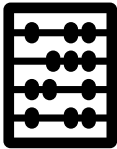
Literacy



- Shared by ASCD @ASCD - Grades K-3 are foundational in our students' journey to lifelong learning. The November issue of @ELmagazine is dedicated to starting them off strong. Read the issue here: <https://bit.ly/3kGaROj>
- Adrienne's OLLI – Online Learning Lesson Idea #12: [Map of Good Memories](#) @AdrienneGear



Numeracy



- For teachers of early learners from Pembroke Publishers - Did you miss last week's webinar on [#JoyfulMath](#) with [@McLennan1977](#)? View the webinar online at: <https://bigmarker.com/pembroke-publishers/Joyful-Math>
- From Jo Boaler @joboaler - Lots of New Resources shared in our latest newsletter! <https://mailchi.mp/youcubed/lots->
- Shared by Jess Kyle @jesannwa - Stories are a powerful way to connect students to numeracy. Literacy and Numeracy need to be woven throughout the curriculum. I've started a resources collection: <https://mathingaround.com/curriculum>
- [SNAP: Student Numeracy Assessment and Practice](#) - SNAP is a unique, student-friendly assessment and practice tool from SD 33 (Chilliwack) that enhances any balanced math program. The templates and rubrics are simple, straightforward and provide a clear snapshot of learning evidence. The idea of practice supports a spiraled approach to teaching and assessing numeracy skills. The SNAP is an assessment that can be used over and over again – to build student fluency, confidence, comprehension, and skills. And it's **FREE!** Check out the site for online tutorials, templates, teacher guides ...

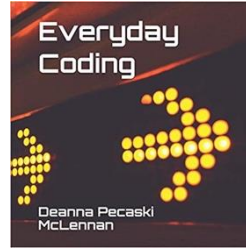


Explorations



- From **TED Talks** @TED Talks There are actually hundreds of coronaviruses, but only 7 infect humans. Here's what makes this one so different: [What is a coronavirus?](#)
- And, just in case you're not aware of this amazing resource, "[Exploring by The Seat of Your Pants](#)", (EBTSOYP) check out this site and subscribe to their newsletter. This organization "Beams Science, Exploration, Adventure and Conservation live into Classrooms Around the World ...from the Most Remote Regions on the Planet."
- Hundreds of free resources from [@ScienceWorldTR](#) that can easily be done at home, using common household materials: <https://scienceworld.ca/resources/>

- Shared by @McLennan1977 - Looking for resources to support children with [#coding](#) ideas for 'Canada Learning Code' week (Dec. 1 - 13) and [#HourofCode](#)? My new books might be helpful! Check them out here: <https://bit.ly/3q5T7yg> and <https://amzn.to/3q5fzb5>



PHE/SEL



- **Scanning our learners from Blair Elementary** - As we scan our learners using the Spirals of Inquiry 4 key questions, primary teachers @BlairDragons frame the final question "Where to next? What is the next piece of learning for you? What do you need to do to get better at this?"



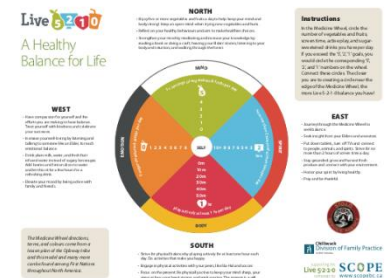
| Something I cannot do YET is... | I can get there by learning ... |
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| - math like shape math. Some shapes I do know. | - to practice more - Ethan |
| - making more friends | - how to ask questions to ask friends to play. - Ethan |

- Shared by @CindyPAndrew1 - In honour of National Children's Day - a child friendly version of the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child**. How perfect - and what a great topic of conversation with 'our kids!' [#youthvoice](#) [#changemakers](#) <https://nationalchildday.org/wp-content/up/>
- A summary of excellent resources available to support both classroom and community-based environmental education programs: Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network <https://cbeen.ca/education-resources/>

Indigenous Ed



- **Strong Nations** - Their latest newsletter can be viewed online! Lots of wonderful gift ideas for the solstice and holidays: <https://mailchi.mp/e2b0f4bb2acf/strong-nations-newsletter-november-24-2020>
- From **DASH BC** (Dedicated Action for School Health) - The **#Live5210 Medicine Wheel**, which our partners in Chilliwack in collaboration with the Stó:lō Service Agency created, helps students and children determine how much healthy balance they have in their choices. Find the free download here <https://www.live5210.ca/resources/downloads/> (under Families).
- From **@NadineMcSpadden** Promising Practices in Indigenous Education Website (PPW) is a virtual library/clearinghouse of curriculum resources including curriculum guides, videos, research papers, and resources for Indigenous and non-Indigenous teachers: ppw.themfi.ca/en/



Check out the redesigned [#bcd](#) Curriculum website <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca> – with more elaborations ☺

