

# CISPG LEARNING

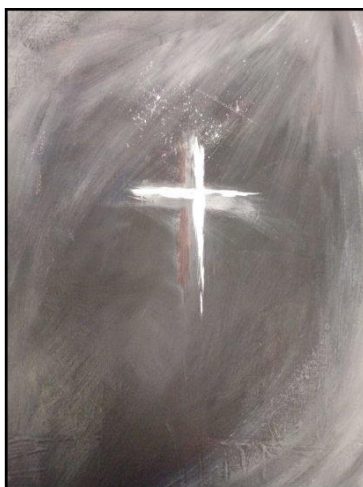
Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George

*“All learners thriving in Catholic Learning Communities”*



Hello everyone!

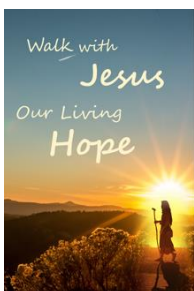
Next week, we enter the season of Lent, a time of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. At this time, our schools engage in many faith-based activities as well as ongoing acts of kindness and service to the community. It is always inspiring to observe the strength of our school communities where “all learners thrive” and contribute to the health and well-being of others. The prayer below is from St. Thomas More RC College:



As we prepare for half term and during which the start of Lent, let us join together this morning and pray...

Dear Lord,  
 During this upcoming season of Lent we learn the importance of reflection and having time to contemplate the important things as well as the challenging times. Let us remember in this last week before our half term that you are our constant companion and you are at the heart of all our reflections and you will indeed help us with all challenges. Amen

Please be reminded that CISPG educators now have access to ShareEd BC. ShareEd BC is a “made in BC” online platform that provides educators across the province access to curated content aligned with the BC curriculum. For more information, please check with your Principal.



Enjoy your long weekend!

Frances Roch, Coordinator Curriculum and Instruction

*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'suwet'en in Smithers. The Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta in Dawson Creek.*

## Upcoming Events

**I READ CANADIAN DAY** on February 17th is a national day of celebration of Canadian books for young people. This is a day dedicated to ‘reading Canadian’ that empowers families, schools, libraries and organizations to host local activities and events within the week. For a list of suggested **Indigenous works** that would be perfect for reading and sharing on this day, go to **Strong Nations**: <https://www.strongnations.com/> and click on the link embedded under the title “Books to Read in February”.



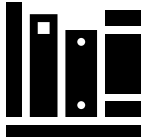
**LENTEN RESOURCES** shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 - FREE resources for Lent: [https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org/ele-sson/teaching-the-liturgical-year?mc\\_cid=ef62597462&mc\\_eid=56fdd-f4d1d](https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org/ele-sson/teaching-the-liturgical-year?mc_cid=ef62597462&mc_eid=56fdd-f4d1d)

More FREE resources for Lent: <https://sadlier.com/religion/blog/topic/re-l-seasons-lent>

## 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 **Adrienne Gear @AdrienneGear – Adrienne’s OLLI Learning Lesson # 16: Leaving Our Heartprints** <https://readingpowergear.wordpress.com/2021/02/03/adriennes-olli-online-learning-lesson-idea-16-leaving-our-heartprints/>
- Very helpful blog by Jennifer Gonzalez @cultofpedagogy: **The Big List of Classroom Discussion Strategies:** <https://www.cultofpedagogy.com/speaking-listening-techniques/>
- Shared by Edutopia – **8 Quick Checks for Understanding by Jay McTighe:** <https://www.edutopia.org/article/8-quick-checks-understanding>
- **Peer Feedback: the why and how** - Shared by Jennifer Casa-Todd [jcasatodd.com](https://www.jcasatodd.com)

**CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM**

**What is awesome**

- I really liked...
- One of the most powerful elements in my opinion...
- What this media piece does really well is...

**Consider changing**

- One thing I think that might need to be modified is... because...
- I'm not sure that \_\_\_\_\_ is the most effective choice.
- I liked \_\_\_\_\_ and I think that also...

**Things to Think About**

- Have you thought about...?
- When you said \_\_\_\_\_, I was wondering if....

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- Shared by **Strong Nations @strong\_nations** in celebration of Louis Riel Day in February: This beautifully illustrated picture book tells the story of a young boy who, through a class assignment, learns about the history of the fur trade, the Métis people and Louis Riel with the help of his grandfather. Find it here: [https://www.strongnations.com/store/item\\_display.php?i=8971&f](https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_display.php?i=8971&f)

**CONVERSATION STARTERS**

**Agree**

- I agree with the point you made...
- I think you are right about...In my experience...
- I really liked it when you said...because...

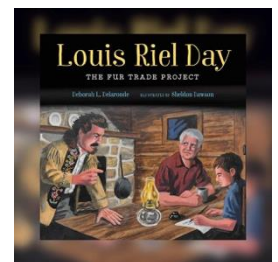
**Build On**

- I would like to build on when you said...with an example...
- I like it when you said, and I think that also...
- When you said \_\_\_\_\_, it made me think about...

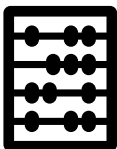
**Respectfully Disagree**

- I can see why you would say...but have you thought about...
- I respectfully disagree with the point... because...
- I agree with when you said...but I don't agree with...

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### Numeracy



- Check out the newest **@ONeducation** math resources here: <https://www.dcp.edu.gov.on.ca/en/learning/high-impact-instructional-practices-in-mathematics-resource-and-supports>. Of special interest are the **videos on Thinking Classrooms**.
- Shared on Twitter by Nicole Lee @handy\_hayes, Curriculum Math Support teacher in Chilliwack SD #33 - Check out our **New Numeracy Webpage!** It directs you to Must Have and

Recommended Reads, Numeracy Sites, and High Yield Routines, all with just a click of your finger: <https://learningservices.sd33.bc.ca/numeracy>

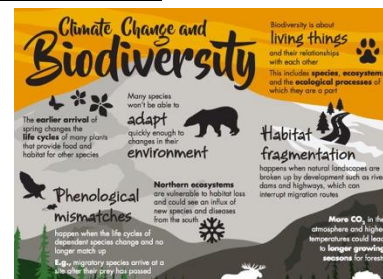
- Check out **Carole Fullerton's** very fine numeracy blog and resources (many of these are **FREE**): <http://mindfull.wordpress.com/>



## Explorations



- Shared by Rose Pillay @Rose Pillay1 from @HistoricaCanada: **Black History** in Canada: <https://thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/collection/black-history-in-canada>
- Shared by **Canadian Geographic Education** - What impact does climate change have on our biodiversity? Check out our infographics to find out! Go to: <http://www.cangeoeducation.ca/> and check



## SCIENCE WORLD

resources/Lesson Plans/Infographics

- Shared by **Science World**: Valentine's Day is next week, and we have some ideas that might make your heart rate rise:
  - Explore **paper circuits** and make a light-up valentine: [https://www.scienceworld.ca/resource/paper-circuits/?utm\\_source=wordfly&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=%5BEDU%5DFeb2021&utm\\_content=version\\_A](https://www.scienceworld.ca/resource/paper-circuits/?utm_source=wordfly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=%5BEDU%5DFeb2021&utm_content=version_A)
  - Write a song for your beloved and play it using **recycled instruments**: [https://www.scienceworld.ca/resource/musical-bottles/?utm\\_source=wordfly&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=%5BEDU%5DFeb2021&utm\\_content=version\\_A](https://www.scienceworld.ca/resource/musical-bottles/?utm_source=wordfly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=%5BEDU%5DFeb2021&utm_content=version_A)
  - There is still availability for Tech-up online coding workshops for students (**FREE until March 31!**) Check them out here: <https://www.scienceworld.ca/fieldtripsearch/>
    - Gr 2-4: **Bee Bot Bop**
    - Gr 4-7: **Discover Ozobots**
    - Gr 4-7: **Say It With Scratch**
    - Gr 7-9: **Marvellous Micro:bits**
  - And more free coding workshops for teachers: These 1-hour Code-Along sessions focus on helping educators to develop confidence using a particular coding platform. We guide you through a step-by-step grade-appropriate activity (as if you were the student) to showcase a fun way to use the platform with students. Check here: <https://www.scienceworld.ca/today/events/>
    - Feb 18 3:45 pm PST **Code Along: Micro:bit Random Generator** (6-9)
    - Mar 4, 3:45pm PST **Code Along: Bee Bot** (K-3)
    - Mar 11, 3:45pm PST **Code Along: Scratch Chase Game** (4-6)
  - For current information from their monthly newsletter, go to <https://www.scienceworld.ca/>

## PHE/SEL



- From **Megan Zeni @Roomtoplay** - Anyone curious to learn more about teaching elementary school prep entirely outdoors is welcome to join us on **February 25th**. We'll be sharing two different models for successfully getting more kids outdoors,



more often! Thanks to @CBEENetwork for offering this free workshop!

- From **DASH @DASHBC** - With Spring (hopefully) around the corner, @DASHBC and @Roomto play have developed some resources for teaching outdoors:

<https://dashbc.ca/resources/outdoor-classroom/>

- Season 3!!!! Here is your ALL NEW 5MM video! The Importance of Presuming Competence <https://youtu.be/6Mq8sQTEhG8>
- Shared by **DASH @DASHBC** DASH We are excited to see the launch of the [#EverybodyMoves](#) Resource Hub, a free online tool for [#PhysicalActivity](#) leaders to make their space more accessible & inclusive. Now let's get MOVING! <http://everybodymoveshub.ca>



## Inclusive Ed



## ProD



- **POPEY** is sharing some exciting info from SFU about their upcoming online **Graduate Diploma in Education** programming. Due to SFU's shift to online program offerings, this is the first time their Early Learning program is available to educators who are located outside the Lower Mainland. They have a series of **upcoming information sessions** that people can register for, if they are interested in finding out more about this program. The links and info are here:



- <https://www.sfu.ca/education/gs/degreediploma/graddiplomafp.html>
- <https://www.sfu.ca/education/gs/degreediploma/graddiplomafp/program-offerings.html>
- <https://www.sfu.ca/education/gs/futurestudents/information-sessions/gde.html>
- <https://www.sfu.ca/education/gs/events/GDE-sampler-series.html>

- **FISA** is excited to announce a special virtual tour for schools across the province to increase their capacity to provide enhanced mental health learning and supports for their



communities. Participants in this workshop will dive into exploring the [wellbeingbc.ca](#) website and will also learn how the **MDI** survey and data results can benefit their school. Session for northern educators takes place on **Tuesday, March 2, 2021 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**. This session is intended for School Administrators, Department Heads/Lead Teachers, Counsellors, Learning Resource Teachers. Participants from Northern Schools can register here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/supporting-mental-health-education-in-schools-2020-2021-northern-schools-tickets-138347837105>

- **POPEY** has also announced that registration is now **open** for **POPEY's 2021 Virtual Conference** on **Friday, March**

**5th**, with Keynote Speaker **Jennifer Serravallo**. Jennifer will be presenting on "Bringing Strategies to Life: Conferring and Small Group Instruction in Reading & Writing".

For more information, go to the POPEY Website:

<https://popey.ca/news/2021/01/popey-conference-jennifer-serravallo>

- **Engaging All Learners in The Middle Years**

This series is receiving rave reviews! You can still register for Webinars #3 and 4:

**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 Leyton Schnellert and Miriam Miller. To register and view Archived Webinars #1 and #2, check out this link: <https://learn.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/webinars/> with thanks to SD #61 Greater Victoria School District.

- **Shared by ACBCED The Assessment Consortium of British Columbia** is honored to host the first-ever virtual conference on assessment for BC Educators by BC educators – **Saturday, April 10 from 9:00 – 11:30 am**. This free event is open to anyone interested in assessment in BC. For more information: <https://www.acbcd.ca/launch-learn>
- **Shared by Fountas & Pinnell @FountasPinnell** -Join us for a full-day virtual workshop at a Special 2021 Tuition Fee! **Thursday, April 8, 2021** or **Wednesday, May 12, 2021** The Fountas & Pinnell Literacy Continuum A Tool for Assessment, Planning, and Teaching Presented by Fountas & Pinnell Consultants: <https://fpblog.fountasandpinnell.com/a-full-day-virtual-workshop-on-the-literacy-continuum>
- On **Friday, May 21, 2021** the **Provincial Intermediate Teachers' Association (myPITA)** and the **BC Association of Teachers of Modern Languages (BCATML)** proudly presents an **Online Spring Conference** featuring Leyton Schnellert speaking about Fostering Self-Regulated Learning in the Middle Years and Using Liberating Structures to Deepen Learning. In addition, there will be a number of workshops on teaching Core French, socio-emotional, behaviour management, portfolios, and assessment. Register at <http://mypita-spring.ourconference.ca>. The early bird rate is available until April 21, 2021.