

CISPG LEARNING

Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George

"All learners thriving in connected Catholic Learning Communities"



Hello everyone!

This is a wonderful time to be sharing learning across the Diocese, as this week is focused on teachers and Teacher Appreciation. This has been a year like no other and you have met the many significant challenges with courage, resilience, commitment, care, and a deep understanding of what really matters in our Catholic Schools: relationships and the power of human connection. In honour of Teacher Appreciation Week, I would like to share one of my favourite Ted Talks by Rita Pierson, who conveys an important message about the "essence" of teaching, particularly during these exceptional times: "Is this job tough? You betcha. But it is not impossible. We're educators. We're born to make a difference." Watch Rita Pierson's full talk here: <http://t.ted.com/b0F6jNl>



The best thing about being a teacher is that it matters. The hardest thing about being a teacher is that it matters every day.

—Todd Whitaker, Educator

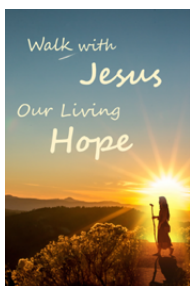
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This week, we also recognize "Mental Health Week". Please take note of more excellent SEL resources in this issue.

Congratulations to the winners of the CISPG Resource Giveaway:

- Maria Lagunas from St. Anthony's – Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks
- Katherine Davis from Veritas – Carole Fullerton Math Books

And, finally, as you "Walk with Jesus" during the final term of the year, take a moment to enjoy this beautiful rendition of the Lord's Prayer: Baba Yetu (meaning Lord's Prayer in Swahili), composed by Christopher Tin - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=or4IKVG2zAA> Many thanks to Rose Pillay for sharing this prayer in her Friday FYI newsletter ☺



Take good care!

Frances Roch, Coordinator Curriculum and Instruction

We respectfully acknowledge the unceded ancestral lands of the Lheidli T'enneh Nation in Prince George. The Tsimshian Nation in Prince Rupert. The Haisla Nation in Kitimat. The Wet'su'wen in Smithers. The Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta in Dawson Creek.

Upcoming Events:

POPEY consultants, Lisa and Jen, are happy to announce the next series of dates for **POPEY's After-School Specials**, free one-hour online workshops from 3:15-4:15 pm.

To Register, go to this site and check out the flyer:

<https://www.popey.ca/news/2021/03/aprilmay-after-school-workshops>

Wednesday, May 12th:

Play-Based Literacy

Learning: explore how play experiences and literacy centres can be used to guide and shape children's literacy learning and support early reading and writing development.

Wednesday, May 26th:

Student Self-Assessment of the

Core Competencies: explore resources and supports that encourage student reflection and self-assessment in relation to literacy learning and the Core Competencies.

Any questions? Contact POPEY at popey@popey.ca

As well, note POPEY's resources for evidence-based formative assessments ☺

<https://popey.ca/assessment>

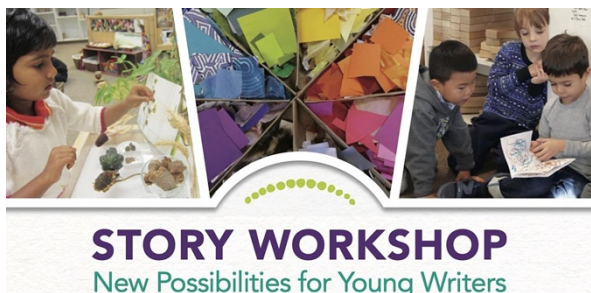
New Resources

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

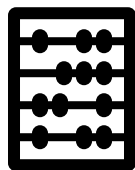


- Shared by **Adrienne Gear** @AdrienneGear: OLLI #20 – **Thank You Earth:** <https://readingpowergear.wordpress.com/2021/04/19/adriennes-olli-online-learning-lesson-idea-20-thank-you-earth/>
- Also shared by **Adrienne Gear** @AdrienneGear: OLLI #21 – **Mother’s Day Poem** <https://t.co/FdlebrQ84G?amp=1Idea>
- Shared by Heinemann Publishing @HeinemannPub - Now Available: **The Teaching Writing in Small Groups Study Guide** by @JSerravallo
<https://hubs.ly/H0MIKbr0>
Jennifer’s book **Teaching Writing in Small Groups** is available on amazon.ca
- Shared by Brooke Moore @bmooreintheloop - Here is a one-pager that Delta teachers put together about **Story Strolls and Learning Walks:** <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CD1cVCsojq39wjSvmsrAphhwOZ53g34Rm4Az7MEd5lc/edit> (copy and paste in your browser)



- **Story Workshop** – Join the author and educators from around the world to discuss this new book – **FREE** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/book-club-story-workshop-new-possibilities-tickets-143846267057>

Numeracy



- Shared by Dbrajcich @deannabrajcich - Preparing an assessment of fractions for my students and then realized the **Island Numeracy Network** already has one! As one of the writers, how did I forget? Everyone needs to check these assessments out! Collaborative and individual assessments. <http://islandnumeracy.ca>
- **Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks** – Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks is a leading Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 10 consulting and publishing company specializing in games and teaching strategies for classrooms across North America. They publish award-winning math and literacy game books for primary, upper elementary and middle year students. They also provide excellent professional development workshops that complement their manipulatives and books. For further information check out this link <https://www.boxcarsandoneeyedjacks.com/> For information on Professional Learning Sessions, go here <https://www.boxcarsandoneeyedjacks.com/professional-development-with-box-cars/> or contact Jane Felling directly: jane@boxcarsandoneeyedjacks.com (780) 440-6284 1-866-342-3386

Explorations



- Shared by **Canadian Geographic Education @CanGeoEdu** - Explore National Geographic's interactive resource Sơn Đoòng 360: Exploring the World's Largest Cave. Navigate with a map, zoom into the detailed images, and scroll around 360-degree views in this incredible resource: <https://t.co/vpYYEggsJE?amp=1>

- Also shared by **Canadian Geographic Education @CanGeoEdu** - #DYK that ants can carry 50 times their weight? Join us and @KidsCanPress on May 12, 1-1:45 p.m. EST for a talk with author & illustrator @ashleyspires as she discusses her upcoming book, Burt the Beetle Doesn't Bite. Register here: <https://forms.gle/5xJp2DYfPr2ns4cM8>.



- Maker Challenges for Students by John Spencer:** Each Thursday, I post a new maker challenge to spark creative thinking with your students. You can subscribe at <https://spencerauthor.com/challenge/> and receive each video in your inbox each week! Maker Challenge Videos are here :<https://t.co/mJyITQPDy?amp=1>

PHE/SEL



- Shared by **DASH @DASHBC** - Check out @calm's new "30 Days of Mindfulness in the Classroom" booklet. Chock-full with breathing exercises, meditations, and relaxation activities: <https://www.calm.com/schools/resources>.
- Shared by **Natural Curiosity @NaturlCuriosity** - We just released the April edition of our #MakingTheShift newsletter! This month, we highlighted stories and resources to help you get outdoors and engage in #EnviroEd and #IndigenousPerspectives with your students. Read it here: <https://mailchi.mp/naturalcuriosity/aprilnewsletter2021>
- Shared by **Katie Martin @katiemartinedu** on Twitter - **3 SEL Practices Teachers Can Use Every Day** <https://www.edutopia.org/article/3-sel-practices-teachers-can-use-every-day>
- Shared by **Ophea @opheacanada** - Learning #PhysicalLiteracy early on paves the way for a healthy future. **Our Early Learning Resource** is a great way to promote healthy, active living with young students! Learn more: <https://bit.ly/2MD9KAu>
- Shared by **CASEL #caselorg** - This printable minibook offers essential #SEL tools for use during professional learning or as a quick reference. <https://bit.ly/3pnAQwd>
- Shared by **PHE Canada @PHECanada** - It's #MentalHealthWeek this week. If you are looking for ideas, the PHE Learning Center offers many activities that help develop an understanding and strategies for learning about emotional well-being. Check them out: <https://phecanada.ca/programs/phe-learning-centre/emotional-well-being-education-activities>
- CMHA Mental Health Week - Check here for the School Toolkit: <https://mentalhealthweek.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/CMHA-MHW-School-Toolkit-EN-FINAL-Apr-6.pdf>

Indigenous Ed



- Shared by BCEdChat @bcedchat - **Welcome to Native Land.** This is a resource for North Americans (and others) to find out more about territorial land: <https://t.co/X7wPjkVKdr?amp=1>
- Subscribe to the **Strong Nations** newsletter and check their website: <https://www.strongnations.com/>

Assessment



- Shared by **Trevor Mackenzie @trev_mackenzie** - As part of the release of #InquiryMindset Assessment Edition, there is a collection of free supplementary resources for readers to download. Here's a sneak peek at the Younger Years Resource created by @rbathursthunt:
<https://trevormackenzie.com/posts/2021/4/4/book-club-resource-x9e3d>
Trevor's new book will be released on Amazon.ca on May 15 ☺
- Shared by **Katie White @KatieWhite426** - I had a few thoughts about documenting learning over time through portfolios and data notebooks:
<https://allthingsassessment.info/2021/04/19/doc> Katie's new book on assessment will be out in the Fall. Follow her on Twitter ☺
- Shared by **Rose Pillay @RosePillay1** on Twitter - **20 ideas for exit tickets** in the classroom: <https://ditchthattextbook.com/10-ideas-for-digital-exit-tickets-and-some-analog-ones-too/>
- Also shared by Rose Pillay @Rose Pillay1 - **Four Formative Instructional Practices** that Drive Student Growth <https://nwea.org/blog/2017/four-formative-instructional-practices-drive-student-growth/#.YI71CEQJJME.twitter>
- Shared by Nina Pak Lui @npaklui on Twitter - Just purchased: **Making Grades Matter: Standards-Based Grading in a Secondary Plc:** amazon.ca
- Shared by **Shannon Schinkel @dramaqueenbrc** - I love **standards-based grading**, but I understand that not all my colleagues feel the same. In my latest blog, I try to make the case for #SBG <https://mygrowthmindset.home.blog/2021/05/02/the-case-for-standards-based-grading/> Note Shannon's work on Proficiency Sequences at the secondary level.
- Check out Tom Schimmer's latest Podcast:
Apple <https://apple.co/3nJNOnB>
Spotify <http://shorturl.at/amwBG>
YouTube <http://shorturl.at/mrBT2>
- **Literacy and Numeracy Performance Standards Project** - If you would like to know more about the updated Performance Standards that will align with the new BC Proficiency scale, check out this link from a recent presentation at a POPEY Networking Meeting: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1KRsdGFC6169-y8ZsmCSc6koXe95YVqC1>



Professional Learning & Resources



- **Shared by NOIE - Networks of Inquiry and Indigenous Education** Are you ready to turn up the volume on the areas of practice that make a real difference for learners? Join the conversation at the #noie symposium **May 12-13**. Register here: <https://noie.ca/2021-noie-sym>



- 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**. Register at <http://mypita-spring.ourconference.ca>.