

CISPG LEARNING

Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George

"All learners thriving in Inspiring & Innovative Catholic Learning Communities"



Upcoming Events

Planning Workshop

Jenna Gilbertson and Melodie Van Der Meer will be hosting a planning presentation on **Thursday, September 16 at 3:15 pm**. All teachers are welcome. Come learn, share, and connect while gaining ideas and examples for your year at-a-glance, unit plans, and day plans.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/62663935140?pwd=bi80Y2tMUUZYYlJkMXI2OTVUMlhrZz09>

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Running Records

Sharlene Weingart will be offering an **Introduction to Running Records: Thursday, September 23 at 3:15 pm**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/3933837857?pwd=dUtROFhXNEdHWEdFSU9zYlRlR3ZsUT09>

Meeting ID: 393 383 7857

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Christian Education Survey

Melodie VanDer Meer is requesting information from all CISPG educators regarding priorities for the 2021-2022 year. Please complete the survey here: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vczgZo6dxECS45lgPQFW9GUZQQg-Zp9OtpHCfVksAs1UMVdFNFIKU0NZMUtaRUWYtEVNNUUpXSDFXQi4u>

Hello everyone! It is a huge pleasure to welcome you back to a new school year! In my last Learning Update in June, I mentioned that 2021-2022 will be very exciting for all CISPG learners as we transition to our new Learning Services Team (LST) model throughout the Diocese. Following is an introduction to the members of the CISPG Learning Services Team:

Christian Education Consultant - Melodie Van Der Meer

Melodie currently works at St. Mary's School in Prince George. In her role as Christian Education Consultant, she will support teachers with the implementation of the Christian Education curriculum and the embedding of a Christian Worldview into the BC curriculum. Together with Father Ken Anderson, Melodie will also support staffs across the Diocese with Faith Formation activities and events.

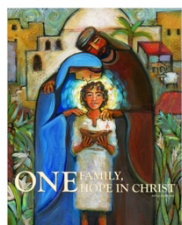
Inclusive Education Consultant - Natalie Nundal

Natalie is the Learning Resource Teacher at Annunciation School in Prince Rupert. Her consultant role will include designing and implementing Individual Education Plans that align with current research and abide by Ministry expectations, providing mentorship/training for new Learning Resource Teachers, supporting the Learning Resource Teacher PLC, and assisting schools with compliance/auditing protocols.

Innovative Education Consultants - Jenna Gilbertson and Sharlene Weingart

Both Jenna and Sharlene work at Notre Dame School in Dawson Creek. Jenna's portfolio includes curricular planning (Year at-a-Glance, Unit Plans, Daily Plans) and supporting teachers with the embedding of an Indigenous Worldview into the curriculum. Jenna is also the ShareEd Moderator and will be working with Sharlene to pilot/implement the new BC Performance Standards in Literacy and Numeracy. Sharlene's portfolio includes Early Literacy Intervention, Literacy Training (e.g., running records, word work etc.), and supporting teachers with Communicating Student Learning.

Please see the sidebar for more information on LST sessions/activities.



Frances Roch, Acting Principal of Learning Services

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.

New Resources

All 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 “strong 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.

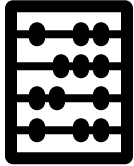
Literacy



- **POPEY** (Provincial Outreach Program for the Early Years) is once again offering several free online sessions to support primary teachers. Check out the **2021 Workshop Flyer** for information and registration: <https://popey.ca/sites/default/files/2021-June-POPEY-2021-22-Workshop-Registration.pdf>
Some examples of upcoming workshops are as follows:
Kick Start Your K/1 Year: Tuesday, September 14th / 3:15-4:15 pm
Kick Start Your Grade 2/3 Year: Thursday, September 16th / 3:15-4:15pm
Planning & Designing for OUR Students: Together we will explore how we can intentionally design literacy experiences that support students' ability to explore, communicate, participate, and make meaning within safe and inclusive classrooms. **Wednesday, October 13th: 3:15-4:15pm**
Place-Based Outdoor Learning: Let's take our literacy learning outside the classroom and use our beautiful province to connect to land, place, and environment **Tuesday, October 19th: 3:15-4:15pm**
As well, POPEY is offering more professional learning opportunities for the Provincial Pro D Day and other common Pro D Days. Check the flyer ☺
- Shared by **Adrienne Gear** @AdrienneGear: **Professional Learning Series** - Adrienne is planning FOUR new webinar series for the 2021-22 school year. These webinars are held after school (3:30 - 5:30 pm PST), open to educators everywhere, and filled with practical lessons, ideas, and anchor books that you can use right away! \$99 per person per series. Group rate for groups of 11 or more.
FALL 2021 - Reading Power - this 4-part series will focus on reading comprehension and deepening understanding. To register, go here: <https://www.readingpowergear.com/reading-power-2>
FALL 2021 - Powerful Understanding - this 4-part series focuses on social-emotional learning and critical thinking. To register, go here: <https://www.readingpowergear.com/powerful-understanding>
WINTER 2022 - Powerful Poetry - this 4-part series celebrates POETRY and is timed for the release of Adrienne's new poetry book! Registration coming soon!
SPRING 2022 - A Powerful Year of Writing - this 4-part series focuses on setting up an effective writing program. Registration TBA.
- Also shared by **Adrienne Gear** @AdrienneGear: Looking for some great new **middle grade novels** for your tween or middle grade class? Check out my list of top favourites so far for 2021 #gearpicks #summerreading #middlegradenovels2021
<https://readingpowergear.wordpress.com/2021/07/07/sum>
- Shared by Helen Kubiw @HelenKubiw - A new #concept book from brilliant collaborative duo of @RHVickers & @lucky_budd. **A IS FOR ANEMONE** brings the alphabet of the #WestCoast to life in art and words. From <https://canlitforlittlecanadians.blogspot.com/2021/06/a-is-f>

- Jennifer Serravallo, author of **The Reading Strategies Book**, has updated Chapter 3 and is offering 30 new strategies free to anyone who owns the book. For more information, go to the Heinemann blog: <https://blog.heinemann.com/serravallo-reading-with-accuracy>
- Shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 - **400+ Creative Writing Prompts to Find Your Next (Best) Book Idea** <https://self-publishingschool.com/fiction-creative-writing-prompts/>

Numeracy



- Shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 - Check out <https://peterliljedahl.com/teachers-Resources, Numeracy Tasks, Card Tricks, Good Problems>
- As well, there is a **study guide** available for Peter Liljedahl's book, **Building Thinking Classrooms** available here: <https://buildingthinkingclassrooms.com/publications/>
- Shared by **BC Association of Math Teachers** BCAMT ABCAMT. We're excited to offer sessions from Canadian educators: Dr. Cathy Bruce, Cathy Marks Krpan, and Marian Small. For more information, please see the conference website: <https://bcamt.ca/nw2021/>
- From **Berkeley Everett** @BerkeleyEverett - Introducing... 5 weeks of number sense routines by grade level (K-5). All free: <https://berkeleyeverett.com/activities/number-sense-routines/> Week: 1: #WODB (from @simon_gregg) 2: #NoticeWonder 3: #How Many? 4: #MathFlips 5: #OpenQuestions
- From **Mashup Math** @mashupmath - Learn all about how you can use #WODB activities to engage math students: <http://mashupmath.com/blog/wodb>

Explorations



- From FPCC @_FPCC (**First Peoples Cultural Council**) We're pleased to announce the launch of the interactive First Peoples' Map of B.C.– the only platform of its kind in Canada. Indigenous people can upload their local languages, cultural touchpoints, & highlight local artists for others to explore: <https://fpcc.ca/>
- From **Take Me Outside** @takemeoutside - Can YOU commit to taking your learners outside at least once a week this school year? Then sign up for the #TMO4LearningChallenge! We'll provide monthly PD opportunities, resources, outdoor learning activity ideas and more to help you! <https://takemeoutside.ca/take-me-outside-for-learning-challenge-2021/>
- From **Canadian Geographic Education** @CanGeoEdu - This fall, Can Geo Education is excited to offer educators a series of energy-themed virtual workshops about Canada's complex energy landscape and to highlight our free resources. For more information and to sign up, head to our Energy IQ website: <https://energyiq.canadiangeographic.ca/energy-iq-2021-workshop-series/>
- Shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 - **BC Hydro** has over 150 curriculum-aligned, energy-focused activities for K-12. Did you know they offer interactive, virtual classroom presentations as well? Your students could learn all about clean energy concepts and the science behind them: <https://schools.bchydro.com/>
- From **C2C-BC** - Our partners at @OLS_Canada and @takemeoutside have put together an [#OutdoorLearning](#) Fall Virtual Workshops Series, starting September 16th! Registration is FREE and each 60 min workshop will feature draw prizes for attendees. More info at: <https://outdoorlearningstore.ca/workshops/>
- Canadian Association of Science Centres **Week Of Wonder Virtual Classroom Events from September 20-24, 2021**- The Canadian Association of Science Centres (CASC), in partnership with Exploring By The Seat Of Your Pants (EBTSOYP) is hosting a 5-day virtual #WeekofWonder during NSERC's Science Literacy Week

(#Scilit) from September 20-24, 2021. For more details, check out https://www.canadiansciencecentres.ca/Week-of-Wonder/?utm_source=wordfly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=%5BEDU%5DAug2021&utm_content=version_A

- Also shared by Science World - Attention #BCTeachers! Have you checked @HCTF_Education's Environmental Exchange Box Program? This place-based ed program pairs classes from around the province to explore, learn & share about the biodiversity of their local places: <https://www.hctfeducation.ca/environmental-exchange-box/>
- Shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1: From <http://ThePhysicalEducator.com>: free visual resources created to aid students in their learning journeys by helping them better understand the concepts and skills explored in physical education
- From **PHE Canada** @PHECanada - "By establishing a set of prioritized learning outcomes/standards, you clarify what is really essential... This will help you and the students understand what the purpose of the learning is." Wise words from @joshogilvie4 #assessment Read more | <https://bit.ly/2YoJEZB> **Return To School - Meaningful Assessment in Physical Education**
- From **CASEL** @caselorg - Before developing an #SEL implementation plan, you need to set some goals. Download this tool from the CASEL School Guide: <https://bit.ly/34u5H1v>
- Subscribe to the **Strong Nations** newsletter and check their website: <https://www.strongnations.com/>
- Shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 - Check out: **Indigenous Learning Teacher** - the purpose of this website is to help teachers embed First Peoples content and perspectives into the curriculum. It includes links, some lesson plans and information about authentic First Peoples resources: <https://aboriginalresourcesforteachers.weebly.com>
- Shared by nadine mcspadden @NadineMcSpadden. I added some videos related to IRS and Orange Shirt Day for elementary schools <https://aboriginalresourcesforteachers.weebly.com/social-studies>
- Also shared by nadine mcspadden @NadineMcSpadden - **The First Nation Education Steering Committee** has outstanding FREE resources! These are learning First Peoples material related to many areas of the curriculum. <http://fnesc.ca>. Click on learning first people's tab.
- Shared by **Project of Heart** @projectofheart - The history and legacy of residential schools in BC: <https://projectofheart.ca/bc/>
- Shared by Monique Gray Smith @ltdrum - For all you parents, grandparents, educators, and journalists who have been reaching out to me asking **how to talk to kids about Residential School**...here's a lil video I made for you: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ebOJ_IMCVvk **PLEASE WATCH THIS VIDEO.**
- Shared by Tom Schimmer @TomSchimmerPod - Tom Schimmer Podcasts has now joined the @teachbetterteam Podcast Network: <https://www.teachbetter.com/podcasts/the-tom-schimmer-podcast/>
- From **Trevor Mackenzie** @trev_mackenzie - New on the blog. **Over 300 Ideas to Invite Students Into Learning, Thinking, Going Deeper & Reflection** <https://www.trevormackenzie.com/posts/2021/8/22/over-300-ideas-to-invite-students-into-learning-thinking-going-deeper-amp-reflection>

PHE/SEL



Indigenous Understanding



Assessment/ Instruction

Professional Learning & Resources



- This year, we're proud to announce that **Every Child Matters** is growing from a single day to a full week of Truth and Reconciliation programming. Together, we can build on the success of Every Child Matters and continue the conversation on First Nations treaties, Métis and Inuit Land Claims, and the residential school system. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, **Truth and Reconciliation Week will take place virtually the week of September 27 through October 1, 2021**. To learn more and register, go here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/truth-and-reconciliation-week-tickets-153491752965>



- **The Pineapple Chart: Opening The Door To Professional Learning** - Shared by Edutopia - <https://www.edutopia.org/article/opening-door-professional-learning>
- Shared by EL Magazine @ELmagazine - Our summer issue on **"Innovative Lesson Planning"** is online now! Download for **FREE** at: <http://www1.ascd.org/publications/educational-leadership/current-issue.aspx>
- Also shared by EL Magazine @ELmagazine - "Isn't it incredible that even small changes in teacher talk ('Be ready to show me...' vs. 'Be ready to share...') could transform how students respond to us?" **Shifts in Teacher Talk Make a Big Difference:** <http://bit.ly/3irTyBB>

