

# CISPG LEARNING

Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George

*All learners thriving in Inspiring Catholic Learning Communities” “*



## REMINDERS ...

The CISPG Learning Team is available to support you. Please contact them directly for support with planning, resources, “next steps” ...

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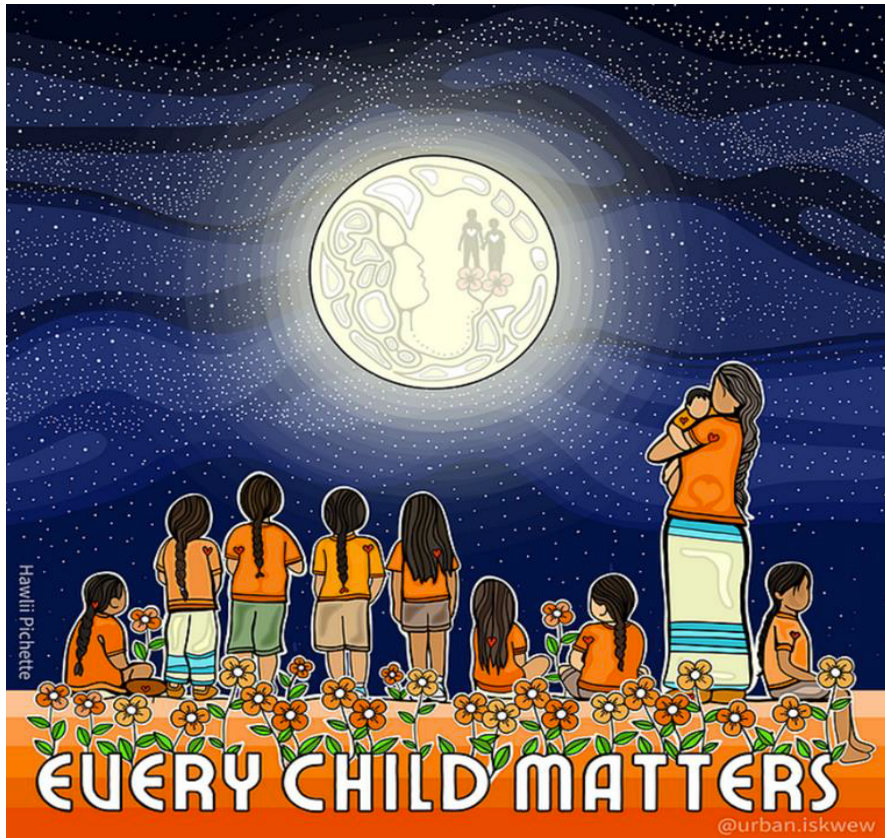
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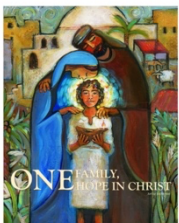
Attached to this newsletter is an information sheet on ShareEd BC, an online platform that allows users to access curated content that aligns with the BC Curriculum. For more information, please contact Jenna ☺



Art piece by Urban Iskewew Artwork by Hawlii Pichette

“Reconciliation is not an Aboriginal problem. It is a Canadian problem. It involves all of us.” Senator Murray Sinclair

On this day, may we pause to reflect and commit to listen, learn, unlearn, and move towards reconciliation as ONE Family. Not just today ... but every day.



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.*

### Reminder:

Teach Indigenous brilliance and success as much as you teach Indigenous suffering and trauma.

# 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

- **From Sharlene Weingart, CISPG Innovative Learning Consultant**

**CISPG Primary Teachers:** Join us for **Teacher Collaboration Time** as we **Explore Running Records** to pan for **TEACHING GOLD!**

Watch as a fellow CISPG teacher conducts a running record with a student. Then take part in discussions around the analysis.

Here's the first session on Running Records:  [Sept 23 Running Records.mp4](#)

**Session 2:** Tentatively October 4 from 2:00 - 3:00 PM.

**Session 3:** October 14th from 2:00 - 3:00 PM.

Please email [Sharlene Weingart](#) to register.

Are you teaching **Kindergarten and Grade One**? Wondering what skills to assess on an ongoing basis to target instruction? Join Sharlene as she shares practices that you can use starting today based on the **Joyful Literacy Framework with Dr. Janet Mort**. October 21 from 3:00-4:00

Email [Sharlene Weingart](#) to register. Dates and times can change depending on teacher needs.

**Learning Assistance Teachers:** Are you looking for ways to support learning in new ways? Join Sharlene on October 21 at 11 -12 to explore a session of **Joyful Literacy with Dr. Janet Mort**.

Email [Sharlene Weingart](#) to register. Dates and times can change depending on teacher needs.

- **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:

**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 ☺

- **Daily 5 Online Seminars** - self-guided sessions for passionate educators who want to build a classroom culture of independence, engagement, and success. **Choose on-demand or start with a group of colleagues on the first of any month!** Register here: <https://www.thedailycafe.com/workshops/online-seminars>

## NUMERACY

- From **Janice Novakowski** @jnovakowski38 - Our monthly #BCreggiomath e-newsletter will be sent out on Wednesday. Each month we include encounters with math, a spatial reasoning spark and profile an educator from our project. Subscribe here: <http://bit.ly/reggioinspiredmath>
- **Which One Doesn't Belong?** This website is a great resource for promoting multiple perspectives and math talk. In each "Which One Doesn't Belong?" puzzle, an argument can be made for how each one of the four options doesn't belong: <https://wodb.ca/>
- **Youcubed** is a website developed by Dr. Jo Boaler at Stanford University with wonderful resources for making math accessible and engaging for all students. It includes open tasks, data talks, and fluency activities: <https://www.youcubed.org/>
- **FREE activities for Math** <https://mathigon.org/activities> from **The Mathematical Playground** (online learning has never been so interactive and engaging!)
- Google-drive of curated thinking tasks for **Building Thinking Classrooms** - [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1TS\\_8U1ZJFJ-3zRwcD2RHH1-In5ttA74b?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1TS_8U1ZJFJ-3zRwcD2RHH1-In5ttA74b?usp=sharing)

## EXPLORATIONS

- Shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 - **FREE legal education lesson plans for BC teachers.** <https://lawlessons.ca/curriculum> Each K-12 lesson is aligned to the **BC Social Studies Curriculum** and includes: Big Idea, Essential Question, Curricular Competencies, Core Competencies, First Peoples' Principles of Learning, Introduction, Pre-Assessment, Interactive Learning Activities, Post-Assessment, Extension Activities, Additional References, Legal Backgrounders, Handouts. All materials are downloadable and printable.
- From **Outdoor Learning Store** @OLS\_Canada - Access Indigenous resources such as the Pacific Northwest Plant Cards or the Ktunaxa Ethnobotany Handbook to deepen your connection to your place on Turtle Island (cut and paste into your browser). <https://outdoorlearningstore.ca/themes/indigenous-learning/>
- From **Take Me Outside** - This year will be the 11th annual #TakeMeOutsideDay and we are kicking it up a notch! In partnership with @OLS\_Canada and @MEC, we are hosting a FULL WEEK of speakers, activities, and events from October 18-22! Deepen your connections with Indigenous perspectives, strengthen your health and well-being with outdoor learning, and increase your knowledge on climate change and the environment. With three different themes to focus on, this will be an educational and engaging week for students of all ages! <https://takemeoutside.ca/tmoday/>
- From **Outdoor Play Canada** @OutdoorPlayCA - We recently revamped our Resources page to make it a whole lot easier to find outdoor play toolkits/fact sheets/infographics/webinars, you name it! Check it out here: <https://outdoorplaycanada.ca/resources/>
- From **Canadian Geographic Education** @CanGeoEdu - We're launching a new program called #ExploreCan in partnership with @EBTSOYP (Exploring By The Seat of Your Pants). Every month until March 2022, we will be highlighting a theme and sharing a learning resource, StoryMap, and virtual hangouts #education. Learn more here: <https://bit.ly/3tQSnj1>. Monthly themes will focus on early and ongoing exploration of Canada, science, and environmental stewardship, with a larger focus on truth and reconciliation woven throughout the entire program.

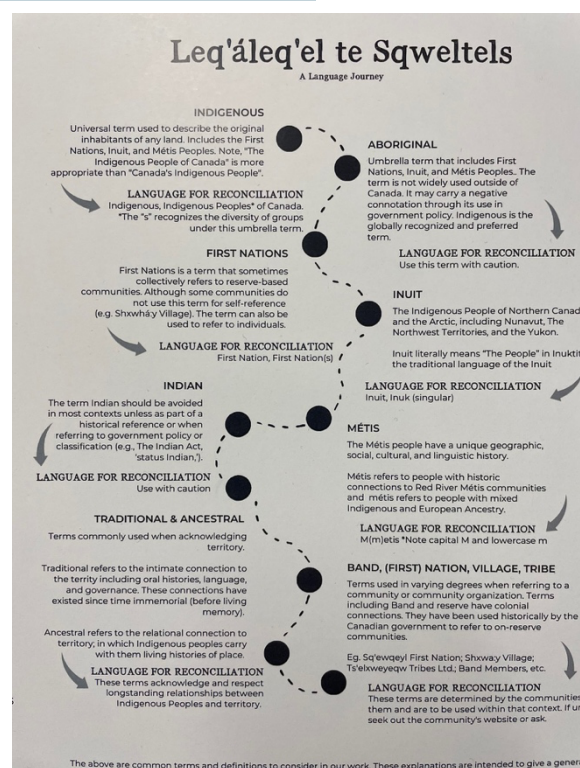


## PHE/SEL

- **Play is the Way** <http://playistheway.ca/open-pro-d-workshops.html> workshops have a strong connection to Aboriginal Education and a focus on traditional stories and Truth and Reconciliation. Focuses on the power of games for developing positive social behaviour. Open Workshop in Prince George on November 26, 2021.
- Check out <https://phecanada.ca/programs/phe-learning-centre> from **@PHECanada** - The Centre provides access to practical and fun physical and health education activities for in-person and remote learning, in addition to PHE Community connections, self-care strategies, and professional development programs.
- Shared by **PHE Canada** @PHECanada - An experienced mentor can support your growth and confidence as you navigate real life experiences as an emerging educator. If you are a student or within the first 1-3 years of your career, sign up to become a mentee at: <https://bit.ly/3hF3EOH>
- Also shared by **PHE Canada** @PHECanada - Time Videos <https://phecanada.ca/programs/phe-time-videos> in collaboration w/ Canadian Olympic School Program to support physical and health education during COVID-19. The videos provide 1-on-1 instruction from physical and health educators ... and in some cases Canadian Olympians!
- Shared by Edutopia - How to Embed SEL into your instruction: <https://www.edutopia.org/article/how-embed-sel-your-instruction>
- From CR4YC @CR4YC (**Changing Results for Young Children**) - 2020-2021 results for CR4YC are in. 48 communities, 327 educators, in 29 inquiry groups, examined their own practices & explored ways of strengthening children's social & emotional well-being, via case study: [https://cr4yr.files.wordpress.com/2021/09/cr4yc-final-report\\_20\\_21.pdf](https://cr4yr.files.wordpress.com/2021/09/cr4yc-final-report_20_21.pdf)

## INDIGENOUS UNDERSTANDING

- Shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 - Find a **FREE** collection of K-12 Lesson Plans (BC Curriculum) for learning about Indigenous **history, culture, and art**: <https://www.carolynroberts.net/lesson-plans>
- Check out the excellent Resource collection and unit plans from nvsd44 curriculum hub (North Vancouver School District): <http://nvsd44curriculumhub.ca/indigenous-education-planning/>
- Highlighting **Indigenous-made films** from the National Film Board of Canada collection, the four complete mini-lessons <https://blog.nfb.ca/blog/2021/09/24/edu-truth-and-reconciliation-week-drafting-a-statement-of-reconciliation-with-students/> will help students understand the spirit and intent of the treaties and provide them with the information they need to discuss the issues of access to drinking water, health care and education.
- Shared by Christopher Hunt from SD #33 - Another great #SD33Learns resource developed with the Indigenous Education Department. It's about the **evolution of terminology**



and how naming and proper representation matters. It is being shared with all staff as a conduit to further teaching.



From **CBC Kids** @CBCKids - Land acknowledgments are a way for non-Indigenous Canadians to acknowledge that these lands are the traditional territories of Indigenous people in Canada. Learn more on CBC Kids: <https://bit.ly/2XIKEr6> | #cbckids #TruthandReconciliationDay

- Check out these excellent resources from **Delta SD #37** - They have created resource pages for educators and families on their @deltasd37 @IndigEdSD37 website <https://deltalearns.ca/indigenouseducation/>
- Shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 - Indigenous Math Resources: <https://indigenous.mathnetwork.educ.ubc.ca/resources/>
- Also shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 - From @HistoricaCanada: five-minute video starts in the 17th century and highlights significant dates in the history of residential schools, all the way up to the release of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's final report in 2015. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VFgN1lfe0A>
- Shared by Caroline Brunet @Carolinebruth from Scholastic Education - Helping share the message of #reconciliation. Download this FREE discussion guide for teachers/parents! **Take Action for Reconciliation** is a classroom resource developed by an Indigenous advisory team: <http://bit.ly/3EcWZok>
- Immerse yourself and your class in Haida culture on this **5-day student tour of Haida Gwaii**. Your class will explore the historic landscape of British Columbia's temperate rainforest and will learn about the traditions and customs of the Haida, through art, dance and storytelling. This educational tour will have your students digging clams and hiking. This is a school trip to inspire your students to understand the diversity and culture of the Indigenous peoples of Haida Gwaii. Learn more: <https://www.brightsparktravel.ca/student-travel/browse-all-tours/haida-gwaii-5-day-student-trip>
- **FREE Reconciliation Through Indigenous Education** - A 6-Week Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) via UBC: Engage with Indigenous knowledge keepers, educational leaders, and resources to enhance your understanding and knowledge of practices that advance reconciliation in the places where you live, learn, and work. This course will help you envision how Indigenous histories, perspectives, worldviews, and approaches to learning can be made part of the work we do in classrooms, organizations, communities, and our everyday experiences in ways that are thoughtful and respectful. In this course, reconciliation emphasizes changing institutional structures, practices, and policies, as well as personal and professional ideologies to create environments that are committed to strengthening our relationships with Indigenous peoples. NEXT OFFERING: September 30 - November 11 Register Now: <https://pdce.educ.ubc.ca/Reconciliation/>
- Shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 - **The Indian Residential School Survivor Society** (IRSSS) has a team of seventeen Elders in B.C. who are qualified to provide guidance at gatherings, ceremonies, and workshops in the following cultural and spiritual activities: Smudging, Language, Sweat Lodges, Arts and Crafts, Long House, Translating Traditional Medicines and Therapies, Traditions and Protocol, Healing and Sharing Circles, Holistic Wellness Plans <https://www.irsss.ca/services/cultural-support>. If your organization requires cultural support through the IRSSS, please fill out the service/workshop request form: <https://www.irsss.ca/services/cultural-services-request-form>
- Looking to help students understand #NationalDayforTruthandReconciliation #OrangeShirtDay? Here's a list of 30+ books to help start. <https://canlitforlittlecanadians.blogspot.com/2021/09/national-day-for-truth-and.html>
- The Terry Fox: Inspiration in Action Lesson Plans for elementary schools are now available to educators across the province to support young learners from Grades 4 to 7: <https://mnhbc.ca/news/2021/terry-fox-inspiration-in-action->

[pilot-project-marks-completion-to-support-young-learners-and-honour-fox-family-metis-heritage/](#) (link to google-drive folder in the article).

## INCLUSIVE EDUCATION



Shared by TIE-BC @TIE\_BC - We are thrilled to present **Crosscurrents 2021** Online on Oct. 22, 2021. Keynote speaker is Kristin Souers (Fostering Resilient Learners).

<https://bit.ly/3l7Ak4b> Register at <https://bit.ly/3hdaNoT>

Follow Shelley Moore @blogsomemoore for all things inclusion:

<https://fivemooreminutes.com>

## ASSESSMENT & INSTRUCTION

- We are so excited to host this exciting conference "**The Pedagogy of Assessment**"! Come join our keynotes, panelists, and concurrent session presenters October 20-22 as we lead a conversation that affirms the promise and power of classroom assessment practice. <https://bit.ly/3EVVbAF>
- Shared by Trevor Mackenzie @trev\_mackenzie - This week's sketch: **10 Steps to Nurture Student Ownership of Assessment** to help scaffold towards more agency in inquiry and cultivate an assessment partnership with students. Find them all at <http://trevormackenzie.com>
- Shared by Brooke Moore @bmooreintheloop - **PLEASE CHECK OUT THIS EXCELLENT SITE!** Fresh off the pixels... <http://deltalearns.ca/powerfullearning> Solid classroom practices, grounded in First Peoples Principles of Learning, wrapped in Inclusive + Universal Approaches, organized around Assessment for Learning.



## PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

- Shared by **BC Teachers of English Language Arts** BC TELA @BCTELA - It's ready!! Our 2021 conference brochure is out! Head to our website to download & start checking out the inspiring sessions on October 22, 2021! Monique Gray Smith keynoting! <https://bctela.ca/conferences/>
- **BC Teacher-Librarians' Association** BCTLA Annual Fall Conference (Virtual) We Rise: TL Leadership Post-Covid - OCTOBER 22, 2021 (SOCIAL ON OCTOBER 21ST AT 7PM) <https://bctla.ourconference.ca>
- From **C2C-BC** @C2C\_BC - On October 22, the @C2C\_BC Education Network is hosting our annual #PSAday Conference featuring 60+ workshops w/ diverse themes to grow your capacity for #placebased ed - Listening to the Land, Giving Voice to the Sea: Stories to Nourish Hope and Resiliency For more info and registration visit: <https://c2c-bc.org/conference/>
- For **Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers** - Attend **CONNECTING THE PIECES**. Check out Daren Patterson's informative sessions: <https://connect21.thinklangley.com/schedule/> Session 1: How to Engage Students in Shared Reading Session 2: Tell Us a Story #thinklangley #think35 #kindergarten
- **BC Primary Teachers Association** 2021 BCPTA Primary Leadership Online Conference <https://bcpta.ourconference.ca>
- **BC Music Educators' Association** BCMEA Conference 2020 <https://bcmea.ourconference.ca>
- **Learning Assistance Teachers' Association** LATA-BC Virtual Conference 2021 OCTOBER 22 <https://lata.ourconference.ca>

- **Provincial Intermediate and Middle Years Teachers' Association** myPITA Fall Conference 2021 <https://mypita.ourconference.ca>
- **Computer Using Educators of British Columbia** CUEBC 2020 Connect with technology-minded educators from the comfort of your own home. OCTOBER 23, 2020 <https://cuebc.ourconference.ca>
- **British Columbia Technology Education Association** 2021 BCTEA Conference <https://bcteaconference.ca>
- **BC Social Studies Teachers' Association** 2021 BCSSTA Conference <https://bcsstaconference.ca>
- **BC Dance Educators' Association** Move Your Body 2021 A Virtual Dance Conference <https://bcdea.ourconference.ca>
- **BC Art Teachers' Association 2021** BCATA Fall Conference Strive Thrive Revive <https://bcata.ourconference.ca>
- 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 on the 60<sup>th</sup> Northwest Math Conference, please see the conference website: <https://bcamt.ca/nw2021/>
- **Association of British Columbia Drama Educators** 2021 ABCDE Fall Virtual Drama Conference Behind the Mask <https://abcde.ourconference.ca>
- Check out the **excellent resources from Surrey School District** – search by curricular competency, grade level, area of learning, etc.: <https://surreyschoolsone.ca/teachers/>
- From **Pearson Education Canada**: What's special about today? A FREE online resource to help Canadian teachers commemorate special awareness days throughout the year. Month-by-month listing of FREE activities and lessons: <https://www.pearsoncanadaschool.com/index.cfm?locator=PS33Zs>

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 - **Faith and Wellness: A Daily Mental Health Resource** offers a collection of high-quality, everyday mental health practices to enhance students' social and emotional skills. These practices are rooted in the Catholic Faith: <https://smho-smso.ca/fw/about/>
- Also shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 - Sign up with @SophiaTeachers for these FREE k-12 activities explore and illuminate the treasures of the Sunday Gospels for the month of OCTOBER. Use them to help strengthen and deepen your students' relationship with Jesus Christ! <https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org/elesson/teaching-the-liturgical-year>
- Check out **Loyola Press** for information about the liturgical year: [https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/#.YVCucb49a\\_U.twitter](https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/#.YVCucb49a_U.twitter)

Please take a quiet moment during the next few days to restore and reflect on all the beautiful moments that we experience in our classrooms and schools with our CISP learners.

Enjoy this Song Of Peace in honour of **International Day Of Peace** (September 21, 2021): <https://youtu.be/SdPBEfiug5o>

