

# CISPG LEARNING

Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George

*"All learners thriving in Inspiring Catholic Learning Communities"*



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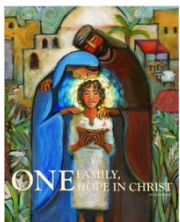
- Join Melodie for a virtual [Advent Prayer & Devotional](#) starting **Tuesday, November 30** - every Tuesday morning at 8:15 am PST and Thursdays at 2:45 pm PST. This event is open to all CISPG staff!
- Join Sharlene (and others) for **Teacher Collaboration Time - first and third Thursday** of each Month at 3:00 pm
- Scan the code for Sharlene's favourite resources



Hello everyone!

On the eleventh day of the eleventh month at the eleventh hour, we pause to honour and remember the men and women who served in times of war, military conflict and peace. It is also a time to reflect on the freedom and peace that we as Canadians enjoy.

Please take a moment to enjoy this rendition of "Highway of Heroes": <https://youtu.be/P7cGFT3W2G0>. "Highway of Heroes", was co-written and co-produced by The Trews and Gordie Johnson (Big Sugar) and was inspired by the 2006 death of Captain Nichola Goddard from The Trews' hometown of Antigonish, NS. Canada's Highway of Heroes is the section of the MacDonald-Cartier freeway named to honour those who have sacrificed all in service of country.



Frances Roch, 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.*

# RESOURCES

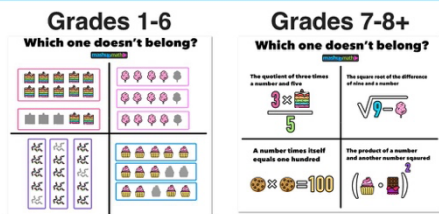
All resources mentioned in this newsletter have been collected from school districts and educators across the province. Please be reminded that the links embedded within this document are meant to provide examples of “strong practice” across BC. They are not meant to overwhelm, but rather to support 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

- Check out the excellent **SurreySchoolsOne** Elementary Literacy website!  
<https://surreyschoolsone.ca/teachers/literacy/elementary/>.
- Shared by TCEA @TCEA - **Captain of a hook: 10 engaging lesson introduction ideas:**  
<https://ditchthattextbook.com/lesson-hooks/>
- Check out **Adrienne Gear's blog** for many excellent lesson ideas on Reading and Writing and comprehensive **book lists:** <https://readingpowergear.wordpress.com/>

## NUMERACY

### Which One Doesn't Belong?



- Shared by **Mashup Math** @mashupmath - Learn all about how you can use **#WODB** activities to engage math students:  
<http://mashupmath.com/blog/wodb>
- Shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 - **134 Awesome Desmos Classroom Activities to Engage Students | Abakcus** -  
<https://abakcus.com/134-awesome-desmos-classroom-activities-to-engage-students-during-class/>

- Check out the **Math by the Book Series** by Sue O'Connell (Heinemann) - <https://samplers.heinemann.com/math-by-the-book-list>.
- Shared by **Janice Novakowski** @jnovakowski38 - As our district is highlighting numeracy in its strategic plan and mathematical foundations are an important aspect of developing numerate citizens, I have re-posted our work from 2015 on **High Yield Math Routines**. <https://blogs.sd38.bc.ca/sd38mathandscience/high-yield-math-routines/>
- Also shared by Janice Novakowski @jnovakowski38 - So lovely to meet in person with a small group of teachers to update and add resources to our district's K-2 mathematics & numeracy assessment document. View the **SD #38 K-2 Numeracy Assessment Support Document** here: [https://blogs.sd38.bc.ca/sd38mathandscience/wp-content/uploads/sites/14/2021/07/SD38\\_K-2\\_Numeracy\\_Assessment\\_updated\\_June\\_2021.pdf](https://blogs.sd38.bc.ca/sd38mathandscience/wp-content/uploads/sites/14/2021/07/SD38_K-2_Numeracy_Assessment_updated_June_2021.pdf)
- Learn the smartest ways to engage, reach, and strengthen your students in K-12 math classrooms - **Make Math Moments Virtual Summit** November 13 and 14, 2021  
Register now:  
<https://summit.makemathmoments.com/>

**MAKE MATH  
MOMENTS**  
*Virtual Summit*



# EXPLORATIONS



- From **Canadian Geographic Education** @CanGeoEdu - For #GeographyAwarenessWeek, join cave diver and Explorer-In-Residence @jillheinerth for a **free teacher workshop** on Nov 17 at 7:30 p.m. (EST) to learn about the importance of oceans and discuss ways to bring ocean topics into your classroom: <https://bit.ly/3or21qr>

- Shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 - **FREE BC Social Studies Lesson Plans K-12** from **Justice Education**: <https://lawlessons.ca/curriculum>
- Check out the **FREE** interactive timeline: **British Columbia: An Untold History** <https://bcanuntoldhistory.knowledge.ca/> A journey from the late 18th century and spanning 200 years. The project offers a more inclusive and diverse perspective as told from those who have lived and studied BC's shared past and features the voices of authors, historians, Elders, and descendants of historical figures. Indigenous, Chinese, Japanese, Punjabi, Black, and European stories are woven together to present an astute look at the complicated past that shaped B.C. as we know it today. You can view the timeline through various filters: Decade, Heritage, Geographical Area and/or Media Type.
- Check out Megan Zeni's excellent blog and links for taking Science outdoors: **It can all be taught outside: Teaching the K-7 science big ideas, core & curricular competencies in your outdoor and garden classrooms**: <https://meganzeni.com/bc-science-teachers-catalyst-conference/>
- Join the **Let's Talk Science STEM Club** with your class for fun and interactive STEM activities intended for Grade 4-6 students. Each week features a different hands-on activity using minimal, easy-to-find materials. Students will also have the chance to learn from and ask questions to inspiring STEM role models. STEM Club is ideal for busy educators and caregivers, no matter what their learning environment looks like! Learn more here: [https://letstalkscience.ca/events/join-lets-talk-science-stem-club?utm\\_source=twitter&utm\\_medium=tweet&utm\\_campaign=stem\\_club](https://letstalkscience.ca/events/join-lets-talk-science-stem-club?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=tweet&utm_campaign=stem_club)

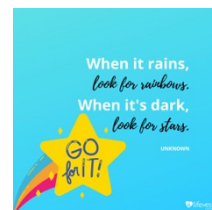
## Register for Cohort 3

- Also from **Let's Talk Science** - FREE lesson plans, activities etc. Check out the searchable resources here: <https://letstalkscience.ca/educational-resources/curriculum>
- From the **Science Fair Foundation** sciencefairs.ca - Free Monthly Workshop Series - guide students through the 2022 science fair season: through workshops explore ideation, project setup, the scientific method, ethics and safety, analyzing results, and communicating findings in a clear and compelling way <https://sciencefairs.ca/learn/workshop>.
- Check out **Science World Resources** @ScienceWorldTR: <https://www.scienceworld.ca/resources/> Filter by type, topic, grade level. Note the lessons under **Science Detectives**: <https://www.scienceworld.ca/resource/science-detectives/>
- Shared by **Science World Teacher Resources** @ScienceWorldTR - Bring inspiration into YOUR school with STEM posters from @IngeniumCa: <https://womeninstem.ingeniumcanada.org/posters/>
- Shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 - **Classics for Kids**: this site is designed to help you use **classical music** as part of your daily classroom activities. <https://classicsforkids.com/teachers.html>

- Also shared by Rose Pillay@RosePillay1 - Be inspired and create: <https://tate.org.uk/kids> Play free games and quizzes, find art activities, explore homework help and share your art with Tate Kids. **Art website for kids.** <https://tate.org.uk/kids/make>
- NOIIE @noiie\_bc welcomes Barb Hamblett @BarbHamblett and Holly Zurak @HollyZurak to the **Learning Burst** stage on November 18th, from 4:00-4:30pm PST Register: <https://noiie.ca/2020-learning->

## PHE/SEL

- Shared by **erase British Columbia** @SafeEducationBC - Online resources are available for educators, support staff, and parents to help inform Grades 5-12 students about the dangers of gangs and guns developed by the Government of BC and Safer Schools Together <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase/school-safety>
- Shared by **Life Vest Inside** @LifeVestInside - Subscribe to our Daily Kind Newsletter! <http://lifevestinside.com>
- Also shared by **Life Vest Inside** @LifeVestInside - Celebrate **World Kindness Day** on November 15. Learn the steps to our Kindness Dance and tune in virtually on November 15th to join in with thousands of others from around the world and dance from wherever you are in the world! Register now at <http://danceforkindness.com>
- **World Kindness Day 2021: Your Complete Guide** [https://inspirekindness.com/blog/world-kindness-day-2021-your-complete-guide#h\\_27519547311570018375590](https://inspirekindness.com/blog/world-kindness-day-2021-your-complete-guide#h_27519547311570018375590)
- **FREE Kindness Posters** - Download our posters that illustrate our six kindness concepts [https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/kindness-concept-posters/Six\\_Kindness\\_Concept\\_Posters.pdf](https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/kindness-concept-posters/Six_Kindness_Concept_Posters.pdf)
- **FREE 50+ Ways To Be Kind Poster** Display this poster to help build a culture of kindness in your classroom or home. [https://assets.randomactsofkindness.org/downloads/RAK\\_kindness\\_poster.jpg](https://assets.randomactsofkindness.org/downloads/RAK_kindness_poster.jpg)
- **FREE Random Act of Kindness Cards** - Want to make someone's day? Do a kind act for them anonymously and leave one of these cards to 'tag' them to pass on the kindness. You'll be the start of a ripple of kindness that has no end. [https://assets.randomactsofkindness.org/downloads/RAKTAG\\_cards.pdf](https://assets.randomactsofkindness.org/downloads/RAKTAG_cards.pdf)
- **FREE Kindness Quotes Illustrations** <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/kindness-quotes>



## INDIGENOUS UNDERSTANDING

- Shared by Sharlene Weingart @SharleneWeinga6 - **from Canada's History - Making Treaties** <https://www.canadashistory.ca/education/classroom-resources/making-treaties>
- Shared by Carolyn Roberts @mcarolynroberts - **Cultural Appropriation:** It is not your story to tell: <https://www.carolynroberts.net/single-post/cultural-appropriation-it-is-not-your-story-to-tell-and-profit-from>. Reflections as an Indigenous educator.
- Shared by Jo Chrona @luudisk - **Beyond Culturally Responsive Education.** This article helps articulate an answer to this common question: "Why is Indigenous content and perspectives... specifically mandated in the BC curriculum, and not the heritages of all other students in our schools?" <https://teljournal.educ.ubc.ca/2021/10/beyond>
- Check out the resources from the **National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation:** <https://nctr.ca/education/>. Note the **Imagine a Canada** project where students from K-12 can submit an art piece, essay, or other representation to express their vision of a reconciled Canada and what they hope others will learn from their submission. Twelve

projects will be selected to be included in an art booklet showcasing their work and message:

<https://nctr.ca/education/educational-programs/imagine-a-canada/>

- **FREE posters Aboriginal Ways of Knowing and Being**
  - Aboriginal Ways of Knowing and Being Poster 8.5x11: <https://www.bctf.ca/docs/default-source/discovery-pages-documents/2018-awokb-posters-8-5x11-x4.pdf>
  - Aboriginal Ways of Knowing and Being Poster 11x17: <https://www.bctf.ca/docs/default-source/discovery-pages-documents/2018-awokb-posters-11x17-x4.pdf>
- **Indigenous Picture Books:** From Sea to Sea to Sea (PDF) [https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0483/4833/2187/files/FromSeaToSeaToSea\\_EducatorsResource.pdf?v=1633633477](https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0483/4833/2187/files/FromSeaToSeaToSea_EducatorsResource.pdf?v=1633633477)

## INCLUSIVE EDUCATION



- **Don't Should on Me:** It's not easy being NOT green: <https://youtu.be/MeRNhz0nGts>
- Check out more of **Shelley's 5 Moore Minutes** podcasts (Season 1 and 2) here: <https://fivemooreminutes.com/strategies/>
- Check out Shelley's **excellent blog** here: <https://blogsomemoore.com/>

## ASSESSMENT & INSTRUCTION

- 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.
- Shared by **Canadian Assessment for Learning Network** @CAFLNetwork - Assessment for Learning: A Collaborative Community - Join community of educators, authors, and thinkers in conversations about the current assessment issues that are on your mind in our changing world. **Registration Deadline November 15** – Cost \$100: <https://crcpd.ab.ca/program/7790>
- Shared by TCEA @TCEA – **50 Everyday Formative Assessment Strategies:** <https://www.teachthought.com/pedagogy/formative-assessment-strategies/>



## PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

- Greater Victoria School District 61 and the Rural Education Advisory invite educators in BC to join in a conversation about engaging all learners in the **middle years**. Our four-part interactive webinar series will be hosted by Dr. Leyton Schnellert with special guests for each session **FREE** – Register here: <https://elvlc.educ.ubc.ca/initiatives/middle-years/> (3:15 pm – 4:45 pm)

**Sara Florence Davidson** - Wednesday, November 17, 2021

**Mehjabeen Dattoo, Miriam Miller & Shaheen Musani** - Thursday, January 13, 2022

**Beth Applewhite and Bryan Gidinski** - Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Greater Victoria School District 61 and the Rural Education Advisory invite educators in BC to join in a conversation about engaging all learners in **secondary schools**. This three-part interactive webinar series will feature leading BC educators and examples from across the province. **FREE** – Register here: <https://pdce.educ.ubc.ca/engaging-secondary/>

**Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Secondary Schools** November 16, 2021 | 3:15-4:30pm PST Beth Applewhite and Leona Prince

**Nurturing Student Agency through Assessment Practices** February 23, 2022 | 3:15-4:30pm PST Trevor MacKenzie, Emma Milliken and Leyton Schnellert

- Shared by **EL Magazine** (Educational Leadership Magazine) @ELmagazine - Small Shifts in Teacher Talk Make a Big Difference: <https://bit.ly/3jq5yU5>
- Shared by Tom Schimmer @TomSchimmerPod - Watch the **Tom Schimmer Podcasts**:
  - Apple <https://apple.co/3EdEwqZ>
  - Spotify <https://tinyurl.com/cef4rv84>
  - YouTube <https://tinyurl.com/76bt3z5k>



Figure 1: Teacher Talk That Supports Student Ownership and Engagement

Instead of Emphasizing Teacher Ownership or Compliance...	Try Emphasizing Student Ownership and Engagement...
I have an exciting math activity planned for you today!	You're going to get to <i>participate</i> in an exciting math activity today!
Be ready to show me what you've been trying.	Be ready to <i>share</i> what you've been trying.
I want you to build a tower that is 12 cubic centimeters.	<i>See</i> if you can build a tower that is 12 cubic centimeters.
Here are the three things you're going to do for me in this project.	Here are your three <i>challenges</i> for this project.
If you work really hard for the next 20 minutes, we'll do something fun at the end of the work period.	You've got 20 minutes to see how much you can get done!
If you want to get an A, you need to do these three things...	Here are three things that will help your work be high quality...
I love how hard you three are working on that science project!	You three are really working as a <i>team</i> and making some progress!

Canadian Sentry, Moonlight, Neuville-Vitasse Lieutenant Alfred Bastien 1918

