

# CISPG LEARNING

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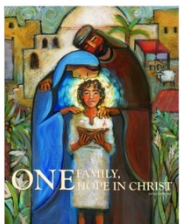
Hello everyone!

As we enter this beautiful season of hope and expectation, I hope that you find some time during these very busy days to enjoy the anticipation and wonder that precede the birth of Christ. Please take a few moments to listen to "Light of the World" by Lauren Daigle: "The world waits for a miracle, The heart longs for a little bit of hope, Oh come, Oh come Emmanuel"-  
<https://youtu.be/OhumxplTH9I>



Thanks to Rose Pillay for sharing these Advent Resources. Enjoy!

- A Visio Divina reflection series through Advent journey: Each week participants are invited to consider the hope, excitement, wonder and confusion of the story from a unique perspective. <https://chausa.org/prayers/advent-2021>
- Advent and Christmas Prayers and Reflections: <https://mycatholic.life/advent/>
- FREE from Sadlier Religion: <https://www.sadlier.com/religion/advent-resources>



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.*



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## CISPG SESSIONS ...

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 Zoom Meeting:

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/66695417332?pwd=bU9Zc256MUg3aUZkYm56R3pWTHpMQT09>

# 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

- Shared by Heinemann Publishing @HeinemannPub - It's time to take stock of progress and plan for next steps. **Progress monitoring** provides the crucial link between your initial assessments and adapting future instruction. A NEW BLOG from Jennifer Serravallo: <https://hubs.la/H0--77t0> @JSerravallo
- Thank you to Jenna Gilbertson, Innovative Learning Consultant, for her recent excellent session on Mentor Sentences. Please check out her Padlet for templates connected to Mentor Sentences and for many other rich resources: <https://padlet.com/jgilbertson2/10k11um22g3vr6bl>
- Please see the following presentation by Jenna Gilbertson on the **Performance Standards Project** for school trialing. The new Performance Standards are being created for Literacy and Numeracy in BC. Any schools interested in trialing, or for further information or assistance with this link, please contact Jenna: [https://cisp-gca-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/jgilbertson\\_cisp-gca/EcztyKsGmu1lpWtRxp7mHckB6LsxZYjlhgATRsomsu\\_1MQ](https://cisp-gca-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/jgilbertson_cisp-gca/EcztyKsGmu1lpWtRxp7mHckB6LsxZYjlhgATRsomsu_1MQ)



## NUMERACY



Live, Online Professional Development  
with Jo Boaler and Cathy Williams  
Teaching the Important Ideas of Number Sense and Data Exploration K-2:  
Tasks & Strategies for Successful Teaching Online and In-Person  
December 15 from 9 am to 2 pm Pacific Time  
\$275 per person, earn 4 Professional Development Hours  
Online Registration: [tinyurl.com/youcubedPDK-2](https://tinyurl.com/youcubedPDK-2)

- Shared by **Youcubed** @youcubed - K-2 teachers, join us online December 15! A recording will be provided to registered participants, in case you can't participate in some or all of the live session—enroll here: <https://tinyurl.com/youcubedPDK-2>
- Schools may wish to check out **Scholastic Math Place for Grades 1-3**, recently released and aligned with the BC Curriculum. For further information (and perhaps a few sample lessons), please contact Caroline Brunet: [CBrunet@scholastic.ca](mailto:CBrunet@scholastic.ca)

## EXPLORATIONS



- Shared by **Outdoor Education Collective** @OutdoorEdColl - Did you know many of our activities and lessons also have videos for educators and students? Check them out here: <https://sites.google.com/view/outdooreducationcollective/videos>
- From **Canadian Geographic Education** @CanGeoEduWe have just added 8 new energy-themed learning activities to our Energy IQ website, focused on topics such as careers, energy-efficient communities, renewables, and non-renewables, and more! Check out the lesson plans in our resource section: <https://energyiq.canadiangeographic.ca/resources/>. Canadian Geographic Education offers free, bilingual resources for grades K to 12 on a variety of topics. Whether you're looking for outdoor learning activities, lesson plans on citizen science, an immersive online tool to teach about climate change, or simply a map to practice map-


reading skills—we have all that and more! In the filters below you can choose a resource type, topic, and grade level and click “Apply” or search our resources by keyword: <https://cangeoeducation.ca/en/resources/?resource-types=all-resources>.

- Continue to check the exceptional **Delta SD site on Powerful Practices**: <https://deltalearns.ca/>. For example, check out the resources for Career Education K-12: <https://deltalearns.ca/careers/career-education/>
- Shared by **Science World Teacher Resources** @ScienceWorldTR - Scientists and Innovators in Schools takes requests for #online presentations by #STEM mentors. FREE program for K-12 across BC. Sign up here: <https://www.scienceworld.ca/sis/>
- Shared by EduSpark @EduSparkWorld - This interactive course "**A Walking Curriculum**" is FREE for a limited time! Developed by @perfinker, this will help all educators learn practical strategies that can engage students with the world around them through inquiry and imagination. Join today: <https://eduspark.world/courses/a-walking-curriculum>

Mr. Blair's Classroom

ELA 11

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



## Music Video Analysis Project

**Skills being Developed:**

I can...

1. Apply appropriate strategies in a variety of contexts to comprehend written, oral, visual, and multimodal texts, to guide inquiry, and to extend thinking
2. Evaluate how text structures, literary elements, techniques, and devices enhance and shape meaning and impact
3. Use writing and design processes to plan, develop, and create engaging and meaningful texts for a variety of purposes and audiences

**PROJECT BACKGROUND:**

MTV officially launched in 1981 and quickly popularized music videos as a medium. The iconic "Video Killed the Radio Star" by the Buggles became the first song to be played on the TV station. Since then, music videos have held a consistent place in the cultural zeitgeist, especially with websites like *YouTube* bursting on the scene in the late 2000s.

**PROJECT EXPLANATION:**

You must first choose a music video and then analyze both its lyrical and visual components. Your completed analysis can be communicated via any medium & any tone (formal, informal, etc.) Though you may choose any video by any artist (school appropriate), you're encouraged to choose a video that features a formidable combination of meaningful lyrics and powerful visuals.

**STEP #1: ANALYZING SONG LYRICS**

- o What figurative & rhetorical devices did the song writer incorporate?
- o What is the message of the song?
- o What is the mood & tone of the song?

**STEP #2: ANALYZING THE VIDEO**

- o What visual elements appear in the video (imagery, props, costumes, setting, etc.)?
- o What is the relationship between the lyrics and the video?
- o Who is the video's intended audience?
- o What is the mood & tone of the video? Does it differ from the lyrics?

**HOW TO DEMONSTRATE LEARNING:**

1. Written Analysis
2. PowerPoint
3. Podcast
4. Video Report

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- From Marcus Blair @MrBlairsClass - My ELA 11 students will be **analyzing a music video** by first examining the song's lyrics and then the visual components of the song's music video. Their analysis can be communicated via any tone and any medium. This project is available to anyone upon request.

- Shared by **Rose Pillay** @RosePillay1: [robertkaplinsky.com/lessons/](http://robertkaplinsky.com/lessons/)

## PHE/SEL

- **Social & Emotional Learning Resource Finder** for teachers provides current social-emotional learning and mental health resources, intended for developing awareness and increasing self-help efficacy: <http://www.selresources.com/>
- Resources from **DASH** @DASHBC - DASH BC has partnered with @StrongMindsCda to offer "Kids Have Stress Too!" funded by @RBC Future Launch. These stress management programs are evidence informed with practical, easy to follow lesson plans and activities. BC schools, sign-up for training at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLLl-YmjY0sFtzC6LTFcdCibHoA-JVR3bLphljp\\_VvZ6VG4w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLLl-YmjY0sFtzC6LTFcdCibHoA-JVR3bLphljp_VvZ6VG4w/viewform)

- From **DASH** as well - Students & teachers - apply for \$500 to engage in a sustainability Action Project in your school/community. Project examples include greening your schoolyard or eliminating single-use plastic. Due Dec 17. Must be student-led. <https://lsf-lst.ca/programs/actio>
- And one more from **DASH** - Starting Jan. 14, the **School Physical Activity and Physical Literacy** project is hosting a Winter Institute to introduce B.C. K-7 educators to the PHE curriculum, physical activity & physical literacy. Learn more: <https://pdce.educ.ubc.ca/elementary-phe-professional-institute/>
- FREE Resource **Teach Food First: An Educator's Toolkit for Exploring Canada's Food Guide with K-8 Students**. This toolkit was developed by the Ministry of Health and the BC Centre for Disease Control in partnership with public health dietitians, BC teachers, and Indigenous Knowledge Keepers: <https://healthyschoolsbc.ca/teach-food-first/>

- From **PHE Canada** @PHECanada - The 2022 PHE Virtual National Conference is set to take place February 17-18, 2022. Register for access to all live and recorded sessions now and watch recordings of all sessions at your own pace and time. **Register before December 10, 2021:** <https://phecanada.ca/connecting/2021-phe-virtual-national-conference>
- From **Outdoor Play Canada** @OutdoorPlayCA - Our newest resource item comes from @PHECanada! Their Physical Education Activities focus on promoting physical competencies, are categorized by grade level, are available in EN/FR, and are downloadable as print-friendly activity cards. Check them out! [https://outdoorplaycanada.ca/portfolio\\_page](https://outdoorplaycanada.ca/portfolio_page)
- **PHE Canada** @PHECanada - We are looking for teachers in grades 4-6 across Canada to pilot the #ActionForAction toolkit that provides step-by-step instructions for students to develop and implement a youth "at my best" campaign. The deadline to apply is December 10, 2021: <https://phecanada.ca/connecting/news/call-pilot-schools-my-best-4-5-6-action-action-toolkit>
- And more from **PHE Canada** @PHECanada - Download the BOKS Winter Fun Pack for 30+ free activities that kids can use during their Winter Break. The pack includes movement breaks, games, nutrition activities & printables. Sign up to BOKS & download the Winter Fun Pack today! <http://bokskids.ca>
- From **Cobblestone Collective** - Explore Coding With Our Co-Taught Lessons. Computer Science Education Week is December 6 - 10 and we've teamed up with Minecraft: Education Edition and Microsoft Canada to bring you an entire week of coding! Whether your class is brand new at coding, or your students are coding rockstars, there is a lesson for everyone! Register your class for **FREE**: <https://cobblestonecollective.ca/csew2021/>



## INDIGENOUS UNDERSTANDING

- Shared by **Historica Canada** @HistoricaCanada - Teachers! Bring Indigenous histories into your classroom using our new learning tool. Activities delve into Indigenous leaders, cultural continuity, and language revitalization. Download your free copy today: <https://fb.historicacanada.ca/CanadaHistoryWeek/2021/canada-history-week-2021-learning-tool/>
- From Leyton Schnellert @LeytonSchnell - Thanks to our presenters from today's **Re-Imagining Mathematics Webinar!** Beautiful focus on Indigenous Storywork. Register for remaining sessions & access to recording here: <https://learn.sd61.bc.ca/re-imagining-mathematics-education-webinar-series/>
- From **Outdoor Learning Store** @OLS\_Canada - Listen to the passionate words of Indigenous author Ariana Wentanoron Roundpoint as she shares her new book created with other young Indigenous creatives. @Greenteachermag <https://outdoorlearningstore.ca/podcast/>
- **Surrey First Peoples Guide for Newcomers:** [https://surreylib.ca/sites/default/files/SNCG-VERSION%201\\_0.pdf](https://surreylib.ca/sites/default/files/SNCG-VERSION%201_0.pdf)
- From the Canadian Geographic Society - Indigenous Peoples in Canada have a rich cultural heritage, which you can explore in this Google Earth Voyager story: <https://bit.ly/3nzl2HM>
- From the **First Nations Child and Family Caring Society:** The Indigenous Knowledge Portal (IKP) is a searchable database and related links that provide access to a variety of annotated literature reviews, reports, guides, films, booklets, studies, journal articles and presentations all related to Aboriginal children and families in Canada and similar countries: <https://fncaringsociety.com/ikp>
- Shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 - Sessions by **Dr. Kevin Lamoureux:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zPHOyzCV7ik> (5 minutes)





<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9FG8SXalxTg> (20 minutes)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gRfKXVZak7k&t=345s> (1.5 hours)  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T2CfCdCb5\\_c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T2CfCdCb5_c) (55 minutes)

- From Jane Silversides @janeteacher2 - My students enjoyed learning from [https://www.thereach.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/TR\\_SemathXotsa\\_Book\\_LR\\_01.pdf](https://www.thereach.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/TR_SemathXotsa_Book_LR_01.pdf) on the history of Sumas Prairie.

- Shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 - Docs For Schools @docsforschools. Did you know you can access free #Indigenous docs on our DFS TODAY page any time? The TODAY page features a curated selection of docs from around the web that educators can access whenever they want - no registration necessary! Find them here: <https://bit.ly/39c1xwM>



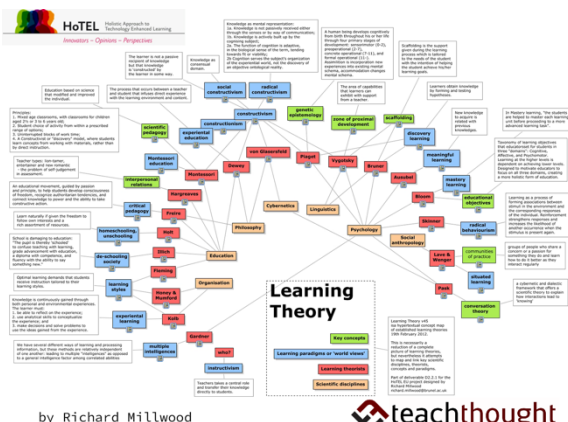
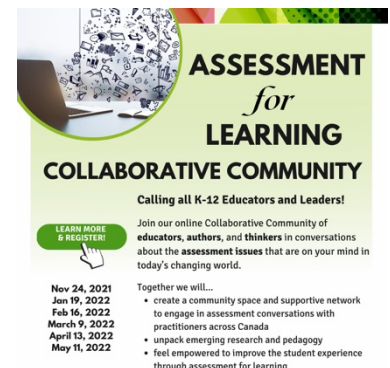
## INCLUSIVE EDUCATION



- Check out **Shelley Moore's 5 Moore Minutes** podcasts (Season 1 and 2) here: <https://fivemooreminutes.com/strategies/>
- Check out Shelley's **excellent blog** here: <https://blogsomemoore.com/>
- Education for much too long has focused on deficits. Instead, how can we learn to look for the strengths in our kids? @tweetsomemoore tells us how to implement strength-based teaching and learning at home & in the classroom. <http://ow.ly/gv1Z50GMhmE> @fivemooreminutes

## ASSESSMENT & INSTRUCTION

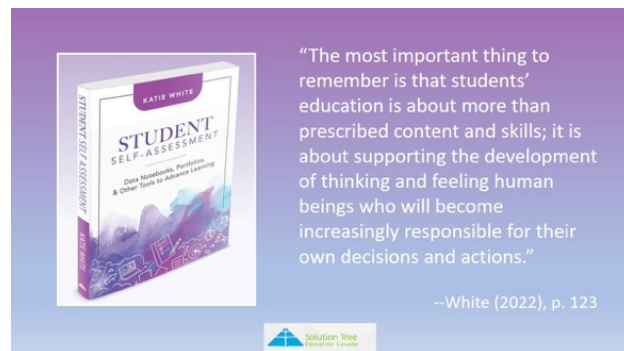
- Shared by **Alberta Assessment Consortium** @AACinfo - It's NOT TOO LATE to join. Registrations will be accepted throughout the series. Bring a friend! <https://crcpd.ab.ca/register/7790>
- Also shared by **Alberta Assessment Consortium** - When used well, assessment can be a powerful positive influence on learning! **Dylan Wiliam** presents relevant research and describes practical techniques teachers can use to help students to become owners of their own learning. <https://aac.ab.ca/events-and-workshops/aac-open-sessions/> \$50 per participant for all three sessions.



- Shared by Nina Pak Lui @npaklui - A Visual Summary: 32 Learning Theories Every Teacher Should Know <https://bit.ly/2FdZTNE> via @teachthought
- 6 Scaffolding Strategies to Use With Your Students** - Support every student by breaking learning up into chunks and providing a concrete structure for each. <https://edut.to/30mMVK2> @edutopia
- Follow **Shannon Schinkel** @DramaQueenBRC for information on proficiency sequences - It's finally here, my first blog this school year and it's about none other than...proficiency sequences! Check it out: <https://mygrowthmindset.home.blog/2021/11/21/i-want-to-change-the-world-one-proficiency-sequence-at-a-time/>

- Shared by the amazing **Katie White** @KatieWhite426 - **Student Self-Assessment**: Order today - <https://solutiontree.com/ca/student-self-assessment.html>.

One copy of Student Self-Assessment has been ordered and will be delivered to each CISPG school after arrival at the Pastoral Centre. A Christmas gift, courtesy of CISPG Learning Services 😊



## 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)

**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/>

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

- Shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 - Save the date! On January 15, 2022 the fifth annual **BC Core Competencies EdCamp** via Zoom will take place. More information and registration details will be posted on the website soon: <https://edcampbcc.weebly.com/>

Annual lecture



- From Professor Alma Harris @AlmaHarris1 - Registration is now open for **Professionally Speaking 2022**! We're delighted that Prof. Yong Zhao will deliver our next annual lecture centred around the theme of 'Students as owners of learning and partners of educational change'. Register now for **FREE**: <https://ewc.wales/site/index.php>