

CISPG LEARNING

Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George

"ALL learners thriving in inspired Catholic Learning Communities"

Hello everyone! And welcome back to a new school year. I am excited to be working and learning with you as we "pull together" on our collective journey to seek **TRUTH, HEALING** and **RECONCILIATION** in 2022-2023. Wishing you the very best this year! *Illustration with thanks to Lou-ann Neel*



WITH GRATITUDE ...

Welcome and thank you to the CISPG **Learning Services Team "LEADS"** who have graciously stepped forward to connect and communicate with teachers and schools across the CISPG Diocese:

Jenna Gilbertson - Notre Dame
Medalana Jardim - Annunciation
Jen Mitchell - St. Joseph's
Melissa Murrin - St. Mary's
Kim Stewart - Sacred Heart
Oriana Viveiro - St. Anthony's

As well, welcome back to Melodie Van Der Meer, our amazing **Christian Education Consultant**. Melodie can be reached at the following email: mvandermeer@cispg.ca

Thank you to Rose Pillay (CISVA) for sharing this beautiful reconciliation song. Let us be a **generation of reconciliation**:

<https://youtu.be/1D4wXOGNkrk>



Twitter @frances_roch



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 advised 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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Melodie continually updates her PADLET and would like to highlight the "Seeking **Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation**" section. Please be reminded that this PADLET is a "growing place" for Christian Education resources throughout the year: <https://padlet.com/melodievandermeer/cug8dsv8m0alnyu0>
- As well, there is a webinar being hosted by the Jesuit forum entitled "**Indigenous Peoples, Reconciliation, and the Catholic Church**" on October 27, 2022: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/3516627335073/WN_xjj_u7FITi-9p_ylnFVFOw?t=1663775512120

LITERACY

- Primary Teachers - Follow **POPEY** and check their website frequently ☺

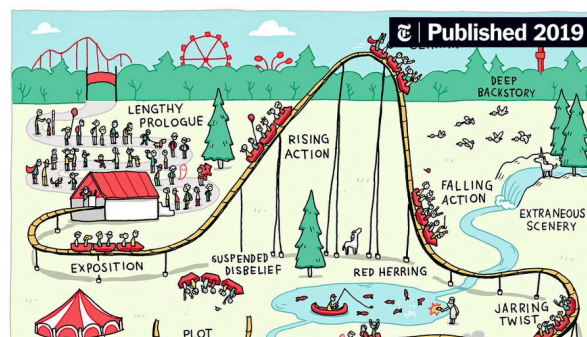


- Shared by Melanie Brethour @mbrusso2 - Time is precious in our classrooms. This article lists 5 popular practices. **What Doesn't Work: Literacy Practices We Should Abandon** & that research suggests are not optimal use of instructional time: <https://www.edutopia.org/blog/literacy-practices-we-should-abandon-nell-k-duke>

- Shared by **Adrienne Gear** @AdrienneGear- another **MUST FOLLOW** literacy "guru" - Check out my new Back to School list for 2022! <https://readingpowergear.wordpress.com/2022/08/09/top-ten-tuesday-10-new-back-to-school-books-for-2022-plus-a-few-more/>

• The **Guild of Young Writers** is a growing online community for new voices and emerging storytellers from 12 to 17 years of age. Monthly presentations and workshops with visiting authors and illustrators and are the first to hear about exciting opportunities to showcase their writing! <https://www.storystudio.ca/guild-of-young-writers/>

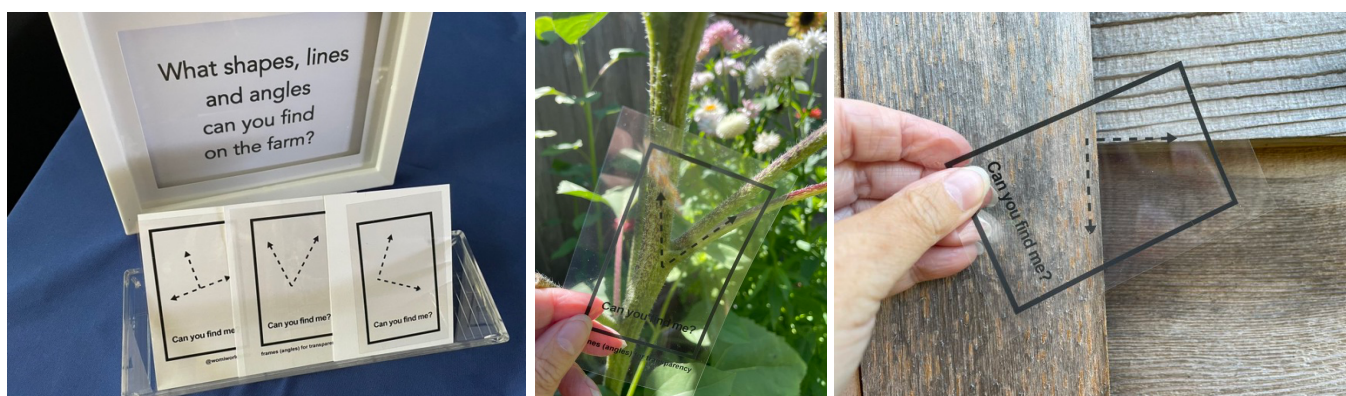
- Teach Narrative Writing With The New York Times** - <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/22/learning/personal-narrative-writing-unit.html?smid=tw-share>



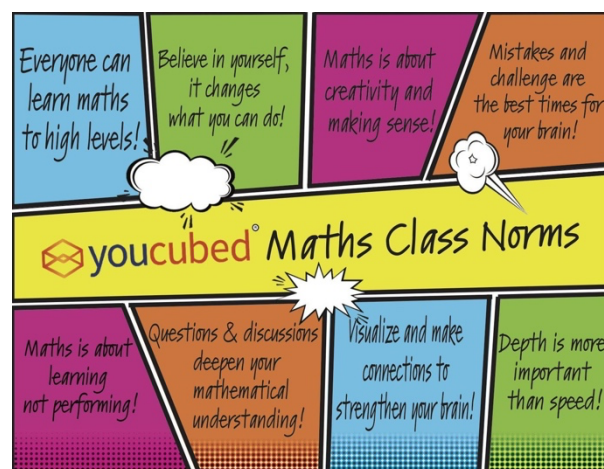
- From **@storystudioca** - Download the full 'StorySheet' creative writing system as PDFs – for FREE! You can also purchase PDF or printed bundles with extras, like our Educator Bundle with curriculum aligned lesson plans: <https://storystudio.ca/shop/>

NUMERACY

- Shared by **Janice Novakowski** @jnovakowski38 - Year-end summary blog post about many of the mathematics and numeracy projects in our district this year. <https://blogs.sd38.bc.ca/sd38mathandscience/2022/06/28/a-year-in-review-2021-2022/> **PLEASE CHECK OUT THIS AMAZING SITE - NOTE** the **K-2 Numeracy Assessment Information** and **3-5 Assessment Information** under **K-7 Assessment in Mathematics**. As well, note the **Numeracy Yearly Planning Overviews for K-7** under **Planning and Design**.
- From the **BC Numeracy Network** @BCnumeracy - The BC Numeracy Network met in Victoria in person for the first time in almost three years! We are beginning to update our website with resources to support BC educators with the upcoming school year: <https://sites.google.com/view/bc-numeracy-network> - **ANOTHER MUST CHECK RESOURCE** led by educators like Janice Novakowski
- Also from Janice Novakowski - Made a bunch of these "finding math" frames from @WOMIworldwide (frames can be found here: <https://sites.google.com/site/womiworldwide/frames>)



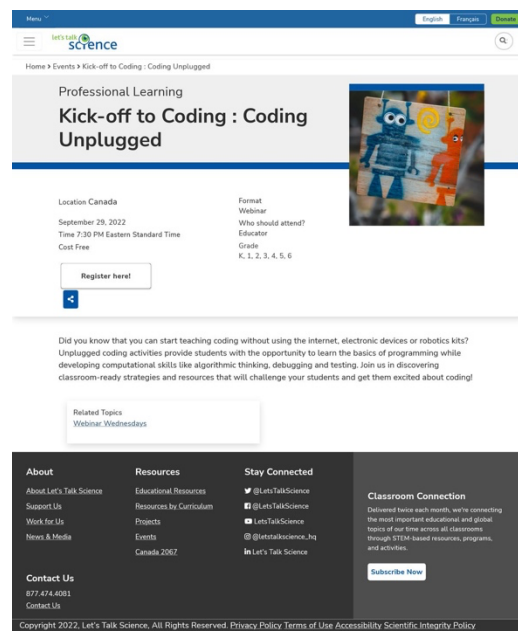
- From Numeracy guru, **Marian Small** @marian_small - Hi everyone. I am so pleased with my website refresh. Have a look at <http://onetwainfinity.ca>
- Another **MUST USE Numeracy Resource** is **youcubed**: <https://www.youcubed.org/>. Educators like Jo Boaler have created a team whose mission is to "inspire, educate and empower teachers of mathematics, transforming the latest research on maths learning into accessible and practical forms". Check out their posters as well: <https://www.youcubed.org/resource/posters/>
- From **Jo Boaler** @joboaler - It is here! WIM 2022 with New Tasks for **Week of Inspirational Maths**: <https://mailchi.mp/youcubed/new-tasks-for-week-of-inspirational-maths>
- From Steve Wyborney @stevewyborney.com - Every resource that has been on my blog is still available there. Whether you are looking for **Esti-Mysteries**, **Estimation Clipboards**, **Splat resources**, or anything else, you can find it here: <https://stevewyborney.com/>. Check out his site for **new resources to come in 2022-2023!**

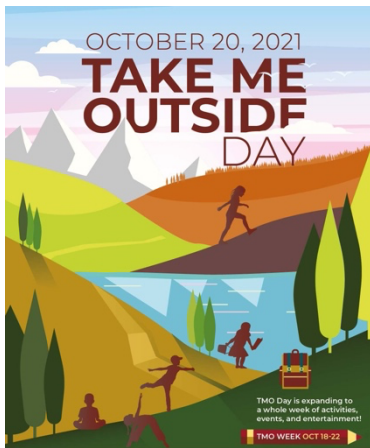


- Shared by **Margie Pearse** @pearse_margie - Here's 2 weeks' worth of **Routines for K-1** to help cultivate a culture where all kiddos feel like they have something valuable to contribute to the math learning & where all kiddos feel their classmates have valuable things to say as well. Help yourself!
<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Sjp-0QJ336Qwj46aNWJInZ0QnFCF1cvReAeTPMzSkUw/copy>
- Also by **Margie Pearse** - Wrote up 3 levels of my favorite early multiplication game by @mburnsmat. In 3rd grade, we are going to begin with Level 1 during the first week of school so we can introduce and practice the **routines for using math tools**. Help yourself
<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1C0oSCSiyyXCYN2xneMoA5gPZgjQaXp704Onp7eHhXVM/copy>
- Shared by Robert Kaplinsky @robertkaplinsky - I've been a math educator since 2003 and **Building Thinking Classrooms in Mathematics** by @pgliljedahl has more potential to improve the way we teach mathematics than any other book I have ever read. I wrote a blog post to share why we should all read it:
<https://robertkaplinsky.com/you-must-read-building-thinking-classrooms-in-mathematics-by-peter-liljedahl/>
- **ANOTHER MUST CHECK SITE:** <https://www.peterliljedahl.com/teachers/numeracy-tasks> **FREE ACTIVITIES AND LESSONS for Numeracy Tasks** for Grades K-8 by Dr. Peter Liljedahl
- Also from Robert Kaplinsky - **Geometry teachers!** I've made **Depth of Knowledge matrices** to show how a single problem can replace an entire worksheet in Geometry. Download it now here: <https://robertkaplinsky.com/depth-of-knowledge-matrix-geometry/>
- From **Erikson Early Math** @eriksonmath - Looking for the best kids' books for early math? Check out our list! The **Best Children's Books for Early Math Learning** <https://earlymath.erikson.edu/the-best-childrens-books-for-early-math-learning/>
- Also from Erikson Early Math - Categorized: fun ways for children to practice math skills indoors and outdoors... **Math Fun Indoors and Out:** <https://decoda.ca/math-fun-indoors-and-outdoors/>

EXPLORATIONS

- From **Let's Talk Science** @LetsTalkScience: Did you know **Let's Talk Science** has a monthly educator newsletter? Subscribe today and ensure your classroom is well-equipped for the upcoming school year.
- **FREE @LetsTalkScience webinar** 4:30 pm September 29: Did you know that you can start teaching coding without using the internet, electronic devices or robotics kits? Unplugged coding activities:
<https://letstalkscience.ca/events/kick-coding-coding-unplugged-0>
- **FREE from @LetsTalkScience: Engage in Real Science National STEM Projects** - With hands-on experiments, students build inquiry and problem-solving skills as they learn to do real science and contribute to national databases: <https://letstalkscience.ca/projects>





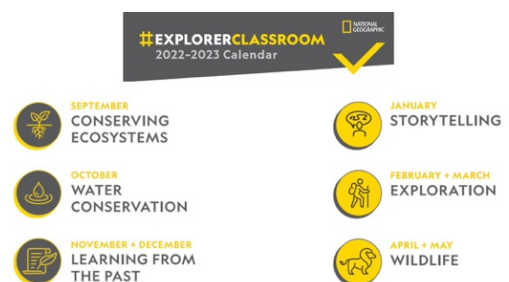
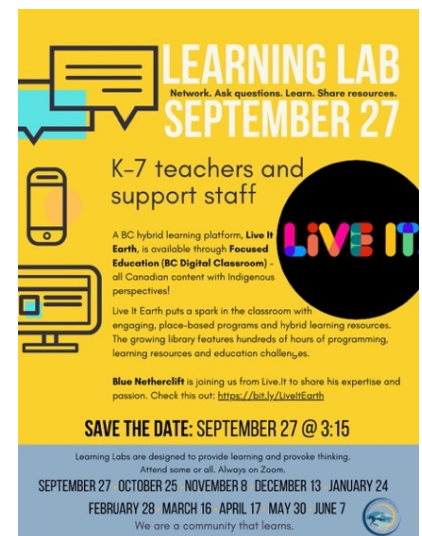
Shared by Mrs. J Perry @MrsJPerry2 - Educators check out @insideeducation **Outdoor Explorer Tool Kit** digital resources - so many curricular connections to be made! I love the Cree language cards with pronunciation audio clips
<https://www.insideeducation.ca/learning-resources/k-3-outdoor-explorers-tool-kit-85/>

From Columbia Educators @CBEENetwork - Our friends at @takemeoutside have turned their **"Take Me Outside Day"** into a full week of activities, events, and entertainment! **TMO Week** is from October 18-22. Let them know you are "in" to get outside at
<https://takemeoutside.ca/tmoday/>

Shared by Angela Stott @ajgadd: **Learning Labs** kick off on September 27 with Blue Netherclift of @LiveItEarth. Plan to spend 45 minutes learning how this resource can add

value to your classroom and for your students' learning.
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/a036c04ff1c6440796721b9c68faba41>

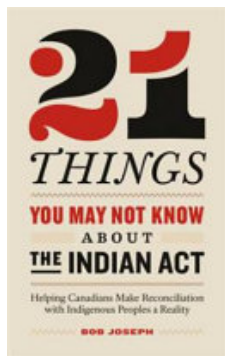
- From **Canadian Geographic Education** @CanGeoEdu- Do you know the Cree word for land? Or what ice is called in Inuktitut? How about the Michif word for harvest? It's the Decade of #IndigenousLanguages as well as #IndigenousHistoryMonth, so learn more about **Indigenous languages** with our StoryMap: <https://bit.ly/3xUV5Yc>
- From **Scientist in Residence Program - Science Lesson Plans**:
<https://scientistinresidence.ca/science-lesson-plans/>
- From **Ocean Wise - Bring the coast into your class this Fall** - free, downloadable lesson plans linked to B.C. Curriculum available <https://ocean.org/blog/bring-the-coast-into-your-class-this-fall-free-downloadable-lesson-plans-linked-to-b-c-curriculum-available> via @https://twitter.com/OceanWise
- Shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay 1 - **Free learning resources from @icbc** developed to teach B.C. students road safety skills and awareness. Developed to meet the Ministry of Education's curriculum guidelines and incorporate First Peoples' Principles of Learning: <https://www.icbc.com/road-safety/teaching/Pages/For-educators.aspx>
- From Kip Hottman, NBCT @KipHottman - Excited to kick off the 22-23 #ExplorerClassroom season w/ some amazing additions! 1. Calendar w/ themes 2. #ExplorerMindset in Action student guide (<https://bit.ly/3qCpWVd>) 3. Educator guide & instructions (<https://bit.ly/3BhlxvD>) 4. Registration (<https://bit.ly/3SkGnS3>)



PHE/SEL

- FREE downloadable lesson plans from **BC Dairy** support teachers and their student to learn about **health and nutrition in the classroom**: <https://bcdairy.ca/lesson-plans/>
- From **EL Magazine** @ELmagazine - "We don't 'give' students a voice; we work to honor their voices. When students feel their voices are heard and honored, it has a significant impact on their willingness to engage." @LaurieBarron Laurie Barron and Patti Kinney on the **Power of Belonging**: <https://bit.ly/3luXug5>

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION



- **Strong Nations** – Sign up for the Strong Nations newsletter at <https://www.strongnations.com/> They are an Indigenous owned and operated online Book and Gift store, as well as a Publishing house. They work hard to provide authentic books and gifts in their online store. As a publisher, ALL of their resources are Made in Canada. Follow them on Twitter @strong_nations
- Shared by Bob Joseph @wewap - I'm excited to announce that the best-selling book, **21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act**, is now available as a Self-Guided course. Check it out: <https://www.indigenousrelationsacademy.com/>
- Register now to participate in **Truth and Reconciliation Week 2022** (September 26-30) – This year the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation's Theme is "Remember the Children". This year will include an expanded program with age-appropriate material for students in grades 1-12: https://events.hubilo.com/trw2022/register?mc_cid=cba9ce07c4&mc_eid=ac84cecd25
- Shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 - **Pronunciation Guide to First Nations in British Columbia**. This chart is a guide to the pronunciation of British Columbia First Nations. Read more at: <https://www.first-nations.info/pronunciation-guide-nations-british-columbia.html>
- Shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 - These **Curriculum Bundles** have been assembled by Indigenous educators from around BC. Find clear connections to the First People's Principles of Learning, as well as curricular connections to subject areas and grade levels: <https://indigenizinglearning.educ.ubc.ca/content/>
- Shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1: **Native Drums Teachers' Homepage**: Canadian Teachers of grades 4-12 classes can find free, downloadable, printable Teachers' Resource Kits (TRK's) directly relating to provincial curricula: <https://native-drums.ca/en/teachers/themed-resource-kits/>
- From **Farm to School BC - Learning from the Land: This FREE K-12 toolkit** is compilation of resources and stories highlighting programs related to Indigenous plants and pedagogy within schools located in what is colonially known today as British Columbia, Canada: <https://farmtoschoolbc.ca/learning-from-the-land-toolkit/>
- **Can Geo Education's Indigenous Resources** | Canadian Geographic Education @CanGeoEdu - <https://cangeoeducation.ca/en/resources/can-geo-educations-indigenous-resources/>
- If you haven't seen these yet, you may want to check out Carolyn Roberts' @mcarolynroberts **Indigenous Education classroom resources** and more <https://carolynroberts.net/lesson-plans> Check out her new blog post – What About The Lake? Creating a critical lens when lesson planning: <https://www.carolynroberts.net/single-post/what-about-the-lake-creating-critical-thinking-lesson-plans>
- Shared by **Antonio Vendramin** @Vendram1n from Surrey SD - I helped my wife put together this video of her students **unpacking the meaning & importance of indigenous land acknowledgements in schools**. I think it's a process worth undertaking w/ children & adults alike. <https://vimeo.com/maddaugh/reconciliation>
- **First Nations Schools Resources**: fnsa.ca/resources
- Shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 - To guide teachers in their own learning and to help bring truth and reconciliation into their classrooms, this publication will be accompanied by supplementary educational resources available in English and French. **Intended for students in grades 5-12**: <https://www.canadashistory.ca/education/classroom-resources/remembering-the-children>

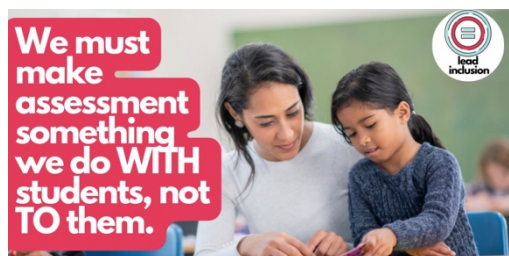
- **FREE: Reconciliation Through Indigenous Education** - Advancing reconciliation in classrooms, organizations, and communities through the teaching and learning of Indigenous ways of knowing:
<https://edx.org/course/reconciliation-through-indigenous-education>
- FREE lesson plans from @TC2thinks (**Critical Thinking Consortium**) - **What Can I Contribute to Meaningful Reconciliation?** Teaching and learning about residential schools <https://tc2.ca/en/reconciliation/>
- From **Orca Book Publishers** @orcabook - Come join this panel of inspiring Indigenous authors as they share how stories have been medicine in their lives. Featuring BE A GOOD ANCESTOR author @Leona_Prince1, Chief Dr. Robert Joseph and Angela Sterritt. Moderated by Monique Gray Smith @ltdrum: <http://ow.ly/8VQN50Klo3o>



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/>

ASSESSMENT/INSTRUCTION

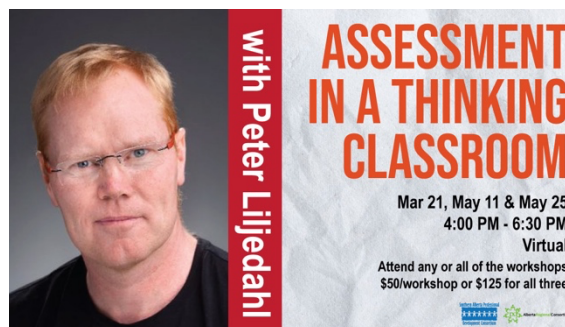


- From Lee Ann Jung @leeannjung - We must make assessment something we do **WITH** students, not **TO** them. **They must be able to assess their own learning competently by the time they graduate.** The earlier the better.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

- NEW* A great follow-up to **Building Thinking Classrooms** - **Assessment in a Thinking Classroom** with @pgliljedahl. He will touch on evaluating what you value, formative assessment & summative assessment. Register here
<http://ow.ly/2PiH50JRKV3>
- From MyPITA @BCPITA - Math can be fun and games! Teacher and **District Curriculum Resource teacher Sandra McCauley** will teach you how to make your math lessons active and hands-on.

Join her workshops on October 21, at the #myPITA **Fall Conference at North Delta Secondary:**
<http://mypita.ourconference.ca>





ONLINE SERIES WITH KATIE WHITE

October 6 | January 26 | April 13 |
3:05 pm - 5:05 pm

Katie is the current president of the non-profit **Canadian Assessment for Learning Network**. Her books include *Softening the Edges: Assessment Practices that Honor K-12 Teachers and Learners*, *Unlocked: Assessment as the Key to Everyday Creativity in the Classroom*, and *Student Self-Assessment: Data Notebooks, Portfolios and Other Tools to Advance Learning*. Her fourth book, *Concise Answers to Frequently Asked Questions About Assessment and Grading* was co-authored with Cassandra Erkens, Jadi Miller, and Tom Schimmer.



REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN. PLEASE SHARE 😊

PLEASE COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM HERE: <https://forms.gle/RxEEivCdaJPNoKLRA>

For more information, contact Frances Roch: froch@cispg.ca

Session 1:

Making A Case for Student Self-Assessment

Types of Documentation - Portfolios, Data Notebooks, and Other Tools to Get Started

Session 2:

Ways to Engage Students in Analyzing their Own Data

Student Goal Setting for Growth and Learning

Session 3:

Celebrating Student Learning

Making Core Competency Reflections "Sing"

psa day 2022
october 21
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Welcome to the #PSAday landing page, your one-stop spot for BCTF Provincial Specialist Associations (PSA) Fall 2022 PSA day conferences.

ABCDE Association of BC Drama Educators website conference	AEA Aboriginal Education Association website conference	AOEC Anti-Oppression Educators Collective website conference	APPIPC Association provinciale des professeurs d'immersion et du programme francophone website conference
BCAEA BC Alternate Education Association Spring conference website	BCAMT BC Association of Mathematics Teachers website conference	BCATA BC Art Teachers' Association website conference	BCATML BC Association of Teachers of Modern Languages website conference
BCBEA BC Business Education Association website conference	BCCASA BC Culinary Arts Specialist Association Spring conference website conference	BCDEA BC Dance Educators' Association website conference	BCECTA BC Early Career Teachers' Association website
BCEDL BC Educators for Distributed Learning Provincial Specialist Association website conference	BCMEA BC Music Educators' Association website conference	BCMTPSA BC Montessori Teachers' Association website conference	BCPTA BC Primary Teachers' Association website conference
BCSCA BC School Counsellors' Association website conference	BCSCTA BC Science Teachers' Association website conference	BCSSTA BC Social Studies Teachers' Association website conference	BCTEA BC Technology Education Association website
BCTELA BC Teachers of English Language Arts website conference	BCTESOL British Columbia Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages website conference	BCTLA BC Teacher-Librarians' Association website conference	CUEBC Computer-Using Educators of BC website conference
EEPSA Environmental Educators' Provincial Specialist Association website conference	LATA Learning Assistance Teachers' Association website conference	myPITA Provincial Intermediate and Middle Years Teachers' Association website conference	PHEBC Physical Health Education British Columbia website
SAGE-BC SAGEBC Specialist Association of Gifted Educators in BC website conference	TIEBC Teachers of Inclusive Education website conference	THESA Teachers of Home Economics Specialist Association website conference	

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3:30-4:30 PM PST
September 15th
What exactly is standards-based grading?
October 13th
How do I come up with a final grade?
November 17th
What is "Extending"?



TURN AND TALK LEARN

- 1** You will be collecting your partner's thoughts. Listen actively! 
- 2** "Turn and Learn your partner's thoughts by asking _____?" 
- 3** Share your partner's thoughts with the whole group (with your partner's permission). 
- 4** If your partner shares your thoughts, you can add on more! 

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