

CISPG LEARNING

Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George

"ALL learners thriving in inspired Catholic Learning Communities"

Hello everyone!

As we begin to look forward to Spring and the various Spring Breaks across our Diocese, I wish you all time to rejuvenate and refresh in preparation for the final term of our school year. Remember to indulge in some self-care and enjoy all that is precious to you ☺

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All the very best!

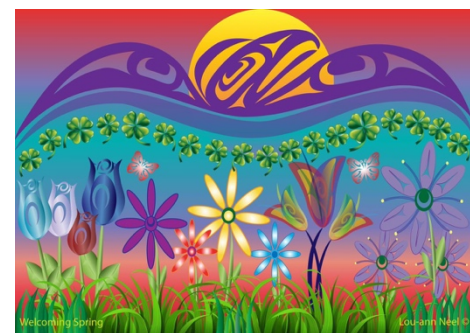
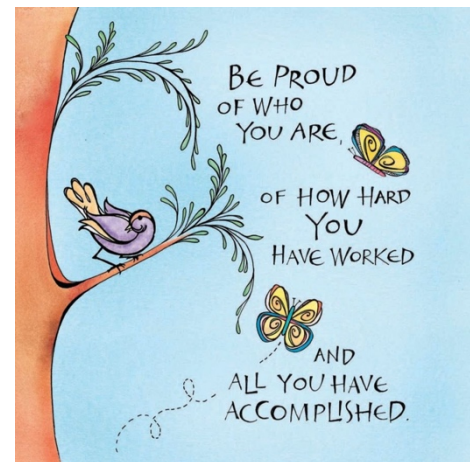


Frances Rock, Principal of Learning Services

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.



Reminders ...



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 CISPGEducators 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 Van Der Meer, **CISPGEducator Consultant**, continually updates her **PADLET** - a “growing place” for Christian Education resources throughout the year:
<https://padlet.com/melodievandermeer/cug8dsv8m0alnyu0>

LITERACY

- From Edith Lando Virtual Learning Centre - **What Counts in Primary Literacy?** Pedagogy and practices that make a difference for all kids via @EdithLandoVLC. **View this session here:** <https://youtu.be/zr2qD9ipoAc> **FREE!**
- FREE** after school webinars for **BC Secondary Teachers**. Sessions will have a blend of current thinking, examples from practice, and time to process and personalize ideas. The interactive webinar series will be led by Dr. Leyton Schnellert with special guests for each session: <https://elvlc.educ.ubc.ca/engaging-all-learners-in-the-secondary-years/>
Next session: Disciplinary Literacy: April 3, 2023 - Heather Brown, Tammy Renyard, Vicki Roberts. **Zoom sessions will take place from 3:30-5:00 PM and all sessions will be recorded. Register once to join them all!**
- Shared by **POPEY** - Registration is now open for POPEY’s April 21st virtual event with Shifting the Balance authors Dr. Jan Burkins and Kari Yates. This full-day session is called **Shifting the Balance: Six Ways to Bring Reading Science Alive for Beginning or Struggling Readers**. For more details and to register, please visit POPEY’s EventBrite page: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/popeys-2023-virtual-conference-shifting-the-balance-tickets-536308632557>

POPEY 2023 Virtual Conference
Provincial Outreach Program for the Early Years

Friday, April 21, 2023 9:00 am – 2:30 pm

  **Dr. Jan Burkins & Kari Yates**

**Shifting the Balance:
Six Ways to Bring Reading Science Alive
for Beginning or Struggling Readers**

If you are a teacher, coach, or school leader who wants to make sure daily practices are actually making it easier, not harder for children to learn, this day of learning is for you. In this workshop led by Jan Burkins & Kari Yates, based on the groundbreaking book Shifting the Balance, you'll be invited to take an honest second look at current literacy practices, bravely considering the question, "What needs to shift?" Jan and Kari will unpack the why and the how behind six critical shifts, aligning current practices with the brain science. You will leave with practical and powerful instructional moves you can make starting tomorrow! Ready to learn, reflect, and have some fun along the way? We hope you'll join us.

– Register [HERE](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/popeys-2023-virtual-conference-shifting-the-balance-tickets-536308632557) on EventBrite –

Registration fee is \$125 and registration closes on April 14th

Ticket sales close on April 14th so please register now if you'd like to join us for this exciting day of learning.

Presenter Handouts are available here:
<https://thesixshifts.com/downloads/>

Jan and Kari strongly suggest you have a copy of their book *Shifting the Balance* on hand for this event, as they will guide us through it during their presentation. Please register soon to secure your tickets.

We hope you can join us!

- Timely quote shared by Carrie Froese @CarrieFroese - "Good teaching, effective teaching, is not just about using whatever science says 'usually' works best. It is all about finding out what works best for the individual child and the group of children in front of you." – **Richard Allington**, February 2005
- Canadian classrooms in kindergarten to Grade 4 are invited to join **CBC Kids at School**, a virtual school program hosted over Zoom! There are three grade-appropriate versions of the program that are accessible to both in-person and virtual classrooms. <https://www.cbc.ca/parents/events/view/cbckidsatschool>

NUMERACY

- Don't forget to subscribe to **Steve Wyborney's newsletter** and check out his website for some great numeracy resources – Splat! Esti-Mysteries, Estimation Clipboards, Cube Conversations, and the Multiplication Advantage: <https://steveWyborney.com/>
- Shared by **Robert Kaplinsky** @robertkaplinsky - Have you seen <https://samedifferentimages.wordpress.com> from @bstockus? **Same or Different?** is a routine that provides students opportunities to construct arguments when comparing objects, such as numbers or shapes.
- From math for love - FREE **Math Night for Elementary Families** planning ideas and printables: Quick and easy Family Math Night Kit: <https://mathforlove.com/2023/02/family-math-night-resources/> It consists of a planning document, and a collection of games and puzzles to play in a gym, lunchroom, classrooms, or wherever you're hosting your event. There's also a handout to print out for parents. You can run this event on the cheap, using just dice, printouts of our PDFs, scratch paper & pencil, and a few other math manipulatives you're likely to have in math classrooms. You can purchase some of our games and blocks as well, but you don't have to if you don't have the budget.
- FREE videos from **Math Antics** - <https://www.youtube.com/@mathantics/featured> and <http://www.mathantics.com> for more FREE math videos.

EXPLORATIONS

- FREE infographics and activities from Canadian Geographic - Encourage students to examine the various threats **climate change poses to biodiversity**, like habitat destruction and foreign pest outbreaks, using our activities: <https://bit.ly/3sNXd1p>
- FREE printables and plans from **Earth Rangers**. These activities make connections to the **environment and wildlife** through interactive learning. Smaller than a traditional lesson plan but with tons of impact and a little something for everyone. Clear and concise instructions make it easy to bring these environmental subjects to life! including activity starters <https://homeroom.earthrangers.com/category/activity-starters/> and mini-lessons <https://homeroom.earthrangers.com/category/mini-lessons/> Looking to take it up a notch from a classroom activity? These STEM focused project starters include instructions, learning outcomes and assessment tools. They're also designed to have a flexible scope so you can make them as big (or small) as you'd like!
- From Adele Reynolds areynolds@letstalkscience.ca at **Let's Talk Science**
Earth Month offerings:
 - **You and your teachers are invited!** Please join my colleague and me on **March 21st** for a short info session on our upcoming **Earth Month** offerings. There will be Q&A at the end of the session. If you cannot make the live session, recordings will be provided for those that registered: https://letstalkscience-parlonssciences-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/2316763954884/WN_cb2MrwgFTKOVMTkNdTuLOQ
 - Here is a link to a specially curated climate science resource page: <https://letstalkscience.ca/climatescience>
 - We have a Tomatosphere™ contest where you can win multiple prizes!

- Our **April LIVE STEM** co-learning broadcasts will focus on our **Tomatosphere™** and **Clothing4Climate** projects: <https://letstalkscience.ca/events>
- EXPLORE the plans and printables from **PowerSmart for Schools** : With over 200 activities covering our 5 inspiring energy themes, we'll help you keep your class learning <https://schools.bchydro.com/activities?sortBy=> and Classroom ready resources <https://schools.bchydro.com/lessons> that engage your students with the value of smart energy choices and the science behind them.

PHE/SEL

- From **Second Step Programs** @2ndStepProgram - Bring SEL into your classroom with these free activities! We've created fun, skill-building #SEL activity packs for Grades EL--8. Download them here:
 - Early Learning: <http://secondstep.org/free-sel-resources/early-learning>
 - Elementary: <http://secondstep.org/free-sel-resources/elementary>
 - Middle School: <https://www.secondstep.org/free-sel-resources/middle-school>
- Shared by **PEwithCoachSmith** @kellidsmith - **4 NEW Resources for your Jump Unit!**
 - K-1/2 Jump Unit Ideas/Resources: <https://youtu.be/EoOt7GKhq9s>
 - 2/3-5 Jump Rope Progressions/Resources: <https://youtu.be/YNSaVtAlJBY>
 - Rookie Jump Rope <https://youtu.be/kIB0J7c26Mg>
 - Hula Hoop Challenges K-5 loved these! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7lyZySmrA8M&t=7s>
- From Gillian Judson @perfinker - **CALLING ALL #walkingcurriculum & Imaginative Eco Ed enthusiasts!**
 Enrich your practice in this self-paced **Spring 2023 event!** 3 webinars & 3 weeks of daily prompts for imaginative teaching leading up to **Earth Day!**
<https://outdoorlearningstore.com/springtips/>
 - **Monday, March 27**
 - **Monday, April 3**
 - **Monday, April 17**

These webinars will be recorded, and the recordings will be shared with registrants.

- **FREE Spring Outdoor Learning Virtual Workshops** with the **Outdoor Learning Store**. Registration is now open for our Seasonal Series:
https://outdoorlearningstore.com/workshops/?mc_cid=d7128466f8&mc_eid=e07eba69ae!

These **FREE 60-min virtual workshops** feature a diversity of presenters and topics. In addition to ideas & inspiration, you'll walk away with a **certificate** of attendance, **discounts** on outdoor learning resources & entry for some great **prizes**.

- April 11: Resources for Earth Month
- April 18: Taking a Closer Look: Investigations in Nature
- April 25: Nature Activities for Year-round Learning
- May 16: Resources for World Oceans Day
- May 23: Race and Nature for Educators
- May 30: How to Teach Nature Journaling: Curiosity, Wonder, Attention
- June 6: Walking Together: (Re)Connecting to Nature through Two-Eyed Seeing

Spring TIPS 2023: 'Teaching Imagination in Place'

Over 3 weeks of learning in a self-paced but supported approach

(including 3 LIVE webinars and daily prompts)

Dig into and apply the **COGNITIVE TOOLS** that engage your students' emotions and imaginations in and with Place.

Register: outdoorlearningstore.com/springtips

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- o June 13: Animating Outdoor Learning using Finger Puppets

These all take place on Tuesdays at 4pm Pacific Time. If you register, but are unable to make it, not to worry! We'll send you the link to the recording and supplementary resources as soon as they are available.

- FREE **Farm to School BC** is offering a free mentorship program <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/school-garden-mentorship-workshops-2023-tickets-492870838947> for K-12 educators in BC who are in the initial stages of creating a school garden or are revitalizing an existing school garden. This mentorship program will provide valuable skills for school-based coordination that supports both the development of a robust school garden community and tips for garden maintenance. This program <https://farmtoschoolbc.ca/garden-mentorship/> includes monthly after-school online workshops on Tuesdays facilitated by Farm to School BC staff who have a wealth of experience supporting school gardens.

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

- In the latest CAFLN (Canadian Assessment for Learning Network) Newsletter, a **MUST READ** article by Jo Chrona @luudisk and Brooke Moore @bmooreintheloop - **Intersections: Indigenous Pedagogies and Assessment for Learning**: <https://mailchi.mp/4dad0b08b24a/cafln-october-2018-newsletter-11507374>
- REGISTER for **The Canadian Assessment for Learning Network: Decolonizing and Indigenizing our Assessment Practices** featuring Dominic Beaudry - The event <https://cafln.ca/product/spotlight-series-event-april-2023/> is the third online event in our spotlight series on decolonizing and Indigenizing assessment. We are excited to have Dominic Beaudry speaking about: "Weweni Akinomaagedaa: Assessing students on curriculum and content that lacks equity, diversity, inclusion and Indigenous can be problematic." Event Date and time: Tuesday, April 4th, 4:30 pm.
- Carolyn Roberts recently spoke at the Catholic Educators Conference on **Cultural Appropriation, how to find authentic resources and the fakes**. Read this article and more on her website: <https://www.carolynroberts.net/>



- Shared by Naryn Searcy @nsearcy17 - This article is worth reading more than once: "Welcoming Indigenous Ways of Knowing" **Decolonizing and building relationships through education change networks**

<https://edcan.ca/articles/welcoming-indigenous-ways-of-knowing/>

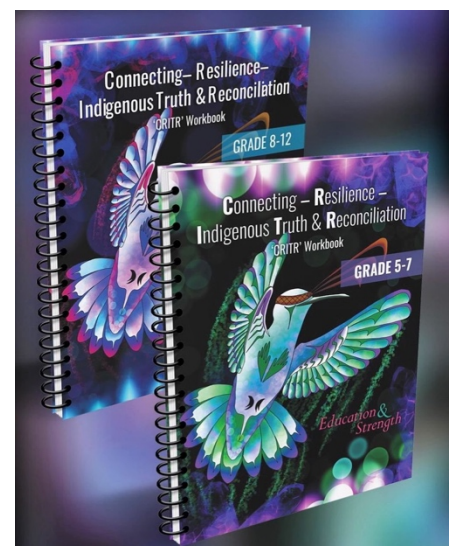
- Shared by nadine mcspadden @NadineMcSpadden **Indigenous Cultural Appropriation vs. Appreciation** with Marissa McIntyre <https://youtu.be/7gKD-z1y2ZY>

- From **Strong Nations** @strong_nations - CRITR provides dozens of lessons & 100s of

questions covering important topics including Indigenous Canadian History, Residential Schools, Indigenous Contributions past & present, Treaties, & Indigenous Days of Recognition. 5-7

https://strongnations.com/store/item_display.php?i=10385&f=8-12 https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_display.php?i=10386&f=

- FREE 56-page toolkit: **Learning from the Land: Resources and stories from K-12 schools engaging with Indigenous plants and pedagogy** - This toolkit <https://farmtoschoolbc.ca/learning-from-the-land-toolkit/> is a written compilation of resources and stories highlighting programs related to Indigenous plants and pedagogy within schools located in British Columbia.



This document intends to inspire and support teachers, school administrators, and community members who are interested in developing similar initiatives connected to K-12 schools. This document was created with input from partners across the programs, including Indigenous educators, school district administrators, community members and Indigenous Knowledge Keepers. https://farmtoschoolbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2021/11/Learning-from-the-Land_complete.pdf

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION



- From Lee-Ann Jung @leeannjung - Choices give students the space to have autonomy, become intrinsically motivated, and skills to make decisions. Without abundant choice, we teach students that compliance is valued over self-directed learning.

- From Lee Ann Jung @leeannjung - Self-regulated learners don't depend on a teacher to know how they're doing—they're aware of their own thought processes, have a clear sense of their progress, and know the strategies that help them learn best. How are we teaching self-regulation?



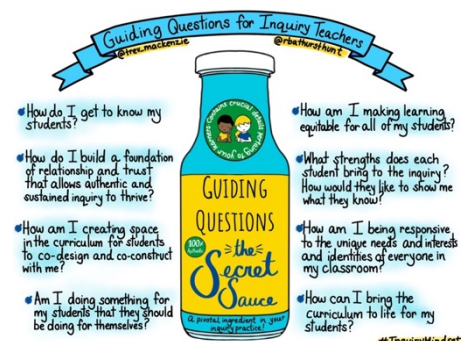
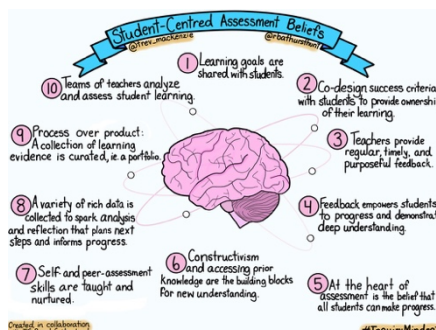
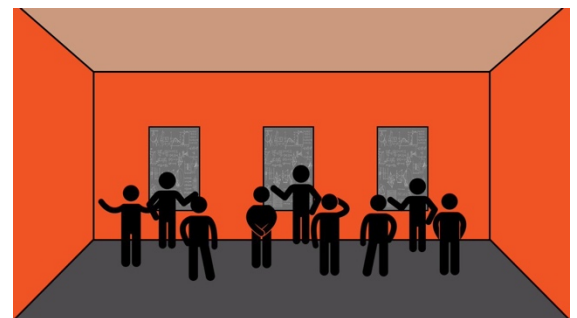
ASSESSMENT/INSTRUCTION

- From **Cult of Pedagogy** @cultofpedagogy - I went BANANAS when I first saw a #thinkingclassroom in action, so I was thrilled to have had the honor of interviewing @pgljedahl on this week's podcast: <https://cultofpedagogy.com/thinking-classroom/>



From Shannon Schinkel @DramaQueenBRC - You asked. We listened! The April 4 @acbcd

CONVERSATION - NEW REPORTING ORDER, HOW DO I ASSESS? will be changing things up! We'll share our DO's & DONT's when creating criteria using the BC proficiency scale. Don't miss it! **AND IT WILL BE RECORDED!** Access the "conversations" via the QR code on the poster ☺ <https://mygrowthmindset.home.blog/acbc/>



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

- **The Spiral of Inquiry: Beyond the Six Steps** From Angela Stott @ajgadd - @barbhamblett and I are looking forward to tackling some big questions we have had when doing the deep work of getting super curious about what is really going on for our learners. Join us on **April 27: Designing for Learning:** <https://bit.ly/inquirynetwork>



NETWORKS OF INQUIRY & INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

2023 NOIE SYMPOSIUM

BETTER TOGETHER

Friday, May 12 | 8:30 - 4:30pm
Saturday, May 13 | 9:00 - 12:00pm

The Westin Wall Centre, Richmond, BC

WITH A SPECIAL FOCUS ON:

- Improving Transitions for Indigenous Learners
- Student Leadership
- Decision Making
- Self-Regulated Learning
- Numeracy & Literacy for ALL Learners

Learn from and celebrate with BC and international educators who are making a difference to equity and learner agency through inquiry, teamwork and curiosity.

REGISTER TODAY

contact info@noiie.com
www.noiie.ca/symposium

REGISTRATION is open for the **2023 NOIE Symposium: Better Together!** An amazing line-up of featured speakers around the theme of Better Together: <https://noiie.ca/2023-noie-symposium/>

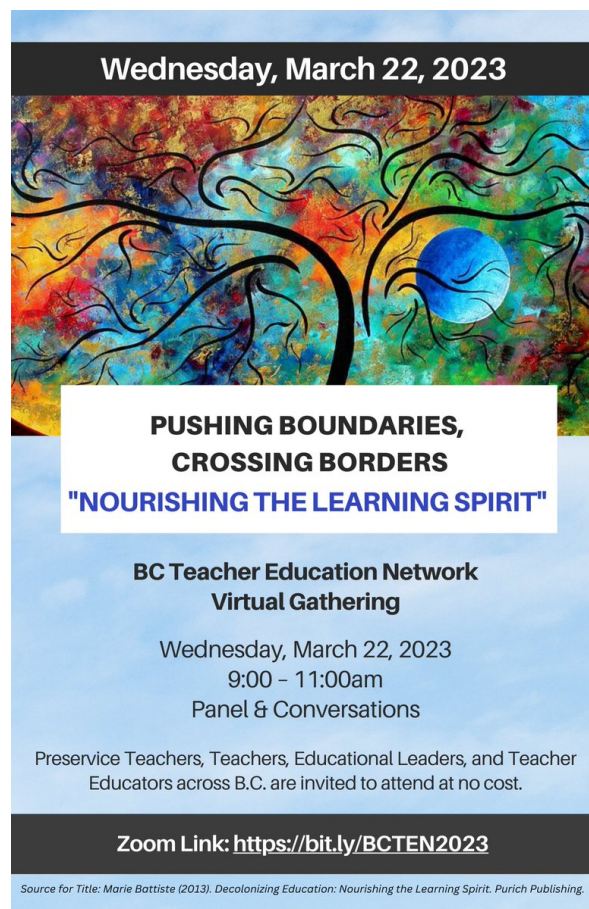
Educational leaders sharing their perspectives to close the event include Denise Augustine, Brad Baker, Lillemor Rehnberg and Ingela Netz. and more:

- **Video vignettes** featuring student voice from around BC.
- **Network Reads** celebrating 4 new educational books from celebrated BC authors:

Leading Through Spirals of Inquiry: For Equity and Quality (Judy Halbert & Linda Kaser)

Be A Good Ancestor (Leona Prince)

Wayi Wah! Indigenous Pedagogies: An Act for Reconciliation and Anti-Racist Education (Jo Chrona)



Wednesday, March 22, 2023

PUSHING BOUNDARIES, CROSSING BORDERS

"NOURISHING THE LEARNING SPIRIT"

BC Teacher Education Network Virtual Gathering

Wednesday, March 22, 2023
9:00 - 11:00am
Panel & Conversations

Preservice Teachers, Teachers, Educational Leaders, and Teacher Educators across B.C. are invited to attend at no cost.

Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/BCTEN2023>

Source for Title: Marie Battiste (2013). Decolonizing Education: Nourishing the Learning Spirit. Purich Publishing.

REGISTER EARLY - spaces are limited!

<https://noiie.ca/symposium/>

- From **BC Teacher Education Network** @BCTENetwork. **#BCTEN Virtual Gathering** is happening on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, from 9am to 11am. The Zoom link to join is <https://bit.ly/BCTEN2023>. BC educators, educational leaders, and academics form the Panel & Conversations.

