

# CISPG LEARNING

Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George

*"ALL learners thriving in inspired Catholic Learning Communities"*

Hello everyone!



## Reminders ...



"Please think of the children first. If you ever have anything to do with their entertainment, their food, their toys, their custody, their day or night care, their health care, their education-listen to the children, learn about them, learn from them. Think of the children first."

- Fred Rogers

Reminder of our **final session with Katie White on Thursday April 13** from 3:05-5:05 pm.



### Zoom Link:

<https://solutiontree.zoom.us/j/96309156488>



<h2>Paschal Triduum</h2> <p>The <b>Easter Triduum</b> or <b>Holy Triduum</b> is the three-day celebration of the <b>Paschal Mystery</b>: the Passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ</p>		<p><b>PASCHAL:</b> associated with the Hebrew <b>Passover</b>; referring to Jesus as the Lamb of God</p> <p><b>TRIDUUM:</b> derived from the Latin for <b>three days</b></p> <p>The Paschal mystery has two aspects: <b>by his death</b>, Christ liberates us from sin; <b>by his Resurrection</b>, he opens for us the way to a new life.</p>	<p>The Paschal Triduum bridges the seasons of <b>Lent</b> to <b>Easter</b>.</p> <p>In the Sacred Triduum, the Church solemnly celebrates the greatest mysteries of our redemption, keeping by means of special celebrations the memorial of her Lord, crucified, buried, and risen.</p> <p><i>The Roman Missal</i></p>
<p><b>DAY 1:</b> sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Good Friday</p>		<p><b>HOLY THURSDAY:</b></p> <p>"Jesus gives himself to us as food and, in the washing of feet, teaches us the need to serve others."</p>	
<p><b>DAY 2:</b> sundown on Good Friday to sundown on Holy Saturday</p>		<p><b>GOOD FRIDAY:</b></p> <p>"In the mystery of Christ's death on the cross, we contemplate that undying divine love which embraces all mankind and summons us in turn to love one another in the power of the Spirit."</p>	
<p><b>DAY 3:</b> sundown on Holy Saturday to sundown on Easter Sunday</p>		<p><b>HOLY SATURDAY:</b></p> <p>"The day of God's silence - invites us not only to solidarity with all who are abandoned and alone, but also to trust in that faithful love which turns death into life."</p> <p><small>SOURCE: POPE FRANCIS, GENERAL AUDIENCE, MARCH 23, 2016</small></p>	
<p>Archdiocese of Toronto www.archtoronto.org f archtoronto</p>		<p>"These, then, are days which speak to us <b>powerfully</b> of God's <b>love and mercy</b>."</p> <p>- Pope Francis</p>	

As we enter the summit of the liturgical year, may we take some time to reflect on our many blessings and look forward with joy and hope. I hope that you enjoy this beautiful rendition of **"Here I am Lord"** by **Father Rob Galea and Ivan Diaz**: <https://youtu.be/t5VUwLsd9jl>

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.

## 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 Van Der Meer, **CISPG Christian Education Consultant**, continually updates her **PADLET** - a “growing place” for Christian Education resources throughout the year:  
<https://padlet.com/melodievandermeer/cug8dsv8m0alnyu0>
- Shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 - **The Holy Mass | Sophia Institute for Teachers**  
<https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org/shop/product/the-holy-mass#.ZCH7-4zfZaU.twitter>
- **A Pocket Guide to the Stations of the Cross | Sophia Institute for Teachers**  
<https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org/shop/product/a-pocket-guide-to-the-stations-of-the-cross#.ZCH7iqzxjks.twitter>

## LITERACY

- 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-](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/popeys-2023-virtual-conference-shifting-the-balance-tickets-536308632557)

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**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!

**April Live Author Read-Alouds**  
JOIN WITH YOUR CLASS!

 <b>4/4</b> 11:30 AM ET Tom Watson	 <b>4/20</b> 1 PM ET Christina Soontornvat
 <b>4/4</b> 1 PM ET Megan Wagner Lloyd & Michelle Mee Nutter	 <b>4/20</b> 2 PM ET Remy Lai
 <b>4/14</b> 1 PM ET Ethan Young	 <b>4/26</b> 2 PM ET Joanna Ho
 <b>4/18</b> 1 PM ET Brian Selznick	 <b>4/28</b> 12 PM ET Stacy McAnulty <b>4/28</b> 2 PM ET Lucille Colandro

**Can't make a live show?**  
Watch a recording the next school day on [storyvoicelive!](https://storyvoicelive.com)

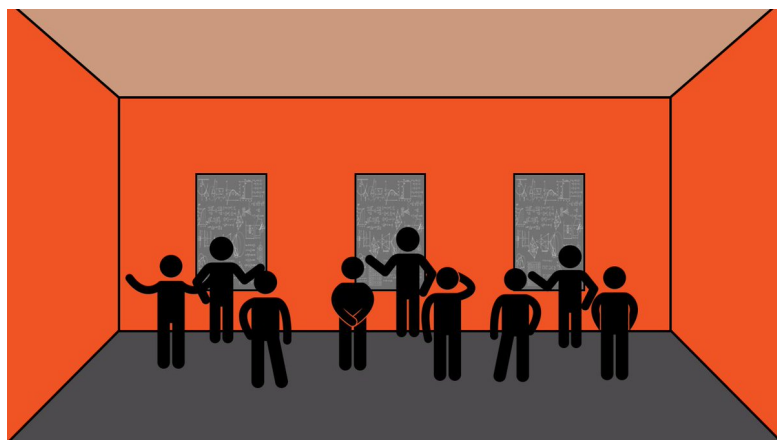
- From Shannon McClintock Miller @shannonmmiller - **9 LIVE author read-alouds in April** from our friends at @storyvoicelive. can't wait to hear @stacymcnulty, @JoannaHoWrites Brian Selznick, Tom Watson and more. <https://buff.ly/3TMMbFD>

- Shared by **Science World Teacher Resources** @ScienceWorldTR - We love to hear of a story exploring the #science of echolocation! Explore the not-scary dark in Dan Riskin & Rachel Quigi's "Fiona the Fruit Bat" with young readers, then look into #Bats as #pollinators with our #ScienceWorldca resource activity <https://scienceworld.ca/resource/pollinator-syndromes/>

- Shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 - **FREE** (as recommended by the **Langley School District**): CORE Learning free K-12 webinars on a wide range of **literacy** subjects. <https://www.corelearn.com/resource-posts/>

## NUMERACY

- Shared by Parvathi Sivaraman @Sivaraman 4<sup>th</sup> - Teaching students how to think instead of giving them a set of procedures to arrive at an answer. This is the most needed skill for tomorrow's leaders. Thank you @pgliljedahl for your important work!  
<https://www.edutopia.org/article/thinking-classroom-peter-liljedahl-math>



- The Thinking Classroom: An Interview with Peter Liljedahl** via @cultofpedagogy  
<https://www.cultofpedagogy.com/thinking-classroom/>

- Shared by **Dan Finkel @MathforLove** - Just added a few slides to the absolutely incredible **Math Magic Trick** lesson plan in our free lesson library. <https://mathforlove.com/lesson/math-magic-trick/>

- Rubicon Publishing** is offering a series of webinars on **MathUp**. Created by Marian Small, **MathUP Classroom** is "a comprehensive, online, K-8 instructional solution that addresses all outcomes and learning standards in the WNPC and British Columbia mathematics curricula, while recognizing that supporting teachers is the key to helping students". All Webinars are **FREE!** To register, sign up here:  
[https://www.rubiconpublishing.com/events/?mc\\_cid=361123184f&mc\\_eid=0804bf41a6#mathupBC](https://www.rubiconpublishing.com/events/?mc_cid=361123184f&mc_eid=0804bf41a6#mathupBC)
  - Thursday, April 13, 2023 - 4-5 pm ET: **MathUp Classroom, Advanced User Webinar**
  - Tuesday, April 25, 2023 - 5-6 pm ET: **MathUp Classroom (National Edition) Webinar**
  - Wednesday, May 3, 2023 - 5-6 pm ET: **MathUp Classroom, Q&A Webinar**
  - Tuesday, May 9, 2023 - 4-5 pm ET: **MathUp Classroom Kindergarten Edition Webinar**



- **Rubicon is also offering FREE 30-day trials.** For more information, check here:  
<https://www.mathup.ca/www/free-trials.html>

## EXPLORATIONS

**FREE!** TUESDAYS 60 mins April - June

### Outdoor Learning Spring Virtual Workshop Series!

<b>11 April</b> Resources for Earth Month	<b>23 May</b> Race and Nature for Educators
<b>18 April</b> Taking a Closer Look: Investigations in Nature	<b>30 May</b> How to Teach Nature Journaling: Curiosity, Wonder, Attention
<b>25 April</b> Nature Activities for Year-round Learning	<b>6 June</b> Walking Together: (Re)Connecting to Nature through Two-Eyed Seeing
<b>16 May</b> Resources for World Oceans Day	<b>13 June</b> Animating Outdoor Learning using Finger Puppets





**OUTDOORLEARNINGSTORE.COM**

- Shared by Gillian Judson @perfinker - Register today for the (free!) **Spring Outdoor Learning Virtual Workshops!** Tuesdays at 4pm PDT/7 EDT  
<https://outdoorlearningstore.com/workshops>.  
Can't make it? Access the recording!

### Resources for Earth Month

With Educator Jacob Parliament



4 PM PT  
7 PM ET  
April 11



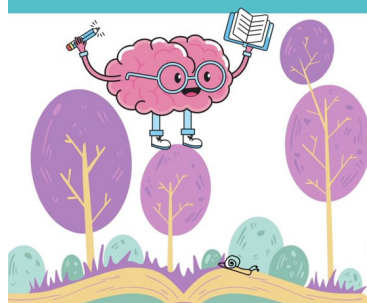
Tuesday, April 11th - 4:00 PM Pacific (60 mins)  
With Jacob Parliament from @GreenLearning

**Resources for Earth Month** - Sign up for **FREE** now:

<https://outdoorlearningstore.com/workshops/>

- Also shared by Gillian Judson @perfinker - The **Spring TIPS (Teaching Imagination in Place)** has begun and #imaginED DONATED to the @CBEENetwork Educational Endowment Fund & to @EnviroYA to celebrate this event! To all 800+ participants who signed up for Spring TIPS -- ENJOY! **Sign up here:**  
<https://outdoorlearningstore.com/springtips/>

### Spring TIPS 2023: 'Teaching Imagination in Place'



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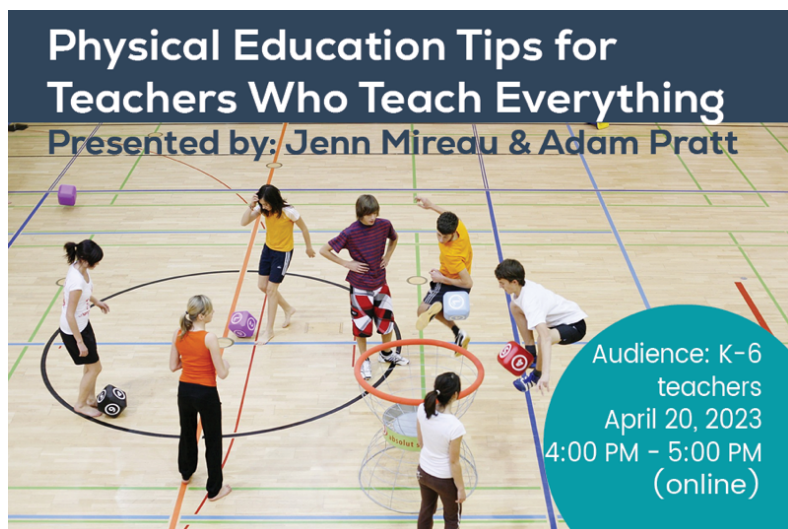
Dig into and apply the **COGNITIVE TOOLS** that engage your students' emotions and imaginations in and with Place.

- Check out Gillian Judson's amazing website for many more tips on **A Walking Curriculum: Supporting Learning Through Focused Walking (K-12)** - The original TEXTURE WALK from #walkingcurriculum is available here:  
<https://educationthatinspires.ca/2016/01/25/a-walking-curriculum-supporting-learning-through-focused-walking-k-12/>
- From **Let's Talk Science** @LetsTalkScience - **Tomatosphere** contest is HERE! Educators, submit your tomato seed results for a chance to win awesome prizes, including a Lomi composter, a Sucseed Educator Kit, and more! Don't miss out on this out-of-this-world opportunity! [bit.ly/3Jltzcc](https://bit.ly/3Jltzcc)

- Shared by **Live It Earth** @Liveltearth - Don't forget to share this with your fellow #BCTeachers! DM us your name, school and email address and we'll send you the access code. Thank you @FocusedED for helping us make our **Live It Earth Library** available to BC teachers and students.
- From **Canadian Geographic Education** @CanGeoEdu - **The Cross-Canada Virtual Road Trip** has made its first stop and we're running a contest for all participating classrooms! Interested in winning a cash prize for your class that can be put towards celebrating your connection with nature? Learn more here: <https://bit.ly/3KQp6Nf>
- **NEW!** Scholastic Magazine **SuperSTEM** puts the power of discovery in the hands of grade 3-6 students! Encourage students to deepen their STEM knowledge and bring science and math concepts to life. Explore an issue: <https://schol.ca/x/SuperSTEM> Email: [kzandboer@scholastic.ca](mailto:kzandboer@scholastic.ca) for a free demo AND a free trial!



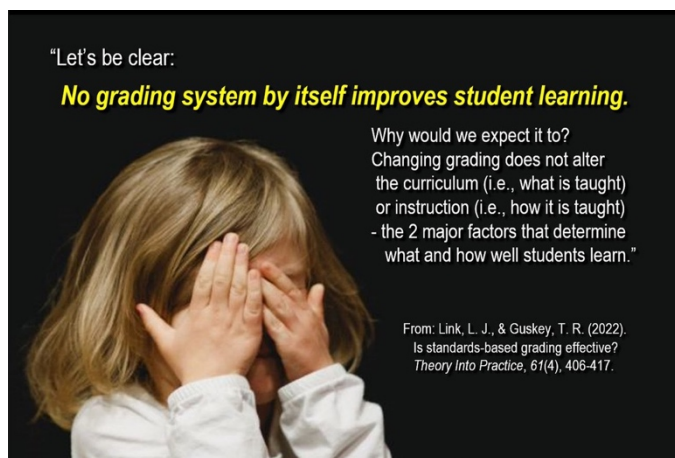
## PHE/SEL



- From **Calgary Regional PD** @crconsortium - tips on how to teach PE & Wellness in an engaging, efficient, and inclusive way. This **FREE 1-hour webinar** features Jenn Mireau & Adam Pratt from @EverActiveAB Sign up @ <https://crcpd.ab.ca/program/10700>
- From **Healthy Schools BC - An Educator's Toolkit for Exploring Canada's Food Guide:** Lesson Plans and Activities for Teaching <https://healthyschoolsbc.ca/teach-food-first/lesson-plans/>
- As well, check out **Hands on Food** <https://handsonfood.ca/> **Hands On Food** is a food literacy curriculum for

elementary school teachers with recipes and lessons that focus on local food and a sustainable food system. The lessons can be used to teach students about how to grow and cook food, and how to minimize waste.

- Food-based learning is a hands-on way to teach the BC curriculum including science, math, and more. Dig into the lessons and your students will be able to get their hands on food!
- These cross-curricular lessons are targeted to Grades 4-7 but can be easily adapted for any grade (Kindergarten through Grade 12): <https://handsonfood.ca/>



### REGISTER for **PHE BC Learning Series #2: Making Sense of and Using the Proficiency Scale**

- In this second webinar of the 3-part learning series, we will look at how to use the BC proficiency scale to make informed instructional decisions and to support student learning. We will also explore some common challenges with its use and when/how it should and should not be used. This webinar runs from 7-8 pm and will not be recorded.
- To register: <https://pheinbc.com/virtual-learning-events/>



# INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

- From **Carolyn Roberts** @mcarolynroberts - Online workshops for educators in April! Come and check out what we have to offer!  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/3-part-series-indigenous-education-creating-a-culture-of-safety-tickets-555442011007> or  
<https://www.carolynroberts.net/>

All sessions are Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00 PM on zoom

**April 12- Day 1:** Education systems and the history of colonization

**April 19- Day 2:** Locating Self and Privilege

**April 26 - Day 3:** Anti-Racism - creating a culture of safety

- Also from **Carolyn Roberts** @mcarolynroberts - My blog post about assessment has been published in the Canadian Assessment for learning network newsletter and will be published with the BCPVPA magazine. Check it out! **How Can You Decolonize a Lesson?** <https://www.carolynroberts.net/single-post/how-can-you-decolonize-a-lesson>
- Shared by Live It Earth @Liveltearth - **Leona Prince**, Director of Instruction - Indigenous Learning @Leona\_Prince1 speaks to her role and how she strives to help improve the education & lives of learners through



SEASON 2 - EP. 6

**Decolonising and Indigenising Teaching Resources w/ Leona Prince**



**Truth and Reconciliation and the Calls to Action.** Listen here: <https://bit.ly/3zjEq0B>.

- A reminder to check the Indigenous resources from **FNESC**:
  - Authentic Resource Database K-9 <https://resources.fnesc.ca/>
  - FNESC First People Principles of Learning** <https://www.fnesc.ca/first-peoples-principles-of-learning/>
  - Math First Peoples** <https://www.fnesc.ca/math-first-peoples/>
  - Science First Peoples** <https://www.fnesc.ca/sciencetrg/>

## ASSESSMENT/INSTRUCTION

**Magazine** @ELmagazine - The structure and setup of a classroom can immediately communicate to students whether their voices will matter in the way knowledge is shared and developed, says @ShaneSafir

**Cultivating a Pedagogy of Student Voice** - <https://www.ascd.org/el/articles/cultivating-a-pedagogy-of-student-voice>

- Shared by Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 - **An Inside Look at Webb's Depth of Knowledge:** <https://www.edutopia.org/article/how-use-norman-webb-depth-of-knowledge>
- From JenniferLynnTeaches @jenniferlmoroz - It's a Go (w/Jen Moroz) **Ep. 1 Erik Francis of Solution Tree breaks down exactly what DOK (Depth of Knowledge) is ...** [https://youtu.be/5Yco\\_XZZWrE](https://youtu.be/5Yco_XZZWrE) **THIS IS VERY WELL DONE!**



- Check out **Shannon Schinkel's @DramaQueenBRC blog** - <https://mygrowthmindset.home.blog> Shannon's main focus is to "transform assessment practices so all students thrive" ☺ Also shared on her blog is information regarding **Webb's Depth of Knowledge to Build Criteria**: <https://mygrowthmindset.home.blog/blooms-taxonomy-depth-of-knowledge-to-build-criteria/>
- From **Shannon Schinkel @DramaQueenBRC** as well - If you are a teacher and would like to watch our @acbcd CONVERSATION - **How do I assess?** here is the link: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/vj1e9iuvbn8ggd/ACBC%20April%202023%20-%20How%20do%20I%20assess.mp4?dl=0>
- Shared by **Alberta Assessment Consortium @AACinfo** - April Newsletter <https://bit.ly/3KtinL2> In this month's newsletter: listing of our newest sessions planned for this Spring; Tools for learning leaders; Tools for teachers; Standards-Based Grading - list of resources; Executive Director's Message. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/3MdaUBq>

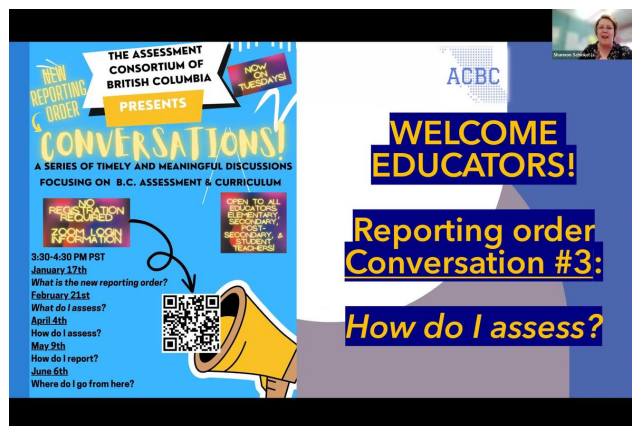


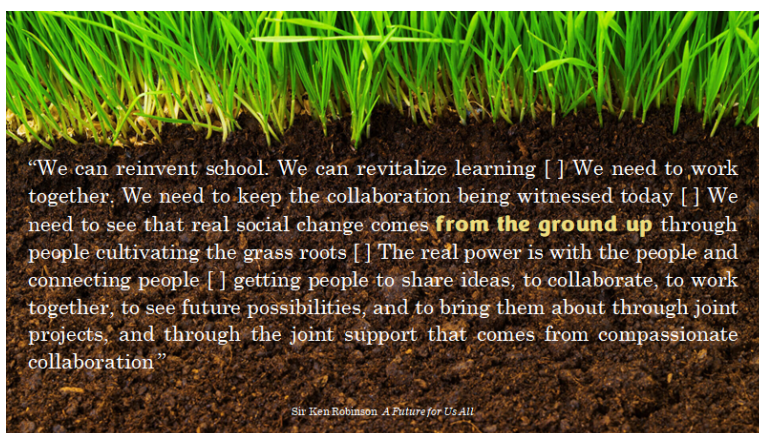
Figure 3.2: Teacher Moves for Learner Agency

Teacher Moves That Cultivate Agency	Teacher Moves That Diminish Agency
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Praising and validating students' journeys</li> <li>• Helping students connect their efforts to their progress</li> <li>• Allowing for quiet moments that give students processing time</li> <li>• Stepping back and letting students evaluate their own work</li> <li>• Asking questions more often than you provide advice; save moments of advice for when they're absolutely necessary</li> <li>• Providing accommodations that do not create dependency or opportunity gaps</li> <li>• Saying, "I trust you"</li> <li>• Asking, "Do you want me right now, or do you need me?"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intervening before students truly need help</li> <li>• Acting on behalf of students instead of in partnership with them</li> <li>• Providing accommodations that make teachers' jobs more efficient but aren't needed for student success</li> <li>• Providing so much support that it limits cognitive dissonance or productive struggle</li> <li>• Preventing risk-taking and mistake-making</li> <li>• Rushing students along to meet an arbitrary deadline</li> <li>• Providing feedback without opportunity for student processing and reflection</li> </ul>

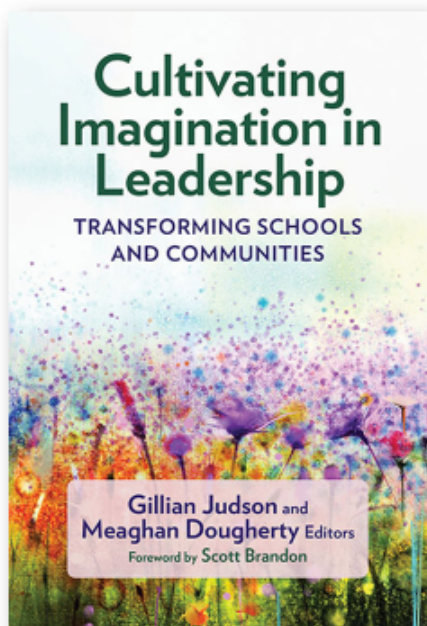
- From Paul Emerich France @paul\_emerich - When I work with teachers on building learner agency, I start here: What is \*one small shift\* you can make tomorrow to get your feet wet with learner agency? It could be as simple as changing the way you ask students questions.
- Shared By Rose Pillay @RosePillay1 - **FREE 16-page PDF download** of the **Five Ways one-pagers** that emerged from a recognition of the amazing appetite teachers seem to have for teaching ideas expressed simply, concisely and in an easily accessed visual format:

<https://headguruteacher.files.wordpress.com/2022/09/five-ways-one-pagers-booklet-1.pdf> (print, post and share with colleagues!)

## 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>
- Shared by **Tom Schimmer** @TomSchimmerPod **Episode 100! Features @RonRitchhart** discussing how we create cultures of thinking in our classrooms!
  - Apple <https://apple.co/3IKsLoI>
  - Spotify <https://tinyurl.com/cef4rv84>
  - YouTube <https://tinyurl.com/76bt3z5k>
- Shared by **Rose Pillay** @RosePillay1 - **#edvent** is back! On Tuesday, May 2nd dig into the theme of **CultivatED** with guest educators sharing five-minute stories of how they cultivate the possible in their practice. Tickets and info here: <https://findinganswersinlife.com>



Limited copies of *Cultivating Imagination in Leadership: Transforming Schools and Communities* will be available for purchase (e-transfer or cash). The EDvent 2023 price for the paperback books is **\$30.00** CDN (compared to \$55.00 + shipping from Amazon). First come, first served (limited quantities on hand)



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