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Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George

"ALL learners thriving in inspired Catholic Learning Communities"

Hello everyone!

As we look forward to Spring Break, we are also very aware that the end of the year is lurking around the corner. In this issue, hopefully you will find many resources that will support you in your learning during the final term of the year ©

God, I pray for my prayer life to become vibrant and strong in this season of Lent. I pray that Your voice, even though a whisper, would ring loud and true in my life. I pray for the courage and boldness to follow wherever You lead, to love and serve whomever and however You invite me. On Thursday, April 18 from 12:15 – 12:45 PST, we will be piloting our first **"Lunch & Learn"** session for any interested educators. Adele Reynolds from Let's Talk Science will be presenting a virtual session on Earth Day Resources and other offerings from Let's Talk Science. The session will also include a Q& A. I will send out an invitation as soon as we return from Spring Break.

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And finally, wishing you the very best as we conclude the season of Lent with renewed intentions to LIVE OUR FAITH with boldness and courage every day.

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Take good care ☺

I respectfully acknowledge the unceded ancestral lands of the Indigenous nations in which I 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. The WSANEC in Sidney.





A Wish for the Week Ahead

May we be comfortable with imperfect gratitude as we deal with the reality before us versus the reality we wanted. May we find ways to celebrate and appreciate what we have, and may we share if we're able. May we resist the urge to compare, and instead may we inhabit each moment as best we can. May our coffee, our care for one another, and our patience fill our cups and our hearts.





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 is our amazing Christian Education Consultant. Melodie can be reached at the following email: <u>mvandermeer@cispg.ca</u>

St. Mark's College is offering a unique opportunity for faith formation for Catholic Educators in CISPG. Recipients will receive full tuition remission for up to three Catholic Core courses at the Graduate-level. This is an amazing opportunity to grow in your Catholic faith! See the attached flyer for more information.

The Christian Education Padlet (<u>https://padlet.com/melodievandermeer/cispg-christian-education-resources-cug8dsv8m0alnyu0</u>) has been updated to feature resources for St. Patrick's Day and Holy Week/Easter.



LITERACY

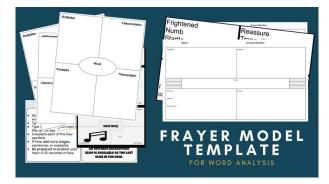
• **POPEY** is very pleased to open registration for our **virtual conference being held on April 23**. Our fabulous keynote speaker Colleen Cruz will lead us through a full-day presentation designed for primary teachers. Register here:

http://eventbrite.com/e/popeys-virtu

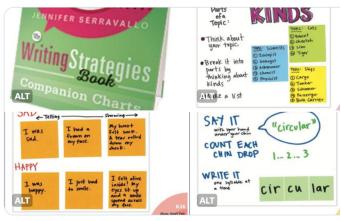
• From Regie Routman @regieroutman -"When Sounding Out Isn't Enough." Read this excellent, research-based, practical article at <u>http://literacytalk.info</u> to set priorities for young readers. See "On Perspectives on Key Issues" on this significant site by scholars and researchers Denise Nessel and Dorsey Hammond.

Also, on this site - Highly recommend Info Drop
 #3 from the International Literacy Educators
 Coalition-a summary of the Policy Statement on the
 Science of Reading from the NEPC and Education
 Deans Equity and Justice. Download a copy:
 https://www.literacytalk.info/general-5-1

- FROM TCEA @TCEA Need a quick way to introduce students to tough vocabulary? In this follow-up to "Semantic Maps Made Easy," see and get Frayer Model templates: <u>https://blog.tcea.org/frayer-model-template-for-word-analysis/</u>
- From Jennifer Serravallo @Jserravallo New on the blog today (with new posts planned every couple of weeks!) Hope it's helpful. Would love to hear your thoughts: **5 Tips for Successful Small Group**



Instruction https://www.jenniferserravallo.com/blog/5-tips-for-successful-small-group-instruction



• Also from Jennifer Serravallo, @Jserravallo - **The Writing Strategies Book** now has a tabletop flip book companion! 300 full page charts, 50 brand new, correlate to the strategies in the book. Preorder with code WSBCC20 for -20% off and free shipping https://www.heinemann.com/products/e17973.aspx

• From TCEA @TCEA - **7 Effective Ways to Teach Vocabulary in the Middle School Classroom** https://www.teachlikemidgley.com/vocabulary-inmiddle-school.html

Shared by Aaron Grossman @ClassroomD4 -

Posted for #Free are **nine new Readers Theater scripts** matched to the language standards. Using a protocol from @ChaseJYoung1, you can get students reading with prosody and help them build or reinforce understanding. <u>https://justtwoteachers.com/the-language-standards/</u>

From Sheri Ainslie @sheri_ainslie - Check out these UFLI-aligned word reading fluency grids! Thank
 @yourschools and @ONlit_social for creating and sharing such a great resource. https://onlit.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Fluency-Word-Grids-UFLI-Aligned-AMDSB-pdf-1.pdf



From Katie Novak

@KatieNovakUDL - Onesize-fits-all reading methods puts pressure on teachers to do most of the work - trapping them at the front of the classroom to read out loud, ask questions, and paraphrase critical passages. Learn how to shift to a **student-led approach to #reading**. Again, from Katie Novak - When it comes to literacy, we have to believe that every student can comprehend complex texts, actively contribute to rich classroom discussions, and produce authentic writing appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience. But how? Improve Your ELA Lesson with UDL https://www.novakeducation.com/blog/improve-your-ela-lesson-with-universal-design-for-learningudl?utm_campaign=UDL%20Now!%20ELA&utm_content=282223155&utm_medium=social&utm_sour ce=twitter&hss_channel=tw-1228869229



- From Melanie Brethour @melbrethour Another Google classroom but for those using UFLI! All resources are embedded into the document & are FREE. Thank you @Playful_Class for putting together so many resources in the Google Drive (link below). PDF: <u>https://tr.ee/Xv1uQXtpAs</u> <u>docs.google.com/presentation/d/1xnLB0Tz0dRcPD4I0S0fXclOrEUmhHxHBk9uMcli6lh0/edit?usp=drive</u> <u>sdk</u>
- Shared by Dr. Kelly J. Grillo @kellygrillo @TimRasinski1 had me laughing & crying...JAMMED packed with take it to the classroom strategies. More time above the line OR the strands in language comp of Scarborough's Reading Rope is needed. The "Essentials" of Developing Reading Fluency <u>https://youtu.be/OM-mi_4usvE?si=6SJGivGD7yNq6XB-</u>via @YouTube



The need for manipulatives and pictures is not based on age. Any time your students are being introduced to a new concept they need to start with concrete learning.



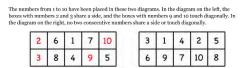
• Shared by **Donna Boucher** @MathCoachCorner - Math myth busted! Are manipulatives really necessary? Absolutely! Students need hands-on tools to grasp new concepts, regardless of age. https://mathcoachscorner.com/2023/09/understanding-cra/

Also, from Donna Boucher - Don't let **math facts** hold students back! Ensure mastery before moving on! **LOTS of links to FREE resources in this post!**

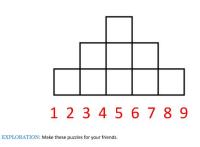
https://mathcoachscorner.com/2023/05/why-st

- From Margie Pearse @pearse_margie I received several really great places to find rich math tasks. I added them to our Favorite Places to Find Rich Math Tasks Document. It is still something I open every week! Help yourself!
 https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1yGaZy9g8X0HHFuWMBQkF14pVStu_SIBnbZSkxo9nWPI/edi t?usp=sharing
- From Kathy Marks Krpan @CathyMarksKrpan Students hear their own voices (self-talk) more than any other voice. That's why modelling effective, helpful, self-talk with think-alouds is critical. Let's demystify the thinking process, alleviate math anxiety, & help all students value the power of their own thinking!
- From **Mathigon** @MathigonOrg Big news **Polypad** has moved to a new home at <u>http://polypad.amplify.com</u>! All our tools remain completely free to use, and all your work is still there - you now just have to sign in with a @desmosclassroom account. Read our FAQs for more details!
- From **EarlyFamilyMath** @EarlyFamilyMath Did you know that you can find the answers to the puzzles on our web site? Don't peek too fast though, productive struggle can guide you and students toward becoming creative problem solvers! In collab with Math for Love

Puzzle of the Week Consecutive Numbers – 1



THE CHALLENGE: Place the numbers from 1 to 9 in this diagram so that the boxes for consecutive numbers do not share a side or touch diagonaliv.







 From Cathy Marks Krpan - My grad students created think alouds based on @robertkaplinksy's open middle tasks. These tasks are great for modelling self-talk. We discussed how think alouds celebrate/teach the diversity of thinking and help learners become aware of the power of their self-talk • From James McConville @jmcconville - Great article for a math classroom: https://www.teachermag.ca/post/**math-chats-in-an-intermediate-classroom**

Early Family Math

• Shared by Robert Kaplinksy @robertkaplinsky - I've got **70+ real world problem-based math lessons** that you can download for free and use with your students. <u>https://robertkaplinsky.com/lessons/</u>



EXPLORATIONS

 Shared by Focused Education Resources @FocusedED - TWIG: Supporting Math & Science - Tailormade for teachers in Grades 6-9. Access a library of **3-minute videos for Science, Math & Geography**. Access videos, lesson plans, quizzes and diagrams. <u>https://ow.ly/CIPh50QwyBI</u>



From Dennis Stam @rdennisstam - Celebrating student thinking is essential through the #EngineeringDesignProcess! Check out some of the new assessment tools we created at #yrdsbSTEM. Self-

Assessments, Tracking Tools, Engineering Design Journals and more!

	See, Think, Wonder
٢	I see [specific details or objects]. I notice [observable patterns or changes]. I observe [distinctive colors, shapes, or forms]. I recognize [familiar symbols or icons]. I spot [prominent features or landmarks]. I identify [relevant figures or characters]. I perceive [emotional expressions or gestures]. I find [notable contrasts or comparisons].
	I think this means I believe that It seems like I infer that I understand that I interpret this as This suggests to me It appears that My impression is that
	I wonder why What would happen if Why did I'm curious about What is the significance of How does this relate to I wonder if there could be a connection between What are the possible reasons for How might this impact

https://bit.ly/EngDesignAssessment

https://bit.ly/EngDesignJourn

• From Take Me Outside @takemeoutside - Our

free Spring **Outdoor Learning** Virtual FREE! April-June Spring Virtual Workshop Series Workshops for educators are live & ready for 21 Mayo - En Españo registration! Each 60 min session comes complete w/ a certificate, recording, OUTDOORLEARNINGSTO discounts &

entry for great prizes! Check out all 6, bringing together 19 amazing presenters & partners: <u>https://takemeoutside.ca/resource-</u> <u>directory/professional-development-opportunities/</u>

• From Dr. Catlin Tucker @Catlin_Tucker - **The Power of See, Think, Wonder Thinking Routine** <u>https://bit.ly/30wHL31</u>

PHE/SEL



Student-Centered Learning Toolkit for Engaging Students in School-Based Initiatives

A for Youth by Youth Approach



From **PHE Canada** @PHECanada - As educators, it's important to embed student-centered and inquirybased learning into your lesson plans to unlock students' individual potential and meet them where they are at. Download the toolkit to get started! <u>https://phecanada.ca/sites/default/</u>

From **AfLResources** @AfLResources - **These Active for Life** ready-made lesson plans for educators, caregivers, camp leaders, and after-school program leaders are a great resource for anyone who wants to deliver physical literacy instruction to kids! <u>https://activeforlife.com/resource/individual-lessonplans/</u>

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION



• Shared by Carolyn Roberts @mcarolynroberts - We have been working on my new website as we get ready to launch my new book! Come check out what's new, **carolynroberts.net**

• And again, by Carolyn Roberts - **Teach Indigenous Brilliance** <u>https://carolynroberts.net/single-post/teach-indigenous-brilliance</u> by @mcarolynroberts

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

- From Lee Ann Jung @leeannjung -See image to the right
- From Cathy Marks Krpan

 @CathyMarksKrpan Watereddown, uninteresting math tasks have NO place in a lesson for ELLs. They, like ALL students deserve to be challenged with rich/inviting tasks. Many ELLS arrive with deep math knowledge that often goes undiscovered due to systemic misconceptions, assumptions, and biases.

Students can only be expected to achieve a goal if they know what the goal is, if they have sense of ownership of it, and if it's relevant to them.

lead inclusion

- From ASCD @ASCD Unlock the full potential of **multilingual newcomers** through holistic support strategies. Follow Rebecca L. Olsen's insights on prioritizing students' safety, well-being, and academic success: <u>https://www.ascd.org/blogs/multilingual-newcomers-need-more-than-academic-instruction</u>.
- Excellent video by @tweetsomemoore Thought Provoking and Practical Advice for Educators! Show Me the Purpose! <u>https://t.co/MIJXFgqDD1</u>

ASSESSMENT/INSTRUCTION/REPORTING

- From EL Magazine @ELmagazine "By nurturing a culture of reflection in the classroom, students become active participants in their own learning." Read and watch how @mssackstein fosters student autonomy through reflective portfolios and student-led conferences: <u>https://www.ascd.org/blogs/beyond-a-highlight-reel-portfolios-as-dynamic-workspaces</u>
- From edutopia 60-Second Strategies for Educators Our popular series of short videos that break down effective classroom practices for every grade level in literally one minute–all in one place. How's that for a quick win? Now, watch *all* of our 60-second strategies in one place: <u>https://edut.to/3QEHYnS</u>
- And again, from edutopia @edutopia Is the parent-teacher conference experience feeling more chaotic than connective? These relational approaches make it more meaningful and culturally responsive: <u>https://www.edutopia.org/article/parent-teacher-conference-</u> <u>tips?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=Social&utm_campaign=Winter+24&utm_id=Winter24&utm_te</u> <u>rm=parent-teacher+conferences&utm_content=practitioner</u>
- Shared by Katie Novak @KatieNovakUDL- Self-assessment doesn't replace the need for assessing student work or providing feedback, but it empowers students to drive their initial reflection and compare their performance to predetermined criteria.

Shift from teacher-led to student self-assessment.

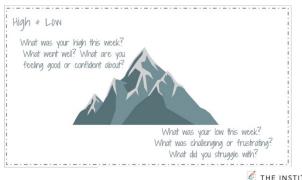
https://www.novakeducation.com/blog/establishing-ongoing-student-self-assessment-in-theclassroom?utm_campaign=Shift%20to%20Student%20Led&utm_content=281679683&utm_medium=s ocial&utm_source=twitter&hss_channel=tw-1228869229

 Shared by Tyler Rablin @Mr_Rablin - The longer I teach and the more I learn, the more convinced I am that maybe the most important job we have is to help students build selfefficacy by scaffolding experiences of true success, providing evidence to show it, and facilitating reflection experiences around growth.



 From Lee Ann Jung @leeannjung - These are the #rubrics I'm developing w schools now. We center on what #students CAN do, what's next, & actionable steps (w links to resources) to grow. Symbols could be added, but most of the time aren't needed. We need measures to support self-efficacy:

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My work visually orients the reader with a title, followed by my thoughts on the topic.	My work visually organizes my thoughts with paragraph breaks or otherwise chunks my thoughts, like with paragraph breaks.	My writing is visually organized with a logical selection of headings and paragraph breaks.	My writing is visually organized with a logical selection and placement of headings and subheadings and paragraph breaks.			
Next, I will	Next, I will	Next, I will	Next, I will			
Add <u>paragraph breaks</u> to <u>chunk my thoughts</u> in ways that help the reader	work to give the reader		Self-assess the organization of my paper by reflecting from the <u>reader's point of</u> <u>view</u> to make additional refinements.			



• From Dr. Catlin Tucker @Catlin_Tucker - Elevate your students' path to self-awareness while fostering a strong sense of community. Use my **FREE conversation starter slide deck for impactful discussions**: <u>bit.ly/4383RPN</u>

 From TCEA @TCEA - Higher-Order Thinking
 Questions: https://artsintegration.com/2020/10/19/higherorder-thinking-questions/

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