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**Here is your weekly update from Curriculum Innovation!**

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## LATEST UPDATES

### Weaving Together Strands of Practice: Rescheduled Session 2 & Future Session 4!

Attendance at previous sessions is an advantage, not a requirement. Please join us!



#### Session 2: Facilitated Collab with Leyton Schnellert – RESCHEDULED

December 7<sup>th</sup>, 3:30pm to 5:00pm – Van Bien Training and Development Centre

Join us for a facilitated collaborative discussion about Shane Safir's book *Street Data*, as well as her SD57 presentation on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

District Directions: **Truth and Reconciliation**, **Equity of Access**, **Learning**



**Leyton Schnellert** – Dr. Leyton Schnellert is an associate professor in the Faculty of Education at UBC's Okanagan campus with vast experience in educational settings from SFU, K-12 education and professional development facilitator across BC, the Yukon and NWT. He's presented, facilitated and published locally, provincially, nationally and internationally with a focus of supporting teachers to bridge research and practice. His session will facilitate a very engaging and practical conversations towards educational leadership through a reflective and collaborative practice.

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#### Session 4: Kevin Lamoureux

January 4<sup>th</sup>, 3:30pm to 5:00pm – Vanier Hall

Join us for an engaging presentation by Kevin Lamoureux about welcoming Indigenous knowledge. He will also be discussing content from *Ensouling Our Schools*, a professional book he collaborated on with Jennifer Katz.

District Directions: **Truth and Reconciliation**, **Equity of Access**, **Wellness**, **Learning**



**Kevin Lamoureux** - Kevin Lamoureux is a faculty member at the University of Winnipeg, an award-winning scholar, and a well-known public speaker. He has served as Associate Vice President for the University of Winnipeg, Education Lead for the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, and Scholar in Residence for several school divisions, and has consulted for governments and organizations across Canada. Lamoureux is committed to reconciliation and contributing to an even better Canada for all children to grow up in.

## **SD57 District Mental Health Behaviour Symposium November 25<sup>th</sup> Pro-D Day**

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- 9:00am to 10:15am: **Caring, Connected Relationships** (Online via Zoom)  
Hosted by Colleen and Victoria from Family Smart  
When a child or youth is having a tough time because of their mental health, communication between home and school can be especially hard. How can schools build relationships with families when things are so challenging? Let's talk about what we can do when we find ourselves judging others, or feeling judged ourselves.
- 9:00am to 10:15am: **Learn About What You Can Bring Into Your School Classrooms for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention** (In-Person at Van Bien Training & Development Centre)  
Hosted by Jody from Crisis Centre for Northern BC  
Gain knowledge and understanding on what The Crisis Centre for Northern BC offers in Prince George and Northern BC. The Crisis Centre staff facilitates valuable workshops on mental health and suicide prevention to youth grades 5-12. Learn about COPE, Lifelines, Self-Care 101, Reaching Out, and GRASP workshops. Also, learn how the Crisis Centre can collaborate with schools to make our communities suicide safer. In 2022, we have delivered or have scheduled over 180 individual sessions within the district and impacted roughly 1363 teachers, students, and helpers. We will also talk about the type of support (phones lines, text and chat services) the Crisis Centre can offer to individuals in Northern BC.
- 9:45am to 2:30pm: **Horses Enhancing Lives** (In-Person, cost is \$60 per person if not in PGDTA)  
Hosted by Krista Hill, owner of Ultra Equine  
Experience the power of learning like never before! Our objectively driven workshops provide unforgettable results and inspirational growth. This workshop is fun, interactive, and educational. The objectives for this workshop include: • SAFETY • RELATIONSHIP BUILDING • SKILL DEVELOPMENT • COMMUNICATION And so much more... The best way to learn is by doing it! Our unique approach ensures effective skill development through memorable

experiences, which are both fun and insightful. You will gain new insight into yourself and your relationships with others through horse assisted activities and exercises. Horses are exceptional mentors in self-care; the key to their life is to feel safe. This parallels to us humans; you will learn practical skills that can be added to your toolbox and be used in your everyday life. Horses have incredible abilities and can detect all the stimuli with in you. They can feel our energy and emotions, which makes them the perfect partner to help create change. Horses are empathetic creatures who help us work through challenges. This journey is all about you and the horse! Have you had a horse as a teacher? This might just be the self-care you need!

- 10:30am to 11:45am: **Working Well Together** (Online via Zoom)  
Hosted by Colleen and Victoria from Family Smart  
Parents/caregivers don't always show up at their best when they are struggling with their kids' mental health. And that can make it hard for everyone, including you. Let's learn from each other about how we can prepare for these moments and use these times to strengthen home-to-school connections.
- 11:00am to 12:30pm: **What Is Psychosis?** (In-Person at Van Bien Training and Development Centre)  
Hosted by Chris Painter, Case Manager/Clinician Early Psychosis Intervention and Youth Community Outpatient Services  
Learn of Psychosis! Why it is important to identify it early in the mid to late teens. How it affects the brain. Learn how substance use affects psychosis. Brief overview our team and how we have recently gone regional. This targeted audience is for those who work with students in grade 8–12.
- 1:00pm to 3:30pm: **Growing with Grief** (In-Person at Van Bien Training and Development Centre)  
Hosted by Denise Torgerson, Community Program Coordinator for PG Hospice Palliative Care Society  
The presentation will include the foundations of grief, misconceptions about children's grief, grief in relationships – why it might be complicated and how to support children and families.

## Physical Activity and Physical Literacy Pro-D: Teaching Games for Understanding



The School Physical Activity and Physical Literacy project is a multicomponent, school-based health promotion initiative for B.C. elementary schools. In-person and online professional development opportunities are available for elementary school educators to increase their confidence in delivering quality physical activity and physical literacy opportunities at school, with support links to mental well-being.

### Next In-Person Pro-D: November 25, 1:00 pm Teaching Games for Understanding

For information, contact Joe Flavel at [jflavel@sd57.bc.ca](mailto:jflavel@sd57.bc.ca) or visit [www.schoolpapl.ca](http://www.schoolpapl.ca)

## Pro-D Day November 25<sup>th</sup>

Many exciting sessions are available from SD57 departments on November 25<sup>th</sup>!

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Here is a sampling:

- 8:00am to 2:30pm: **Teacher-Librarian and Clerk Mini-Conference: Sharing is Caring** (In-Person at Lac Des Bois)  
Plan to make connections, talk about shared concerns and learn from others who will share their expertise. This will be a full day session at Lac Des Bois Library starting at 8:45AM. We plan to have a very brief PGDTLA meeting as well. Lunch will be provided.
- 8:30am to 12:00pm: **Alternative and Augmentative Communication** (In-Person, at Board Office)  
This workshop will discuss what alternative and augmentative communication is and implementation strategies.
- 8:30am to 3:30pm: **Spirit Bear and Children Make History (Based on a True Story) & Residential Schools: Screening of Spirit Bear Video, Discussion and Activities** (In-Person at Indigenous Education Department)  
This session is for Indigenous Education Workers - Hosted by Angela Sanderson, Itinerant Indigenous Education Worker, Culture & Indigenous Knowledge.  
This session is about the NTR (National Truth and Reconciliation) and how a bear was created to help children and adults alike can understand just one small part of NTR which we can share in schools.  
Screening of Spirit Bear Video with Discussion  
Residential Schools - reading the book called The Train and there is a worksheet.  
Lunch on own or bring your own lunch!
- 9:00am to 11:00am: **Google Slides for Prep Teachers: Organize and Optimize** (In-Person at Springwood Elementary)  
Becky Dochstader will introduce you to how she uses Google Slides to keep her Prep class organized and running smoothly. Then she will help you to set up your own Google Slide templates and give you tips on general organization and considerations, seating plans, and the most efficient way to use these to optimize your valuable time. Please bring your own laptop.
- 9:00am to 11:30am: **Dr. Marian Small: Differentiating Mathematics and Do They Really Understand?** (Online via Zoom)  
Join Dr. Marian Small to explore differentiation and be introduced to her amazing new resource *Do They Really Understand?* Dr. Small will show educators how to effectively use open questions and parallel tasks to efficiently differentiate mathematics instruction.

- 9:00am to 12:00pm: **Anti-Racist Strategies for Educators** (In-Person at Shas Ti Kelly Road Secondary)  
Hosted by Shailly Sareen. This interactive workshop equips teachers with a better understanding of antiracism and how it can be incorporated into their daily teaching practice. Participants will consider key skills students and teachers need to discuss and implement antiracism and will have the opportunity to explore teaching strategies and resources to integrate this approach into their classrooms.
  
- 9:00am to 12:00pm: **Indigenous 101 Series: Session 1: Land, Language & Protocol: Local History Focus** (Online via Zoom)  
This is the first of a 5 part Indigenous 101 series, each with a topic of focus:  
Session # 1 Nov 25 - Local History  
Session #2 April 28 - Language & Culture  
Session #3 Feb 1 - Indians on Film  
Session #4 May 29 - Land Based Education  
Session #5 next year - Governance  
Each session will incorporate the Dakelh Holistic Lifelong Learning Model by weaving through understandings of Land & Experiential Learning, Language and Protocol.  
The local history focus will explore the experiences of Indigenous peoples of these lands (Lheidli T'enneh, McLeod Lake Indian Band and Simpcw First Nation). The session will explore historical through to contemporary connections to the land and relative connection with language and protocols.  
We hope to feature the inclusion of local Indigenous knowledge holders as available to add to the presentation and to be available for Q&A.  
You may choose to attend one or all of the sessions. It is not a requirement to attend them sequentially however it may be beneficial to do so. IEW's will only receive qualification hours for each session once but may attend as many times as desired.
  
- 9:00am to 12:00pm: **Exploring Post-Secondary Options for SD57 Students Part 1: CNC Teacher/Counsellor Update** (In-Person at CNC)  
Join CNC Recruitment and Admissions to explore CNC to support the transition of students from high school to post-secondary.
  - learn about the admissions process
  - learn about various programs, offerings and courses
  - hands-on activities in health science, engineering and university transfer
  - Q&A session
  
- 1:00pm to 3:00pm: **Exploring Post-Secondary Options for SD57 Students Part 2: UNBC Teacher/Counsellor Exploration** (In-Person at UNBC)  
Experience what's new at UNBC!  
Hosted by UNBC's Future Students team, come see new student life and learning spaces at UNBC's Prince George campus.  
Take part in an interactive demonstration by a UNBC faculty member.

Bring your curiosity and questions on anything you've ever wondered about UNBC!

There's much to show you – we won't be able to do it all in two hours!

- **1:00pm to 3:00pm: Indigenous Math Problems: Session 2 for Grade 8/9 Math or Grade 10 Workplace Math (In-Person)**  
Join Lori Todd, SD57 Indigenous Education Middle Years Teacher, this Friday from 1-3 at the Indigenous Ed Dept. - 155 McDermid Drive to explore Indigenous Math Problems. For colleagues who also teach grade 8/9 or 10 workplace if they are interested in join us. New Participants Welcome - for this session :) If you have a copy of *Building Thinking Classrooms* by Peter Liljedahl, please bring it.
- **1:00pm to 2:30pm: Indigenous Music Resources: Winter & Fall Activities (In-Person at College Heights Elementary)**  
Join Julie Fisher and Patricia Lunden as we take a closer look at the songs and activities in the Khui (Winter) and Dak'et (Fall) sections of the Indigenous Music Through Seasonal Rounds resource. This will include learning the game of Lahal and talking about cross curricular connections. You will have a chance to watch and participate in some of the games and songs, receive a copy of the templates that are included in the lessons, and ask any questions or add on ideas from your experience with the resource.
- **1:00pm to 2:30pm: MyEdBC Standards-Based Gradebook (In-Person at College Heights Secondary)**  
This session is designed for Secondary teachers who are interested in exploring an option for a Standards-Based Gradebook within MyEdBC. Beginning in the 2023/2024 school year, the four-point Provincial Proficiency Scale is to be used to communicate student learning in all areas of learning. It is a requirement for student reporting in Grades K-9. The MyEd Standards Based Gradebook is a powerful tool that gives teachers the ability to track student progress on the curricular competencies within a course and to aid in communicating student learning using the proficiency scale. During the session, Kim will show you what is possible in MyEd SBG, show you how to set up your class, create assignments and enter scores.

## Upcoming Professional Development from Curriculum Innovation

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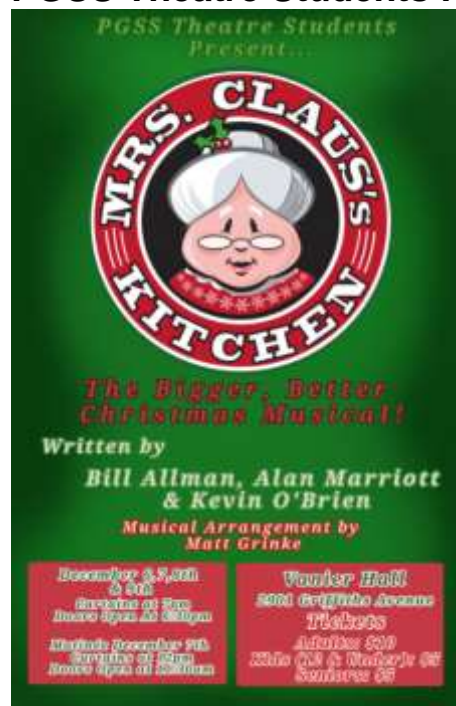
- November 16<sup>th</sup>, 3:00pm to 4:00pm: **Virtual MathUp Check in #1: Rural Schools** (Online, via Teams meeting)  
Hosted by Jennifer Dionne. We will be working in small groups to discuss what is working, what is taking longer than we thought and possible strategies going forward.



- November 21<sup>st</sup>, 3:00pm to 4:00pm: **MyEdBC: Entering Student Assessments** (Online, via Teams meeting)  
 This session is designed to help support Elementary teachers in learning how to enter BAS, SNAP and Writing Snapshot district assessments into MyEdBC. Support documents are also available [on the Hub under Assessment](#).
- November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 3:30pm to 4:00pm: **Supported Collaborative Marking: Writing Snapshot Grades 1-7** (In-Person, at District Learning Commons)  
 Join Nancy Reid for a collaborative Writing Snapshot marking session. The first 10 minutes will be spent discussing how one may choose to collaboratively mark and the rest of the time will be spent on the actual marking. Please bring your students' writing snapshots, and one copy per student of the grade-appropriate Personal Writing Performance Standard. These assessments are to be entered into MyEd by November 24, 2022.
- November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 3:00pm to 4:00pm: **MyEdBC: Entering Student Assessments** (Online, via Teams meeting)  
**Repeat of November 21<sup>st</sup> session**  
 This session is designed to help support Elementary teachers in learning how to enter BAS, SNAP and Writing Snapshot district assessments into MyEdBC. Support documents are also available [on the Hub under Assessment](#).

## REMINDERS

### PGSS Theatre Students Present: Mrs. Claus's Kitchen



Performed in Vanier Hall  
**December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>: 7pm**  
**Matinée on December 7<sup>th</sup>: noon**

To arrange a group booking for the matinée on December 7<sup>th</sup>: please email Kevin O'Brien ([kobrien@sd57.bc.ca](mailto:kobrien@sd57.bc.ca)) the following information:

- Teacher contact
- School
- Number of seats for kids (\$4 each)
- Number of seats for adults (free!)

Please have a cheque for the PGSS front office upon (or before) your arrival for the matinée to assure admittance.

Tickets available at PGSS for evening shows starting November 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Yellowstone to Yukon Virtual Film Festival: Breaking Barriers




**Online: Friday, November 25, 2022: 11:00am to 4:00pm**

[Register here for free!](#) Once registered, your personal Zoom link will give you access to all three films.

- **For the Next Generation (11 am MT)**
- **Running Dry: Alberta's Shrinking Rivers (1 pm MT)**
- **DƏNE YI'INJETL – The Scattering of Man (3 pm MT)**

## POPEY 2022-23 Online Workshop Schedule

[View all workshops here!](#)



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### After-School Specials

A series of 4 one-hour after-school Zoom workshops


### Series Two: Writing Across the Curriculum

Join POPEY as we explore a variety of scaffolded supports for writing to, with, and by our students across a range of genres. We can help develop students' identities as writers by immersing them in the steps of the writing process and teaching them specific writing behaviours and strategies to create a variety of texts.

This series of workshops will be held from **3:15–4:15pm (PST)** on the following dates:

- Wednesday, November 9th – Non-Fiction Writing
- Wednesday, November 23rd – Narrative Writing
- Wednesday, November 30th – Persuasive Writing
- Wednesday, December 7th – Writing About Reading

Register [HERE](#) for this series



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### Pro-D Day Online Workshops

**12:30 – 2:30pm (PST)**

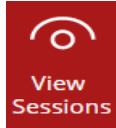
[November 25<sup>th</sup>](#)





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