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Conferences with Curriculum or Initiative Connections:

- STAT (Saskatchewan Teachers of Applied Technologies) is 'Let's get Technical' conference October 18-20 in Regina. Information and registration can be found at www.statonline.ca
- SCWEA - Inspiring New Perspectives Conference 2012 Cypress Hills Resort Inn on Oct. 10-12, 2012. Information and registration can be found at http://ssc.stf.sk.ca/scwea/scwea_conf.html

Teacher Resource Centre

The TRC is always on the search for new resources to support curricula. Follow the link to see the latest additions:

New Professional Resources [April and May 2012](#)

If you discover a great resource that should be added to the TRC's collection, please forward the information to kjasieniuk@srsd119.ca.

Integrated Learning Library

New Resources

- *Embedded Formative Assessment* by Dylan Wiliam
- *The Networked Teacher* by Kira J. Baker-Doyle
- *Digital Learning: Strengthening and Assessing 21st Century Skills* by Ferid Serim

For Department Staff,
please [click here](#).

For Calendar of Events, please
[click here](#).



Leaders Within

Kim Kuperis, a grade 4 teacher in Birch Hills, is certainly a "leader within" and outside of our school division! Kim has been working with Muskoday First Nation Community School on a project that will see both grade 4 classrooms together creating a collaborating art project with local artist Leah Dorion. In addition, Kim and the grade 4 MFNCS teacher have begun planning a SS UbD unit on Treaty 6. What a great experience for both grade 4 classes!

Pam Anderson Klassen (extension 2055)

ELA News

Welcome back everyone! I hope you had a wonderful summer. You will be happy to know that the provincial expressive strand rubrics and writing exemplars for grades 1-10 have been posted on our Curriculum page under Student Evaluation. If you have any questions, please call or email.

Here is a look at initiatives for ELA this year.

ELA 20 – This is a great opportunity for ELA 20 teachers to network and collaborate on UbD planning, assessment, rubrics, and teaching strategies. There will be four inservice days as well as a division coach tied to the project.

Early Literacy (formerly ELP) – Early Literacy inservices and division coaching will be provided for new K-3 and EST teachers.

First Steps in Writing – Offered in January 2013 to interested K-12 teachers.

Kindergarten – A three day initiative is planned that will focus on the environment and documentation of student learning in a played-based environment. Please register on the staff learning calendar.

Strategies Across Curricula - This initiative is directed at **content area teachers**. Please complete the application and send it in.

Questions? Call or email me.



Tracy Bloomquist (extension 2074)

As the newest member of the Integrated Learning Department, I will be working with Linda Greyeyes to support teachers with First Nations and Metis Education, with the focus of curricular integration of Treaty Essential Learnings. My responsibilities also include Arts Education, Band, Social Studies, Native Studies, Health, Physical Education, and Wellness. I am excited to be in this new role and look forward to working with you! Please feel free to contact me by phone, or send me an email at tbloomquist@srsd119.ca.

What are the Treaty Essential Learnings (TEL)?

- TEL 1 Treaties: the who, what, where, when, and why of treaties
- TEL 2 Treaty Relationship: responsibilities and partners involved in the treaty relationship
- TEL 3 History: historical events in the treaty making process
- TEL 4 Worldviews: the differing worldviews of the treaty partners
- TEL 5 Symbolism: meaning behind the symbols and actions used in the treaty making process
- TEL 6 Contemporary Issues: new and current issues related to treaties.

In your school's Treaty Kit you will find grade levelled resources that were based on former SS objectives – be sure to look at the themes and topics in grade levels above and below your current grade as you may find additional information to support specific outcomes in renewed curriculum. For example, Grade 4 SS outcome DR4.3 is best supported with the grade 3 Treaty teacher guide. Additional information, lesson plans, SmartBoard lessons, and videos about the Treaties are available online at www.otc.ca > Teacher wikispaces.

Social Studies Opportunities:

- ♦ **Culture Days!** Besides having the everyday museum experience, the **Prince Albert Historical Museum** will have hands on learning experiences Sept 27 and 28th, from 9am to 4pm. Visit <http://www.historypa.com/> for more information.
- ♦ The 15th annual **Saskatchewan Teachers' Institute on Parliamentary Democracy** will be held from Saturday, April 13 to Wednesday, April 17, 2013. Applications will be accepted until March 1, 2013. The main goals of this Institute are to enhance knowledge and understanding of the workings of Saskatchewan's provincial legislature, to promote the sharing of ideas, resources and methodologies in citizenship education, and to develop and maintain effective strategies for teaching about parliamentary democracy. Saskatchewan teachers in all subject areas and education levels are invited to apply for this non-partisan professional development opportunity. Visit <http://www.legassembly.sk.ca/about/role-speaker/ssti/> for more information.

Corrine Hoffman (extension 2003)

Welcome back to another school year! I am inspired by the continued work of SRPSD in the area of Student Assessment Data. Principals and vice principals are wrapping up the school Learning Improvement Plans from 2011-2012 and are developing those for 2012-2013. These plans demonstrate the goal oriented work done throughout the school division. Our SkoVision school improvement software & our Skopus data warehouse software are building our capacities and efficiencies in working with Student Assessment Data. Progress has been – and continues to be – made on our Skopus Data Warehouse software as we work to have an effective representation of our SRPSD student data and establish an appropriate strategy for increased access to this information. I continue to support school-based administrators with: (1) the development and alignment of school SMART goals; (2) the preparation of Learning Improvement Plans; and (3) the monitoring and analyzing of student assessment data. I will once again visit each school at least four times. Thank you for making me feel welcome when I am in your school!

*“ Education is
not the filling of
a pail, but the
lighting of a
fire.” -*

William Butler Yeats

Sheri Gunville (extension 2012)

Change: How fun to see new little faces, and big ones too? How exciting to get a new laptop or a new Smartboard? How interesting to try new software that has our Saskatchewan Math and ELA outcomes arranged to assist students currently achieving below grade level. However, that's the 90% view of the changes we have. Even though we don't focus on the 10%, change is stressful and it takes time to implement. Here's what's new this month for the SRPSD software year that can help you have fun with the changes you are implementing:

ThoughtStream – A new online survey tool that allows you to ask your class thoughtful questions and organize their answers for consensus and decision making. It's amazing for administrators or community school coordinators to survey staff and parents too.

More Starfall – Early years language and math development JUST renewed (thanks for your patience).

GoApps – The SRPSD version of Google Apps for Education has been nicknamed GoApps. The link is on the students link page for students to access email, make websites, collaborate on documents with others online, etc. More news as this develops next month.

StudentsAchieve – 17 schools are using the new grade book now for K-8 students. All K-8 teachers will have full access for Sept 2013.

SuccessMaker – **NEW** – by request at first, the CAT team coming up, and everyone after that! This online software supports student learning at their level with age appropriate themes and grade appropriate outcomes for math and ELA.

Sheila Cunningham (extension 2062)



Math

Common Assessments

New division common assessments and rubrics for K-9 math will be posted online by mid-October.

Math A30, B30, and C30

Students are able to upgrade the old 30 level courses only if they have taken them before. Contact the registrar's office with the Ministry for further details.

Math 11

A writer has been contracted to write the Math 11 modified course. Timeline for completion is spring 2013 with the course being organized around 4 themes: travel, money, home and recreation, and wellness. Math 11 will be web-based.

Calculus 30

A draft form of the new curriculum document is going to a reference committee. The plan is to have the course on the web by late fall.

Carla Penner-Henry (extension 2064)

Social Studies Certainly' – Convention Session

If you would like to access the online 1-9 resources discussed at the convention session, the Notebook file can be found on the t:drive. T:\Smartboard\Workshop_Files\Convention 2012.

Career Education

Welcome to Brian Linn who is the new Career Education coach for the division. Brian can be contacted at Wesmor 764-5233 or blinn@srsd119.ca.

'Opening Doors to Tomorrow Career Fair' will be held on October 24th from 9:30-3:00. More information will follow!

Middle Level

Teachers still have access to the *Real Game Online Saskatchewan* for their grade 7 and 8 classes. Please contact me if you require access to your school's login information or if you'd like assistance with the game.

Secondary Level

On September 24th teachers are invited to attend a full day training session for myBlueprint, which is a new resource for Grades 8-12. Please register for this workshop on the Staff Learning Calendar.

SIASST is hosting an External Counsellors' Update on October 11th from 10 am – 1 pm. Please register with Christine at nemish@siast.sk.ca.

Do you have some excellent ideas on how to teach students about saving money? If so, share your ideas at mymoneycoach.ca for a chance to win a RESP and an iPad. Further information can be found at www.mymoneycoach.ca.