

Curriculum Connection



Curriculum Connection

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

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



The Ministry of Education is continually adding new suggested resources as they renew curricula. Be sure to check the **SUPPORT MATERIALS** tab for new resources.

Recommended Online Video Resources (ROVER): Educators and students now have access to over 1500 ROVER videos from **anywhere with an internet connection (ie. home)** using their Blackboard login credentials. To access the video resources, go to the Curriculum website <http://www.curriculum.gov.sk.ca/> and click on R.O.V.E.R. in the "Quick Links" section at the bottom right side of the home page. You will be redirected to the Blackboard login where you will be required to **login using your legal first and last names (firstname.lastname) and password, the numeric month and day of your birthday (eg. July 1st would be 0701).**

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
[December 2012](#)

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

Integrated Learning Library

New Resources

- *50 Instructional Routines to Develop Content Literacy* by Douglas Fisher
- *Content-Area Writing* by Harvey Daniels
- *Faster Isn't Smarter* by Cathy L. Seeley
- *Eyes on Math* by Marian Small

REMINDERS

- * The social studies, health and wellness orders have been processed and will be distributed to your schools as they come in. It is your school's responsibility to keep a record that you have received all of your orders.
- * Kindergarten Workshop March 13.
- * Grades 4, 7, and 10 Reading AFL in April 2013.
- * Grade 7 Treaty Essential Learning Survey in April 2013.
- * Grades 5 and 8 Math AFL in May 2013.

Corrine Hoffman (extension 2065)

It's hard to believe we are over half done the school year! The most recent work in the area of Student Assessment Data includes visiting each school a third time, examining the "growth" indicator in school/division goals, exploring the attendance cube in the data warehouse, learning more about graduation rates, and ensuring all school specific goals have a summary indicator.

Here is a little challenge for all you administrators . . . Get into Skopus and do some data exploration in an area of interest to you in the Ad Hoc Analysis component of the warehouse. Email me an Ad Hoc Analysis you create with a brief explanation of what you found/the usefulness of the data/your motivation for looking at that area, etc. (1 or 2 sentences, or just give me a follow up phone call). Be the first to reply with something that impresses me, and I will bring snacks for you and your staff during my next visit to your school (maybe Tim Horton's coffee and goodies?) . . . Not an administrator? Bring this newsletter to the attention of your principal & vice principal so they can win some treats for your staff!

Tracy Bloomquist (extension 2074)

Saskatchewan Ministry of Education recognizes the importance of all Saskatchewan people to have a strong understanding of treaties and the treaty relationship. Treaty education is included throughout the social studies curriculum with specific outcomes that must be taught, but also appears in all other subject areas. Treaty education is more than learning about specific numbered treaties. We are all Treaty people, therefore an understanding of the treaty relationship includes an understanding of the differing worldviews of the treaty partners, then and now.

I am inspired by the effort of teachers to embed First Nations and Metis content, perspectives, and ways of knowing throughout the K-12 curriculum! Together, we can strengthen Treaty education in our schools. Please feel free to contact me by phone or email if you are interested in working together.

Arts Education

Looking for resources connected to First Nation music and dance? Check out these R.O.V.E.R. videos...

- POW WOW - This intimate look at the Big River Cree pow-wow in northern Saskatchewan features behind-the-scenes visits with performers and Elders, as well as mesmerizing footage of many different types of dances, drumming and singing.
- WISDOM KEEPERS - Wes Fine Day, a well-known story teller in Saskatchewan, acts as guide and interpreter at a traditional Aboriginal celebration of dance, commonly referred to as a pow-wow. As the various dance categories are presented, the program explores the meaning and content of the movement, the regalia, and the music. The video also explains where the form of the pow-wow originated, how it has changed, and what it has come to mean in the context of contemporary Aboriginal culture.
- DANCES OF THE FIRST PEOPLE - A ballet dancer and a ballroom dancer pair up with two pow wow dancers at the Kamloops Pow-wow. Through the visitors' experiences, viewers learn about the steps, songs, and regalia, as well as the family atmosphere and friendliness of the First Nations Peoples.

Social Studies

- Grade 7 Treaty Essential Learning Survey is scheduled for May 13-30, 2013.
- Teaching Treaties in the Classroom Workshop day 3 is March 11th at the **TRC**. If you did not attend days 1 & 2, but are interested in joining us for day 3, please call Tracy before registering.

"...the more we learn
about learning, the
more willing we may be
to challenge the idea
that homework has to
be part of schooling" -
Alfie Kohn

The screenshot shows the website for the Office of the Treaty Commissioner. The header includes the logo and the text "Office of the Treaty Commissioner". Below the header is a navigation menu with the following items: HOME, ABOUT TREATIES, EDUCATION WORKSHOPS, TREATY KIT K-12, LEARNING RESOURCES, NEWSLETTERS, SPEAKER'S BUREAU, GRADE 7 SURVEY, NEWS, LEVELHOOD, LINKS, ABOUT US, and WE ARE ALL TREATY PEOPLE. A large banner image shows a group of people in traditional Indigenous regalia with the text "We are all Treaty People". Below the banner are links for "TEACHER'S LOGIN", "SPEAKER'S BUREAU LOGIN", and "TREATY TABLE LOGIN". At the bottom, there is a "CONTACT INFORMATION" section with the following details: Office of the Treaty Commissioner, Bay 215-2553 Grasswood Rd East, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7T 1G8, Phone: 306-244-2100, Fax: 306-667-5654, Email: edcinfo@otc.ca. A large black box with the text "www.otc.ca" is overlaid on the bottom right. Annotations with arrows point to "Request a workshop" (pointing to EDUCATION WORKSHOPS), "LEARNING RESOURCES" (pointing to LEARNING RESOURCES), and "Access Treaty Kit resources and lesson plans in PDF (English and French)" (pointing to TREATY KIT K-12).

Sheri Gunville (extension 2012)

Listening to reading is important to building fluency. Therefore, we now subscribe to TumbleBookCloud which is a collection of videos and chapter books in categories that include: ebooks, read-alongs, graphic novels, Videos (from National Geographic!), and audio books suitable for elementary (TumblebookCloud Jr), middle school, and high school grades. Check out the student links page or your school web page for links.



Pam Anderson Klassen (extension 2055)

Reading AFL

This year there will be a reading AFL for grades 4, 7, and 10. The assessment window for the reading AFL is April 8th – 30th. Students and teachers will not be required to complete the online Opportunity to Learn survey. More information will be sent to principals in mid-March.

Strategies Across Curricula

“History teachers aren’t expected to teach science, math teachers aren’t expected to teach social studies, so why are all teachers expected to teach reading?” (Educational Leadership, March 2012). Teaching the six strands of ELA across curricula is the focus of the Strategies Across Curricula initiative. Content area teachers are learning the importance of teaching students how to read, write, represent, listen, speak, and view material specific to their subject area. For some great strategies, check out the t-drive, smartboard, strategies across curricula.

Sheila Cunningham (extension 2062)

Math

There will be a Math AFL this year for grades 5 and 8. Information and instructions regarding the administration of the assessment will be out in March. The assessment will occur at the end of May.

Science

You and your students can help name the two newest moons of Pluto. Currently named P4 and P5, the two new moons will be named on February 25, 2013 based on the most popular choices. Your students can become involved in the naming process by going to the website and selecting their favourite name or choosing a name not listed. Good luck! <http://www.plutorocks.com/home>

Carla Penner-Henry (extension 2064)

Career Education

As you continue to work with your students to create their career plans, try changing the focus of the discussion from “What do you want to be?” to “What type of life would you like to live?” or “What problem would you like to solve?” By understanding that change with job opportunities is constant, students will be able to better equipped to follow their heart as they focus on their career journey and creating the lives they hope to live.

myBlueprint is now being used by many of our high schools. Students in grades 9-12 can use the resource to plan their high school class selection or to explore their interests and post-secondary options. Grade 8 students are also able to access the resource and discover what classes are available at the high school of their choice. If you’d like more information about the resource, or how to access it for your students, please feel free to contact me.

The 9th annual Contact Conference on career development will be held April 23rd and 24th in Saskatoon. More information about the event can be found on their website. <http://www.contactconference.ca>

PAA

Skills Canada Saskatchewan will be hosting the 15th annual Provincial Skills Competition on April 25th-26th in Saskatoon. If you are interested in registering students for the event, or learning more about the competition, please contact Brian Linn at 764-5233 or blinn@srsd119.ca.