



Curriculum

Curriculum Connection

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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
[February 2013](#)

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

- *Seven Steps to Better Schools* by James G. Lengel
- *The 4 Disciplines of Execution* by Chris McChesney
- *How to Create and Use Rubrics* by Susan M. Brookhart
- *Balanced Literacy Essentials* by Michelann Parr

REMINDERS

- * Grades 4, 7, and 10 Reading AFL in April 2013.
- * Grade 7 Treaty Essential Learning Survey in May 2013.
- * Grades 5 and 8 Math AFL in May 2013.

Corrine Hoffman (extension 2065)

It appears that our StudentsAchieve data is now available for analysis in the Skopus data warehouse! Administrators should be able to examine student results for both the old and new report cards – including the # of marks in the red, yellow, blue, and green for each outcome or strand or subject and/or the % of at and above grade level marks in each outcome or strand or subject. Please contact me if you require assistance with this process.

I'm still waiting for a "taker" on my February newsletter 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?) . . . & if you are 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)

Thank you to all those who attended the Teaching Treaties in the Classroom workshop series! Day 1 and 2 highlights included OTC facilitators sharing valuable knowledge on the history of treaties as well as First Nation's Elder Howard Walker sharing cultural teachings, his life experiences under the Indian Act, and contemporary issues. Day 3 included continued teacher collaboration and work on developing lessons to meet curricular outcomes. A huge thank you to all participants for sharing the lessons and UbD units you are creating for the COW!

If you are a grade 4 or 7 teacher interested in exploring outcomes directly related to treaty education, deepening your understanding and knowledge of Treaty Essential Learnings (TELs), and increasing confidence in teaching treaties in the classroom, you may be interested in these upcoming PD opportunities:

- Grade 7 TEL Afterschool Workshops scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, Wednesday, March 27 and Tuesday, April 9 at the Education Centre.
- Grade 4 Treaty Education Workshop on Thursday, April 11, 2013, at the TRC.

The grade 7 Treaty Essential Learning Survey is scheduled to be administered May 11-30. The survey assesses student knowledge and understanding of treaties. For more information contact me at tbloomquist@srsd119.ca.

Sheri Gunville (extension 2012)

Technology advances at rates we can't plan for or budget for in these times. The advent of personal cell phones that can become hot spots or their own wireless internet providers provide new opportunities for personal productivity, but also provide new technical and legal issues for teachers. The 'Hotspot Not' poster in all staff rooms reminds us that using your own hotspot leaves you legally vulnerable, and it also interferes with our current wireless infrastructure. We are working to provide guest wireless and improvements to those services to all our schools

"If at any time in the instructional process, students demonstrate that they've learned the concepts well and mastered the intended learning goals, doesn't that make all previous information on their learning of those concepts inaccurate and invalid?" Thomas R. Guskey



Pam Anderson Klassen (extension 2055)

Rubrics

The provincial ELA rubrics for all six strands have now been completed. They are posted on our website on the Integrated Learning Department website – Student Assessment tab. For writing exemplars, please click on the link to the SPDU website.

Reading AFL (Gr. 4, 7, 10) Reminders

An email with the assessment materials, including the answer key and rubric, will be sent to administrators by March 22nd. This year it is up to the schools to copy the assessment booklets. Students may write their names on their materials as they will not be sent in to the division. The assessment timeline is April 8th – 30th. Teachers are asked to mark the assessments and enter the data into the SRSD database by May 10th. If you have any questions regarding the assessment, please contact Pam Anderson Klassen at panderson@srsd119.ca or 764-1571 ext. 2055.

Kindergarten

March 13th is our last workshop day. Time will be spent networking with each other to discuss and create invitations, assessment rubrics/ checklists, and embedding reading and writing throughout the classroom. I look forward to hearing all of the wonderful learning experiences taking place in our kindergarten classrooms.

March 4th – 28th is the timeline for EDI.

Sheila Cunningham (extension 2062)

Math

The administration of the Math AFL for grades 5 and 8 will occur between May 27 and June 7. Exam packages will be emailed to schools on May 17, 2013. Watch for further details in the future.

There is still time to register for the SUM conference in Saskatoon on May 3 & 4, 2013. Dan Meyer and Marian Small are the keynote speakers. This is a great opportunity for math professional development that is close to home. For more information, you can go to the following website, <http://smts.ca/sum-conference>.

Science

Sciematics 2013 is on May 9 – 11, 2013 at the University of Saskatchewan. Areas of interest include: 21st Century Skills, assessment, inquiry, differentiated instruction, curriculum renewal (middle years and secondary). The keynote speaker is Alan Nursall from the Discovery Channel. For more information, you can go to the following website: <http://www.sciematics.com/#details>.

Carla Penner-Henry (extension 2064)

Career Education

Did you know that myBlueprint contains 36 lesson plans for grades 9-12? The lesson plans can be found in the Educator Resource link on your Dashboard page. With summer approaching (quickly, I hope), students may be interested in writing resumes and cover letters or preparing for interviews. All of these topics are included as lesson plans on myBlueprint!

The 9th annual CONTACT Conference is scheduled for April 23rd- 24th, 2013 at the Travelodge Hotel in Saskatoon. More information can be found on the conference site <http://www.contactconference.ca>.

The Saskatchewan Business Teachers Association (SBTA) Conference is planned for April 11- 12 at Campbell Collegiate in Regina. The deadline to apply for the conference is March 19th, 2013 (<http://www.sbtaonline.ca>).

PAA

Thank you to all of the students who participated in the Entrepreneurship Event. We received positive feedback from many community members in regards to our students' creativity and strong collaborative skills as they worked with their team members to develop a marketing plan for the Lemonade Game. Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the event!

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, please contact Brian Linn blinn@srsd119.ca.

