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• To Register Click the Link Below

# Ready, Set, Go!

## SRPSD Summer Conference Guide

Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2026.

**You are invited to join us for our Ready, Set, Go Summer Conference.**

This is an optional professional development opportunity for all educational associates, library staff, school social workers, mentors, teacher candidates, substitute teachers, teachers, Inclusive Education Coaches, Dreamcatcher Coaches, Literacy Support Teachers, and administrators.

Sessions are being held at the Education Centre, Little Red and our Sweat will be held outside of Prince Albert (TBD).

Please check the session descriptions for the location of your session.

*This learning opportunity does not fall under the LOU: Compensation for School Division Operated Voluntary Professional Development Outside of School Hours During the School Division Calendar year, as it does not fall within the school division calendar year.*

You will be required to register for your session(s) by **June 25, 2026 (midnight)**

**Register via the [Professional Development Calendar](#)**

# Morning Sessions

## AI in Action Practical Tools for Today's Classroom

**Audience:** All Teachers & Administrators \ **Time:** 9:00 - 11:45 a.m. \ **Seats:** 25 \ **Presenter:** Stacey Monette

Curious about AI but not sure where to start? Or ready to take your teaching to the next level with tools that actually save you time?

Join us for an energizing, half-day, hands-on session designed specifically for educators who want practical, classroom-ready ways to use AI starting tomorrow.

This is not a sit-and-get session. You'll explore, create, and leave with ready-to-use resources for your own classroom.

**Bring:** Laptop & charging cord & a sunny disposition    **Location:** Education Centre

## Into the Woods Risky Play & Little Red's Secret Wonders

**Audience:** PreK- Grade 9 Teachers \ **Time:** 9:00 - 11:45 a.m. \ **Seats:** 25 \ **Presenter:** Kayla Vandale

This session introduces educators to the powerful concept of risky play—why it matters, how it supports children's confidence, resilience, and decision-making, and how to incorporate it safely into your practice.

**Step into Little Red**—a *forest* of possibility—where learning meets adventure.

This engaging session introduces the foundations of risky play while exploring Little Red's different trails as pathways for growth.

Discover how each trail supports key learning areas, inspiring children to build confidence, resilience, and curiosity through brave, meaningful exploration.

**Bring:** Running Shoes, lawn chair and water bottle    **Location:** Little Red River Park

## So You're New to Teaching Middle Years ...Now What?

**Audience:** Grades 5-8 \ **Time:** 9:00 - 11:45 a.m. \ **Seats:** 25 \ **Presenter:** Darlana Harding & Kristin Bates

Curious about where to begin as a middle years teacher? Join us for a practical 2.5-hour session designed specifically for educators who are new to teaching middle years.

Together, we'll explore key literacy and math essentials, classroom-ready strategies, and helpful tools that can support you right from the start.

This is a focused, engaging session filled with ideas, examples, and resources you can use immediately in your classroom. Whether you're looking for support with literacy instruction, math foundations, or simply figuring out "*now what?*", this workshop will help you start the year with greater clarity and confidence.

**Bring:** Laptop, charging cord & a sunny disposition    **Location:** Education Centre

## Supporting Neurodivergence Through a Universal Approach

**Audience:** Grades 1-8 \ **Time:** 9:00 - 11:45 a.m. \ **Seats:** 25 \ **Presenters:** Karen Sinoski & Diana Isbister

Meeting the needs of students can sometimes feel like an ominous feat due to the variety of learner profiles in our classrooms.

Join us to discover strategies that may be targeted at a few but beneficial for all students.

This is a revamped version of the Universal Strategies PD that was offered a few years back.

**Bring:** Nothing    **Location:** Education Center-Seminar East

## Intro to VTRA/ARTO

**Audience:** Everyone \ **Time:** 9:00 - 11:45 a.m. \ **Seats:** 20 \ **Presenter:** Kelly Gerhardt

This half-day introductory session to VTRA/ARTO is designed to provide participants with a foundational understanding of Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) and the concepts that guide the process.

Participants will explore key principles, common terminology, the importance of early intervention, and the collaborative approach used in supporting student safety and well-being.

Please note that this session is intended as an overview and introduction only and does not replace official VTRA/ARTO training or certification.

**Bring:** Nothing

**Location:** TBD

## Afternoon Sessions

### Ramped up Read Alouds

**Audience:** Pre K - Gr. 3 Teachers \ **Time:** 1:00 - 3:30pm \ **Seats:** 15 \ **Presenter:** Kathleen Schwartzenberger

Reading with children in small groups is an impactful way to teach the 5 components of literacy - especially vocabulary and comprehension.

Join me for an afternoon of exploring children's books that lend themselves to awesome interactive reading experiences.

Each participant will receive 4 hardcover children's books with lesson plans created for you.

This session will also include an overview of the upcoming ABC & Beyond Training offered to interested teachers during the 2026-2027 school year.

**Bring:** Nothing    **Location:** Education Center-Board Room

# Full Day Session

## Sweat

**Audience:** Everyone \ **Time:** 9:00am - 3:30pm \ **Seats:** 20

**Presenters:** Theresa Thorsen & Elder/Knowledge Keeper

You are invited to experience a sweat ceremony with one of our Traditional Knowledge Keepers/Elders from our advisory committee.

In their gentle way, they will share the teachings of the sweat both while building it together and throughout the ceremony.

If you have never experienced a sweat before, this is a great first opportunity.

All are welcome. However, women on their moon time may attend for the teachings but as is custom, may not participate in the actual ceremony.

If you are unsure as to why, please feel free to contact Theresa.

All protocol will be provided.

Those registered will be contacted with more specific details.

The sweat will be held out of town, car pooling may be arranged.

**\*This is tentative, based on numbers and which Knowledge Keepers/Edlers are available.**

**Bring:** Water, Towel Dress in Cotton    **Location:** Out of Town-TBD