

Interschool Collaboration Session – March 19, 2021

Session Listings

1. *How Do I Support Speech and Language Practice in the Classroom*

Location: Virtual

Time: 9:00 am to Noon

Presenter: Whitney Barabiuk, SLP with SWCSS

Contact: Jennifer Kewley @ kewleyj@lrsd.ab.ca

If you are interested in exploring the following topics:

- How to determine if speech sound production is accurate
- How to support key language areas (i.e. vocabulary and grammar) in natural settings
- How to explain speech sound placement

Join **Whitney Baraniuk, SLP** with SWCSS, in a virtual presentation

Please RSVP to Jennifer Kewley @ kewleyj@lrsd.ab.ca . A google link will be email to you prior to the session.

2. *Looking for Industry Experts to help connect curriculum to world out there?*

Location: Virtual

Time: 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

Presenter: Various

Contact: Christina Bazell bazellc@lrsd.ab.ca

Join in the conversation with experts who actively engage in presentations/programs directly connected to Alberta Education Curriculum outcomes. Our presenters (Junior Achievement, Working Wild, Alberta Beef, VIBE are a few) will cover K-12 options in science, math, health, art, design and humanities.

All presentations will be virtual and run approximately 30 min each, 8:30 am to 1:30 pm.

To register, email bazellc@lrsd.ab.ca

3. *Outdoor Classrooms: the Early Stages - Part I*

Location: Virtual

Time: 9:00am - Noon

Presenter: Madison Dovell

Contact: Madison Dovell @ dovellm@lrsd.ab.ca

Link: <https://meet.google.com/ydk-xtsd-hrx>

At West Meadow, we are currently working in partnership with our parent council to build an outdoor classroom, or maybe a few! The main focus of this session will be to share information regarding outdoor classrooms (ex. what I've learned so far, some of our ideas, how you could start this at your school). Depending on time and attendance, we would love to talk with other schools about their current outdoor set-ups and collaborate to solve challenges that we're facing already. To register, send me an email - please include topics of interest, so I can better prepare! Check out Part 2 for the more hands-on component of the day!

Please RSVP to: dovellm@lrsd.ab.ca

4. *Outdoor Classrooms: the Early Stages - Part 2*

Location: Virtual

Time: 1:00pm – 3:30 pm

Presenter: Madison Dovell

Contact: Madison Dovell @ dovellm@lrsd.ab.ca

Link: <https://meet.google.com/foj-qovj-kjf>

After our morning of discussion and planning, we're going to head out into our backyard for more hands-on planning and collaboration, (following current COVID restrictions). Depending on attendance, we can do any number of things including rock painting (to prepare for a literacy garden), collect/organize/prep loose parts, mark out locations for certain learning stations, etc. If there is something you're interested in working on or knowing more about, let me know and we can make that happen! If you want to attend virtually in the afternoon, I will set up my laptop outside at our meeting place and we can continue to work together, while apart. If you're interested in joining us, send me an email and please let me know if there are any specific projects you would like to work on.

Please RSVP to: dovellm@lrsd.ab.ca

5. *Encouraging Language Development in Early Childhood Settings - Hanen*

Location: Virtual

Time: 8:30am – 1:30pm

Presenter: Sandi Harrower & Lisa Furukawa

The foundation training of Encouraging Language Development in Early Childhood Setting addresses how educators and staff can use everyday conversations, play and daily routines to promote the communication and social development of all children.

Participants learn how to:

- Identify children's conversational styles and the role teachers play in interactions
- Implement six steps to following the child's lead: Observe, Wait and Listen, Be Face to Face, Imitate, Interpret, Comment, and Join in and Play
- Help children become better conversation partners by using appropriate questions, comments and turn-taking cues
- Use five important steps to ensure that no child is left out of the interaction during group activities

Please RSVP Jenn Kewley @ kewleyj@lrsd.ab.ca to register – space is limited.

6. *Sharing Our Stories – Indigenous Books, Stories and Experiences*

Location: Virtual

Time: 9:00 - 3:00

Presenter: Various

Contact: Sandra Lamouche @ lamouches@lrsd.ab.ca

Join our four presenters as they share indigenous books, stories and experiences. Please see the attached [poster](#) for more information and the virtual links.

Please RSVP to Sandra @ lamouches@lrsd.ab.ca in case of technical difficulties.

7. *Edsby – New K-6 Gradebook Overview*

Location: Virtual

Time: 8:30 - 12:00

Presenter: LRSD Technology Team & Karen Wood from Edsby

Link: <https://meet.google.com/xgr-ykxx-hch>

This session is for any K-6 staff interested in reviewing the new gradebook

We will explore the functionality of the program and the potential opportunities this change in software will bring. Karen Wood from Edsby will walk us through the different components of the program and answer questions that may arise. LRSD staff will be on hand to answer questions about the process. Time permitting, staff will dive into the demo site to access the program.

Please RSVP to Jenn Kewley @ kewleyj@lrsd.ab.ca

8. **Emerging Stronger Session**

Location: Virtual.

Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm

Presenter: David George

Contact: Jennifer Kewley @ kewleyj@lrsd.ab.ca

“Our most difficult experiences become the crucibles that forge our character and develop the internal powers, the freedom to handle difficult circumstances in the future and to inspire others to do so as well”.
- Stephen R. Covey

We are hopeful that you will be able to join us for an exciting virtual, personal and professional development session on Friday, March 19th. We ask that you RSVP by March 17th.

We are excited to provide this personal and professional learning gift to our staff. We believe it is a powerful message that has the ability to inspire hope and change during these challenging times.

David George, former principal of the first Leader In Me School in Canada, Crestwood Elementary in Medicine Hat, will be facilitating this session. David is a tireless champion of inspiring others to live a principled centred life. He has taught and modelled that living a principled centred life is not only effective but it is the only way we can thrive in the face of change and adversity.

Through this session participants will

- Assess and reframe their experience using the Change Model.
- Prioritize whole-person wellness to grow capacity to thrive in stressful situations.
- Help students navigate change by teaching hope through goal-setting, planning, and agency
- And be given the tools to Emerge Stronger!

Please see the [Emerging Stronger Poster](#) and look forward to seeing you there!

Please RSVP Jenn Kewley @ kewleyj@lrsd.ab.ca to register by March 17th.

9. **Edsembli – New SIS Admin User Intro & Training**

Location: Virtual

Time: 9:00 - 12:30

Presenter: LRSD Technology Team & Kathleen Higgins from Edsembli

Contact: Melanie Housenga @ housengam@lrsd.ab.ca

This session is for all admin assistants and any other users of the admin side of our SIS student database.

We will learn about searching for and maintaining the student record along with class information/ timetables and how to use the online self-guided training modules. Kathleen Higgins from Edsembli will walk us through the different components of the program and answer questions that may arise. LRSD staff will be on hand to answer questions about the process.

Please RSVP to housengam@lrsd.ab.ca

10. *Planning for Poetry in a Humanities Environment*

Location: Virtual

Time: 9:00am - 3:30pm

Presenter: Clair Hockley

Contact: Clair Hockley @ hockleyc@lrsd.ab.ca

Interested in planning for poetry in a humanities environment? Please email me if you are interested and I will send you the link.

Contact email: Please RSVP to hockleyc@lrsd.ab.ca

11. *Fun with Google!*

Location: Virtual

Time: 9:00 - Noon

Presenter: Merry Franz

Contact: Merry Franz @ franzm@lrsd.ab.ca

Link: <https://meet.google.com/xtq-iohd-xdw>

Join this virtual session where we will look at a few different bits as we add “tools to your Google toolbox” Whether you teach face to face or virtually, this session will give you skills to further engage your students.

- Use Slides for posters/ magazine covers (editing tips and tricks)
- Show you how you can use the Table of Contents feature on Docs to organize your longer handouts/ notes for students and for you!
- Use Bookmarks to link within a document

Some free Chrome Add-ons

- Introduce you to PollEverywhere - students can have a say, and help guide class discussion!
- Introduce you to Flipgrid (so students can submit answers using quick video responses)
- Introduce you to Edpuzzle (students watch part of a video, answer questions, and keep watching)
- Introduce you to Quizizz - similar to Kahoot, but on a new level! Many different versions of quizzes & study aids - works well with Classroom
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12. *Kids in the Know*

Location: Virtual

Time: 1:00pm - 3:30pm

Presenter: Allana Ball

Contact: Allana Ball @ balla@lrsd.ab.ca

Link: meet.google.com/iqq-ijzm-pfx

Kids in the Know is the Canadian Centre for Child Protection's national safety education program. The Grade 1 team is going to look at the Kids in the Know teacher resource, to create engaging lessons that will help build skills that increase our kids personal safety and reduce their risk of victimization online and offline. If you are not Grade 1 please bring the Kids in the Know teacher resource for your grade.

13. *Vertical planning for Grade 4-6 Numeracy and Literacy*

Location: Virtual

Time: 9:00am - 3:30pm – (9:00-12:00 Numeracy focus) (1:00-3:00 Literacy focus)

Presenter: Ian Crawford, Marnie Davidson

Contact: Allana Ball @ balla@lrsd.ab.ca

Link: (virtual link will be shared to those that RSVP)

These sessions will prioritize the essential skills and concepts in literacy and numeracy for students in Grades 4 through 6. We will also be developing a continuum of support and interventions of research based, high impact instructional strategies to support progressions of literacy and numeracy at these grade levels. Please RSVP to crawfordi@lrsd.ab.ca or davidsonm@lrsd.ab.ca.

14. *Seesaw Professional Learning Community*

Location: Virtual

Time: 1:00am - 3:30pm

Presenter: Kara Kulak, Denea Beer

Contact: kulakk@lrsd.ab.ca or beerd@lrsd.ab.ca

Link: <https://web.seesaw.me/pioneer-program>

After the one hour training session, we will explore Seesaw more deeply. We will also be taking some time to move Microsoft items to Google with the hope of using them in Seesaw. A link will be sent out for a google meet to all participants. If you are interested please sign up for the Pioneer program in Seesaw with the link above.

15. *Cross Curricular Year-end Project*

Location: Virtual

Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm

Presenter: Charlene Baxter

Contact: baxterc@lrsd.ab.ca

Link: <https://meet.google.com/lookup/hu5h34jb7o>

Please join to finalize the development of these projects; determine dates.

16. *Foods Teachers: Planning and Strategy Sharing*

Location: Virtual

Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm

Presenter: Sara MacLachlan

Contact: maclachlans@lrsd.ab.ca

Link: (virtual link will be shared to those that RSVP)

This session will be focused on sharing kitchen practices, lab expectations, and student roles in non-industrial kitchens. Please RSVP to maclachlans@lrsd.ab.ca and you will receive the link.

17. *A Look at Elementary Math Online Resources*

Location: Virtual

Time: 9:00am - 3:30pm

Presenter: Andrew Walmsley

Contact: Andrew Walmsley @ walmsleya@lrsd.ab.ca

Link: meet.google.com/umr-mgdx-byb

We will spend the day exploring and sharing our favorite online math resources. We will look at math resources created by Steve Wyborne, Berkeley Everett, Graham Fletcher, Pam Harris, Robert Kaplinsky and other math education specialists. Come prepared to share your favorite websites with the group or come and find new, interesting ways to spice up your math elementary math program.

18. *Place-Based Outdoor Exploration in Crowsnest Pass ***Space is Limited***

Location: Outdoor (Following COVID Restrictions)

Time: 9:00am - 3:30pm

Presenter: Stacey Wright, Laura Pollice, Matt Hennig

Contact: Matt Hennig @ hennigm@lrsd.ab.ca

Meet: Meet in the parking lot of CCHS at 9am

Join us to explore some outdoor place-based opportunities in and around the mountains of Crowsnest Pass. Depending on weather and snow conditions, we will either snowshoe or hike to destinations that would be appropriate for junior or senior high students. We will discuss how to make connections to topics in social studies, art, PE, outdoor pursuits, indigenous knowledge, and science, as well as what preparations teachers need to make before taking students on outdoor place-based trips.

The day will be spent outside being active, so please dress and pack appropriately. Equipment that is recommended includes: face mask (required), sunglasses, plenty of water, sunscreen, packable lunch and snacks, a base layer, mid layer, and weather resistant outer layer, gloves or mitts, toque, backpack, extra dry socks, and winter boots. Snowshoes are provided if needed. Participants will need to drive themselves to the trail heads and parking areas from CCHS.

Registration: Please register before Thursday, Mar 18 by emailing Matt Hennig at hennigm@lrsd.ab.ca.

– Limit of 10 people.

19. *Games Math People Play*

Location: Virtual/MHHS Learning Commons (COVID Protocols in effect)

Time: 9:00am - Noon

Presenter: Kevin Sheen

Contact: Kevin Sheen @sheenk@lrsd.ab.ca

There are so many wonderful games that build upon math skills for students of every ability. This session is a chance to play a variety of games and see how they can be incorporated into your math instruction. Bring your favourite game to play or play a game from the collection here at Matthew Halton High School.

Please RSVP Kevin Sheen at sheenk@lrsd.ab.ca

20. *Math - Building a Thinking Classroom*

Location: Virtual

Time: 9:00am - Noon

Presenter: Beverly McNutt

Contact: Beverly McNutt mcnuttb@lrsd.ab.ca

Link: meet.google.com/uij-koav-bkv

Participants in the current online PD session with Peter Lilledahl will be gathering to discuss math pedagogy and how to implement ideas from the workshop. Primary focus will be gr 7-9 math. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. - The afternoon is that you can tailor the ideas to your specific classroom.

21. *Explore the Pincher Creek Disc Golf Course* *****Space is Limited****

Location: Matthew Halton High School (COVID Protocols in effect)

Time: 1 :00pm – 3:30pm

Presenter: Neil Lamont

Contact: Neil Lamont lamontn@lrsd.ab.ca

Physical activity is an important aspect of wellness for both students and staff. Disc Golf is a Covid friendly activity that will get you moving outdoors. This session will cover the basics of how to play disc golf, basic throwing techniques and explain what the numbers on a golf disc actually mean. Please RSVP to Neil Lamont @ lamontn@lrsd.ab.ca.

22. *Grade 3 Fractured Fairy Tale and Writing at Horace Allen School*

Location: Virtual

Time: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Presenter: Kayla Marra & Tammy Gregory

Contact: Kayla Marra @ marrak@lrsd.ab.ca

Link: (virtual link will be shared to those that RSVP)

In this session the grade 3 team at Horace Allen is preparing for a Fractured Fairy Tale Book club and writing sessions. If you are interested in what we are doing and seeing how it would work in your classroom, please RSVP to marrak@lrsd.ab.ca.

23. *Developing a Year Long School Wellness Plan*

Location: Virtual

Time: 8:30am – 12:00pm

Presenter: Greg Freer, Bryan Burns

Contact: Bryan Burns burnsb@lrsd.ab.ca

Link: (virtual link will be shared to those that RSVP)

After a year of ups and downs we will be looking at ways to make wellness an area of focus for staff during the 2021-2022 school year from an administrative perspective. Please RSVP to Bryan Burns @ burnsb@lrsd.ab.ca.

24. *Livingstone Range SD Field Trips*

Location: Virtual

Time: 1:00pm – 3:30pm

Presenter: Kate Cope, Terry Edwards, Carol McNally, Kayli Ledsham

Contact: Kate Cope copek@lrsd.ab.ca

Link: (virtual link will be shared to those that RSVP)

Everyone loves a good field trip! The best ones are those that are fully connected to the Alberta Programs of Study, are accessible and affordable for families and schools, and are engaging. While these trips are off the table right now, and changes to the Program of Studies are on the way, we have an amazing wealth of sites and resources that we may not even know are so close to home.

We are looking to take advantage of the local resources, history, and cultural opportunities found within, or close to, the boundaries of the Livingstone Range School Division, as alternatives to taking field trips to Calgary. We are also looking for ways to incorporate First Nations, Metis, and Inuit perspective and history. These sites might include, but are not limited to, the University of Lethbridge, local wetlands and forests including Waterton Lakes National Park, and Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump.

The first part of our session will involve coming together in a Google Meet to brainstorm possibilities for field trips within our division. We will then independently, or with our school cohort, research sites, locations, museums, interpretive centers, and any other location that would support classroom learning, and be fun! Finally, this information will be compiled in a Google Doc for future reference, hopefully sooner than later! This session is open to all grade levels.

25. *Physical Education Chat and backyard games* *****Space is Limited****

Location: Matthew Halton High School/Virtual (COVID Protocols in effect)

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Presenter: Randy Whitehead

Contact: Randy Whitehead whiteheadra@lrsd.ab.ca

Link: (virtual link will be shared to those that RSVP)

9:00am – 12:00pm - we will participate in a variety of backyard activities (bocce ball, cornhole, ladder game to name a few). During the games we will discuss and chat about Physical Education topics (assessment, current practices, how classes are going during Covid-19 and much more).

1:00pm - 3:00pm - we will have virtual discussions. Link will be provided. Please RSVP to Randy Whitehead whiteheadra@lrsd.ab.ca. Space is limited as we will follow COVID-19 protocols.

26. *Indigenizing the Grade One Social Studies Curriculum*

Location: Virtual

Time: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Presenter: Georgia Hansen

Contact: Georgia Hansen @ hanseng@lrsd.ab.ca

Link: <https://meet.google.com/waw-kyfz-wvc>

A workbee for grade one teachers to create an indigenized unit for Moving Forward with the Past. We will work together to share resources, collaborate, and create the scope, sequence, and lessons for this unit that will focus on the incorporation of Niitsitapi history, values, culture, and worldview.

27. *Building Numeracy Continuum of Supports*

Location: Virtual

Time: 12:30pm – 3:30pm

Presenter: Alli Martin

Contact: Alli Martin martina@lrsd.ab.ca

Link: meet.google.com/ttk-skom-fdy

Developing our Numeracy Continuum of Supports, specifically tiers 1 and 2. We will be exploring universal math strategies and looking at how we differentiate in our classrooms when teaching numeracy. Please RSVP to Alli Martin martina@lrsd.ab.ca

Please join us if you are interested in exploring the following topics:

- Building a continuum of support for Numeracy
- Exploring Numeracy Strategies
- Differentiation in the math classroom

28. *Investigate Becoming an Ecoschool*

Location: Virtual

Time: 1:00pm – 3:30pm

Presenter: Lesley Margetak

Contact: Lesley Margetak margetakm@lrsd.ab.ca

Link: meet.google.com/ire-ayhz-qxr

Ecoschools Canada has a certification process for applying to become a certified Ecoschool just recently opened to all of Canada. There are a variety of levels of certification depending upon the projects undertaken etc. We hope to investigate the criteria and identify some inquiry projects suitable for our own students, families, staff and communities that may align with environmental/outdoor work we are doing and curricular outcomes. A landscape designer we have partnered with through ACEE (Alberta Council of Environmental Education) "Connecting Professionals to Classrooms" Program will be with us for the first half hour.

29. *Creating Community in the Classroom with Laurie MacIntosh*

Location: Virtual

Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Presenter: Laurie MacIntosh

Contact: Shannon Wickett wicketts@lrsd.ab.ca or Jolene Becker beckerj@lrsd.ab.ca

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/98196597389?pwd=UHdOWjUrcnZSZ0I2MnpHMVpPQjQ0QT09>

Laurie is a kindergarten teacher currently teaching in Southern Alberta who has a passion for being a connected educator, for community collaborations and for all things kindness in the classroom. Laurie will be sharing some of her classroom projects and strategies that could be modified and adapted at multiple grade levels. She will also share some information about her upcoming book, co-authored with Dr. Jody Carrington, "Teachers These Days." Check out [Laurie's Blog](#) to learn more!

Please join us if you are interested in exploring the following topics:

- Fostering a sense of community connection in the classroom
- Classroom projects and strategies
- Community collaborations that are sure to inspire you
- An upcoming BOOK co-authored with Dr. Jody Carrington!

Please RSVP to Shannon Wickett wicketts@lrsd.ab.ca

30. *Leader In Me Resource Exploration and Sharing*

Location: Virtual

Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Presenter: Carmen McDowell mcdowellc@lrsd.ab.ca

Contact: Carmen McDowell

Link: (virtual link will be shared to those that RSVP)

At West Meadow, we have been starting our journey with the 7 Habits. This session will allow for time to explore the Leader in Me website to find resources to implement in our classrooms. We will also be sharing ideas and resources that we are currently using in our classrooms and schools. Please RSVP to mcdowellc@lrsd.ab.ca