

Interschool Collaboration Session – March 15, 2024

Session Listings

1. Social Studies Highschool Collaborative Projects Meeting

Contact/Presenter: Rob Tkachuk

Location: Crowsnest Consolidated High School or via google meet

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

Senior High schools collaborated on a multi school Social 10 capstone activity in the past. We will go over the logistics of doing this again as well as explore some other possible projects.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

2. Tech Tips and Tricks 101

Contact/Presenter: Chad Kuzyk / Everfi, Gizmo, Renaissance Learning

Location: Virtual

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

Come join us as we explore three different educational software. We will spend about an hour on each program learning how to best implement and utilize the information.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

3. Bring Needle and Wet Felting to the Next Level

Contact/Presenter: Shanan Hunter

Location: F.P. Walshe School

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

Have you ever been interested in learning how to needle felt and or wet felt? This session will take you through some basic needle felting techniques as well as beginner wet felting. Then we will combine these two techniques to create beautiful and unique work of art. Please bring a color photocopy of a portrait that you would like to use for this work shop. This session is suitable for teachers who teach grades 6-12. All materials will be provided.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

Session Cancelled

4. What's New in Career Development Circles – both in the classroom and beyond!

Contact/Presenter: Lettie Croskery

Location: Willow Creek Composite High School

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

Lettie has just returned from the annual Cannexus Career Development conference in Ottawa (January 2024), learning from and connecting with over 100 career development professionals worldwide. She would like to share with others some of the new resources available to help guide our students in identifying and progressing towards a fulfilling life path. Opportunities for sharing what you as LRSD staff are doing to promote and provide career development opportunities for our K-12 students will be available as well as a chance for networking and collaboration time with one of the two Career Practitioners working in our division.

Session Cancelled

5. Leveraging Land for Learning!

Space is Limited

Contact/Presenter: Jason Clifton

Location: PEAKS Campus & Chinook Lake Provincial Park

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

Come explore how to increase engagement and make learning more relevant by inviting students to learn about the environment and ecology in and around their communities. During this session, we will explore examples of how PEAKS has leveraged the surrounding land to create curricular-connected experiential learning opportunities for students. See how you can blend outcome-based learning, leadership and outdoor pursuits to create highly impactful, authentic learning experiences for your students. Please ensure that you bring your laptop for lesson planning, but also be prepared to spend much of the day outside exploring the land and cross-country skiing (weather dependent) in Chinook Lake Provincial Recreation Area. We have lots of extra cross-country equipment available to lend out for the day. Jason Clifton will be barbequing for lunch. Hamburgers (or veggie burgers) and fruit will be provided free of charge through a generous donation. Space is limited to 20 people.

RSVP on a first come first serve basis by completing this [Google Form](#).

6. WRaP 2.0 FASD Coaching and Strategies to Support

Contact/Presenter: Johannah Wirzba / Danna Ormstrup

Location: Crossroads Room 115 (GR Davis Building)

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

The Wellness Resiliency and Partnership (WRaP) project provided school-based individualized mentorship and coaching supports for children and youth with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) in schools. The WRaP 2.0: FASD Coaching Partnership Project is a five-year collaboration (February 2021 to January 2026) between the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Community and Social Services and Alberta's 12 FASD Service Networks that seeks to maintain the same goals as the WRaP Project while extending supports province wide. Through the services of FASD Instructional Coaches, including at-the-elbow assistance and professional development, school authority staff will be supported to enhance their capacity to meet the education needs of students with FASD (Early Childhood Services – Grade 12). Come learn about FASD, learn to recognize signs in your students, and then learn HOW TO HELP!.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#)

7. Working with Explosive/Noncompliant Children and Adolescents Level 2 Collaborative Problem Solving

Contact/Presenter: Lisa Furukawa / Kent Hollingsworth

Location: Division Office

Space is Limited

Time: 9:00am – 2:00pm

- Explore a variety of child, adolescent, and adult case scenarios and develop action plans using the CPS approach and the assessment of Lagging Skills and Unsolved Problems (ALSUP).
- Learn how to apply the CPS philosophy to those with special needs and non-verbal individuals.
- Troubleshoot common errors people make in the 3 steps of CPS.
- Role play and practice key components of the CPS approach.

8. Talking Brains

Contact/Presenter: Lisa Furukawa / Dallin Ellingson (SLP), Nathan Grigg (OT), Erin Stonehocker (PT)

Location: Division Office

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

This session focuses on how your SWCSS team (OT, SLP, and PT) can support middle and high school students. Specifically, we will discuss the “Talking Brains” group sessions available for older students, some great technology that can be used to support student participation, and how to complete effective movement breaks that support regulation and gross motor skill development. Talking brains is a program that targets social skills in a neuro-affirming manner as well as teaching students about their brains and how to support their own executive functioning skills.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

9. How to Help the Struggling Readers in Your Class

Contact/Presenter: Chad Kuzyk / Dr. Karrah

Location: WA Day School

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

Dr. Deborah Karrah will share the practices she uses with struggling readers to scaffold reading instruction and intervention. This will include effective strategies for word decoding as well as differentiating phonics lessons based upon your students' needs.

Dr. Karrah is an experienced educator who is a Foundational Literacy specialist and Certified Orton-Gillingham instructor. In her private practice, she offers reading remediation and writing support for children who have dyslexia and dysgraphia.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

10. Admin Assistant – What's New and Upcoming

Contact/Presenter: Mel Housenga

Location: Virtual

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

This session is for Administrative Assistants. We will be discussing changes and data entry. Areas we will talk about include Transportation, New PASI end point, Data Validation & FOIP Review.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

11. Skills Regional Prep (Cabinetry/Carpentry)

Contact/Presenter: Zach Harris

Location: Matthew Halton High School

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

In this session students will be working alongside teachers in preparation for the skills regional competition for carpentry and cabinetry. If you have students competing in these competitions and would like to get some extra practice in before competition day this is a great opportunity. We plan on offering an online option if you would prefer to work with students at your own school. The plan is to meet online at 9 and review plans and procedures before getting into the building part of the projects.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

12. Cross Curricular Activities for the Grade 5/6 Classroom

Contact/Presenter: Stephanie Reid, Jessica Szoke & Jessica MacPherson

Location: AB Daley School

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

We are in the process of creating cross curricular activities for the combined grade 5/6 classroom.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

13. Senior High Math Collaboration

Contact/Presenter: Jody Pebbles & Matthew Herman

Location: Crowsnest Consolidated High School

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

Continuing previous conversations around improving standard excellence achievement in high school math courses, collaborating on assessment creations, sharing of resources, and using Smarter Marks to gather data to help improve assessment.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

14. Athletic Director/Coaching Development

Contact/Presenter: Todd Lybbert

Location: Willow Creek Composite High School

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

Bring your laptop and join us to update your required administrator and coaching courses. The new ASAA Coach Information Course that replaces the old Bylaws and Policy Course is now available. As well we will be working on "Making Headway", "Safe Sport Training", "Coaching School Sport", and a number of other coaching education courses provided by coach.ca and NCCP.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

15. Fantasy World-Building, Role-Playing, and Social-Emotional Learning

Contact/Presenter: John Bole, Sharon Plante, Tynan Groves, Krysta MacDonald

Location: Crowsnest Consolidated High School (Learning Commons)

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

This day is an amalgamation of two related sessions. Morning: Map-Making and World-Building as a Creative and Cross-Curricular Expression From Middle Earth to the Hundred Acre Wood, world-building is integral in storytelling, and map-making is one facet of this creativity that incorporates aspects of science, math, and social studies. This map-making activity bridges creativity, imagination, and topographical awareness as we also address famous literary maps and the role they play in the compositions themselves. Participants will follow steps to create their own maps in a session adapted (with permission) from one presented at this year's SWATCA. Artistic ability is not required, but willingness (and pre-registration!) is. Afternoon: Dungeons and Dragons as Social-Emotional Learning/ Storytelling/ and Math Okay, you have your worlds built and your maps made. Now what? Through table-top role-playing games, students can explore being the 'other' in a game, a safe space where their imagination can take them anywhere. After all, how can teachers, support staff, and administrators help foster our future leaders if those students whom we interact with don't have the tools to be empathetic? This afternoon's session will teach you how to play but also how we can explore those social-emotional learning tools of empathy - seeing the world through other people's eyes, and exploring our emotional states in a safe and caring environment. Role-playing games also encompass interactive storytelling - the story of the game is the primary driver. We learn rules that help guide the narrative as a group moves towards a common purpose. We also incorporate mathematics in addressing decision-making through probability - a twenty-sided dice has many ways of expressing percentages to a student. D&D also demonstrates to our students having a working knowledge of math as a valuable and applicable asset. "Despite its outward appearance as a frivolous escape from reality, the fantasy genre has profound metaphorical correspondences to the real world. Tolkien's influential Lord of the Rings, for example, has been interpreted as symbolically capturing the horrors he experienced as a soldier in World War I, as an allegory of power, and as an exploration of addiction. The enchanted settings are veiled representations of universal human experiences and emotional truths." ("How Dungeons & Dragons Can Help Kids Develop Social-Emotional Learning Skills", KQED) Pre-registration is necessary as materials will be provided.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

16. Kindergarten Coffee Shop

Contact/Presenter: Allana Ball

Location: West Meadow Elementary School

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

Lets get together and talk about everyday Kindergarten. Where are your students at? What did you use for assessments? What do your play centers look like? What resources are you using? What are some challenges for EA's in your room? Etc. If there is interest I can also make this session a google meet/hybrid.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

17. High School ELA Units and Essays

Contact/Presenter: Cassie Rapuano

Location: Matthew Halton High School

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

Get together with fellow high school English teachers for a fantastic day of collaboration! We will discuss and create unit plans and review and create essay expectations and growth throughout grades 9 - 12.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

18. Pop Culture and Social Studies

Contact/Presenter: Robbie Van Orman

Location: Matthew Halton High School

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

I've been working on how to make the High School Social Studies curriculum more alive/relevant to students by infusing certain types of media. One topic I hope to look at is an "independent book and movie study" I have been trying at each of the High School levels. A second topic I hope to explore is the use of popular songs/music in relation to the Social Studies curriculum. If you have questions, please email Robbie Van Orman.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

19. Individualized Supports in Combined Grades

Contact/Presenter: Elizabeth Hass

Location: Stavelly School

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

This session will be an opportunity to share ideas for individualized literacy and numeracy supports in combined grade classrooms. There will be time to research, gather, and work on creating resources.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

20. Middle School Advisory Collaboration

Contact/Presenter: Kim Biesheuvel

Location: FP Walshe School

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

A collaborative session for any staff who are using an advisory program at the middle school level, or who are interested in implementing an advisory program into their daily schedule. We will be planning for the remainder of the school year and any community events for the next few months, focusing on the purpose of the advisor block of time. Bring your questions and ideas as we look at scheduling this program.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

21. Best Practices in Grade One

Contact/Presenter: Lori Holmes

Location: Canyon School

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

Come together as grade one teachers to share resources and collaborate together.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

22. Running Assessment Records in a Multi-Grade Setting

Contact/Presenter: Brad Kropinak

Location: Pincher Creek Colony School

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

We will be delving into using Running Records for Assessment in Literacy, specifically in a multi grade setting. We will be exploring implementing the Star Reading program as a supplement to other formative strategies of assessment.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

23. Visible Learning in the CTS Class

Contact/Presenter: Kathryn Rhind and Amanda High

Location: FP Walshe School (Room 114)

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

Discuss and collaborate to build Hattie's Visible Learning Applications to the CTS Classroom.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

24. Strategies and Tools for English as Additional Language Students

Contact/Presenter: Alysa Fisher

Location: Willow Creek Composite High School

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

Are you having trouble reaching students whose first language is not English? In this session we will be reviewing and sharing different tools, resources, and strategies to help meet the needs of your EAL students. Bring a laptop and come prepared to create/adapt your resources and lesson plans for your class.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

25. You Know What Time It Is...Timetabling!

Contact/Presenter: Bryan Burns

Location: Matthew Halton High School

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

Timetables are a complex beast that give direction to staff, students and parents. This will be a working session with a focus on maximizing resources to create a timetable that aligns with your school goals.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

26. Practice using ProLoQuo2Go with Storybooks, Games and Toys and Articulation Games and Strategies.

Contact/Presenter: Wendy Thompson S-LP

Location: W.A. Day School

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

We will practice using ProLoQuo2Go with children's books, games and activities and I will suggest some strategies and activities for working towards articulation targets.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

27. Ukrainian Egg Making For Your Classroom.

Contact/Presenter: Julaine Guitton

Location: Stavely School

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

Do you have a box of Ukrainian Egg Making supplies lurking in your art supplies that you don't know what to do with? Do you need a moment to sharpen your own saw during this busy season? Consider joining with us to create Ukrainian eggs as art pieces within your classroom. All materials will be provided and I will be sharing how I have worked through this project with students in grades 5 and 6.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

28. Visible Learning and its Impact on STEM Learning

Contact/Presenter: Ryan Peebles

Location: Crowsnest Consolidated High School

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

This session will be focused around the work of John Hattie and Visible Learning, <https://visible-learning.org/>, and its impacts on the STEM classroom. This will be an open discussion session, looking at the current challenges we are facing in STEM classes and exploring how Visible Learning.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

29. Reproductive Health Grade 8

Contact/Presenter: Johanna Dalton

Location: Crowsnest Consolidated High School (Room 216)

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

Join me to create reproductive health lessons based on the AHS materials. Discussion about how to deliver this content and answer student questions.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

30. Resources and Regulatory Information for LRSD Family School Liaison Counsellors and Mental Health Therapists

Contact/Presenter: Holly Stewart

Location: GR Davis

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

A thorough review of the Canadian Code of Ethics for Psychologists and College of Alberta Psychologists Standards of Practice, as well as the Health Professions Act, FOIP, Children's First Act, and the Guide to Providing Counselling Services in School Jurisdictions. We will also be discussing ACTA and the move for all counsellors in Alberta to be regulated under the College of Alberta Psychologists.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

31. Grade 2 Collaboration

Contact/Presenter: Samantha Miller

Location: W.A. Day School (Room 104)

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

Grade 2 casual collaboration and conversation around new curriculum, literacy, numeracy, science, and leader in me.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

32. Generative AI -the new calculator or is it fighting for hats off in the classroom?

Contact/Presenter: Kirby Dietze

Location: Virtual

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

How is Generative Artificial Intelligence affecting or going to affect your practice? Is it something to ban or something to embrace or somewhere in between? How do you deal with it? How can we leverage it to our advantage? How do we move forward? Let's have a conversation about all of these questions, share our experience and best practice so far, and perhaps come up with some solutions for the future.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

33. Place-based outdoor learning day

Contact/Presenter: Robyn Todd

Location: Willow Creek Campground near Nanton

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

Enjoy a place-based learning day outdoors @ Willow Creek Campground near Nanton, AB. We will go for a walk in the Provincial area in order to establish potential sites for place-based learning activities we can do with students. We will have lunch around the fire and discuss potential opportunities and activities that can take place at the various site locations. After lunch, we will continue to establish place-based learning sites in the Town of Nanton. Please bring a notebook/ clip board for taking notes. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear for being outside. Contact Robyn Todd for more information

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

34. Catching Up With Your Curriculum - Grade 5

Contact/Presenter: Lexi Mensaghi, Terri Simpson, Peggy Bonertz

Location: Canyon School

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

Reviewing the grade 5 curriculum documents and reviewing year plans to map the rest of the school year for grade 5.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

35. Grade 1 Science

Contact/Presenter: Cara Pawlick

Location: West Meadow School

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

Join us as we explore, share and design lessons and assessments for the new Grade 1 Science curriculum. Please bring any relevant materials or ideas. We will be focusing on Matter and Living Systems.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

36. First Nation, Metis and Inuit Resource Overview / New Curriculum Mapping

Contact/Presenter: Aleksander Borucki / Nolan Little Bear

Location: Canyon School

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

The new Alberta curriculum has numerous references to FNMI concepts and perspectives but offers few resources. The purpose of this session is to share and review available resources and find new resources (for grades 4-6).

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

37. Grade 3 Collaboration

Contact/Presenter: Carol McNally

Location: W.A. Day School

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

A time to get together to discuss and collaborate. We will look at the new curriculum and technology programs provided by the district, while incorporating Leader in Me into daily lessons.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

38. Second Grade Story Writing

Contact/Presenter: Kendra Fleet

Location: West Meadow School

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

Do you want to explore story writing in grade two? Looking to collaborate and share resources.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

39. Technology Wish and Work

Contact/Presenter: Matthew Martens

Location: Canyon School

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

This is a session for sharing/building/working with technology related items. Whether building Google Forms, Reading Manuals, exploring AI uses, Digital Organization, and sharing technology wins, then this is possibly a session for you. Come and share then build and leave ready to roll out something new.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

40. New Grade 4 Science Curriculum

Contact/Presenter: Alanna Paskal

Location: W.A. Day School

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

We invite you to come and take a look at the new grade 4 Science curriculum with us. We will examine resources and build lessons/unit plans. If you have any ideas or resources to share, please bring them with you.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

41. K-3 Creating Thinking Classrooms Work session

Contact/Presenter: Kayla Marra & Tammy Gregory

Location: Horace Allen School - Room 2B (119)

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

Time to collaborate to explore and create resources geared towards vertical surfaces and a thinking classroom. Bring laptop.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

42. Educational Assistant Creative Collaboration

Contact/Presenter: Shelley Doell

Location: Canyon School Downstairs Meeting Room

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

This session offers an opportunity for Educational Assistants to collaborate. Topics will include a look at UFLI to discuss strategies to use the program for intervention, discussion around behaviour support strategies and practices, and a chance to share ideas and challenges unique to the Educational Assistant Role. The session will not be a presentation, it will be a chance to sit down and discuss with colleagues ideas and strategies to respond to challenges faced by EAs on a daily basis.

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

43. Star Reader / Accelerated Reader

Contact/Presenter: Michelle Watt & Janet Walker

Location: Willow Creek Composite High School

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

The Now What - deciphering the data and next steps

To RSVP for this session please fill in this [form](#).

44. Focus Group – Developing a Model of Instructional Leadership in LRSD

Contact/Presenter: Darryl Seguin

Location: GR Davis

Time: 9:00am – 1:30pm

- **Driving Question:** How can highly effective Instructional Leadership beliefs, mind frames, practices and processes enhance collective teacher efficacy to influence and improve student achievement in LRSD?
 - Mr. Jaysor Grew will be working with LRSD Admin Council in the 2024-25 school year. The focus of this ISD day session will be for a small focus group of administrators to provide input into developing a model of instructional leadership in LRSD (Hattie, Donohoo and others work will be utilized).
 - What are the opportunities and challenges from both a school leader and school staff perspective?
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