

Interschool Collaboration Session – March 21, 2025

Session Listings

1. Health Teachers: Heroes Program Training

Contact/Presenter: Collette Toth

Host: Holly Stewart

Location: GR Davis

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

All **grades 6-9 Health Educators** and capacity builders are encouraged to join the Heroes Program Training session being offered through Impact Society. This immersive, plug-and-play, evidenced-based curriculum is specifically designed for students aged 11 to 14, focusing on personal strengths to build resilience and foster a safe, healthy environment where confidence thrives. Heroes programs fulfill up to 76% of health and life skills requirements for grades 6-9 across Canada, plus a significant proportion of language arts curriculum outcomes.

With the provided training, online tools, and ongoing support for educators, it's easy to implement Heroes into your learning plans. Participation in the Heroes Programs can significantly improve your students' well-being in the following areas:

• **Self-awareness** • **Self-management** • **Social-awareness** • **Self-care**

Validated by researchers, these programs focus on the four dimensions of strength-based learning. They make youth feel valued and safe and empower them to think more optimistically about the future.

Key Benefits of the Heroes Program:

- Meets up to **76%** of Canada (Alberta) Health and Life Skills Curriculum
- **Enhances interaction** between students and teachers while **increasing classroom involvement**
- Improves **self-regulation** skills among students
- Strengthens awareness of **personal strengths**
- Fosters a **sense of belonging** and cultivates **positive peer relationships**
- **Boosts long term mental health and well-being**

Educators will receive comprehensive training, including instructor guides and student journals, to seamlessly integrate the program into their classrooms. This will be an engaging, interactive time together, where educators will actively participate in the training process, ensuring they are well-prepared to inspire and support their students. Don't miss this opportunity to empower your students with the tools they need to navigate challenges and lead purposeful lives.

In addition, you will learn how high school students may earn up to 9 CTS credits in independent study by completing up to three "for credit" courses: Heroes are Warriors, Heroes 2, and Heroes @ Home.

More information can be found at: www.impact society.com/programs

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

2. Science Lab Equipment Session

Contact/Presenter: Jeff Anderson

Location: J.T. Foster/Virtual

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Join us to look through a wide variety of science supplies e.g. power supplies, optics, frequently used chemicals along with numerous mystery items purchased prior to the invention of the internet! This collaborative opportunity allows Science Educators Gr. 9-12 the opportunity to share lab experiences and discuss frequently asked questions. With JTF undergoing modernization this year, items will need to be sorted, boxed or discarded. Similar equipment may exist in your own building and hopefully you walk away from the session with some new ideas for older lab equipment to help enrich your student's science lab experiences.

RSVP to Jeff Anderson at andersonj@lrsd.ab.ca

3. Div 4 Math Community Meeting

Contact/Presenter: Matt Herman

Location: F. P. Walshe

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Our math teaching community will continue to look into specific planning on the following ideas: shared assessments, data collection using Smartermarks, and collaborative resources for unit end review. If you are not already part of our community, you are still welcome to join to see how we are planning going forward.

RSVP to Matt Herman at hermanm@lrsd.ab.ca

4. Creating Resilience and Empathy in Students and Ourselves

Contact/Presenter: Tynan Groves

Location: Crowsnest Consolidated High School

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

To empower ourselves with practical ways and tools to nurture resilience and empathy within students as well as our support/teaching practices. We will explore this topic through viewing materials and large/small group discussions and activities. We will end the session with a roleplaying game - all materials will be provided for this.

RSVP to Tynan Groves at grovest@lrsd.ab.ca

5. Place-Based Learning & Community Impact Project Planning

Contact/Presenter: Brandie Fast & Christine McKie

Location: Isabelle Sellon School

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

9:00am - 12:30pm ~ LAND/WILD Day Event Planning

1:00 pm - 3:30pm ~ Community Impact Project Planning with grade-level teams

RSVP to Brandy Fast at fastb@lrsd.ab.ca.

6. Felted Futures: Crafting Creativity Through Needle Felting

Contact/Presenter: Shanan Hunter

Location: FP Walshe

Time: 9:00am – 3:30 pm

Imagine transforming fluffy wool into vibrant art in just a few simple steps! In this workshop, we'll embark on a hands-on journey that not only sparks creativity but also enhances mindfulness and fine motor skills. Needle felting is more than just craft; it's a way to inspire your students to express themselves, explore textures, and appreciate the beauty of handmade art. Join us as we delve into the world of needle felting, where every poke of the needle brings your ideas to life. Get ready to unleash your inner artist and discover how this engaging medium can enrich your classroom experience! Let's get started on this felt-tastic adventure together! This class has a \$5 fee for materials paid to the presenter at the beginning of the class.

RSVP to Shanan Hunter at hunters@lrsd.ab.ca

7. Social 10-1 Model UN Planning

Contact/Presenter: Merry Franz

Location: Willow Creek Composite High School/Virtual

Time: 9:00 – 3:30pm

We will plan for our annual Model UN activity with any teachers who have Social 10-1 this semester. Other Social teachers who would like to hear about this amazing activity are welcome to join in.

RSVP to Merry Franz at franzm@lrsd.ab.ca

8. PEAKS X Oldman Watershed Council Foundations of Water Education:Project WET Double Certification

Contact/Presenter: Sofie Forsstrom

Host: Jason Clifton

Location: PEAKS Collegiate Campus

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Project WET Canada is a fun, hands-on, inquiry-based, water education program for Kindergarten to Grade 12 students. Each guide supports water, climate, and ocean literacy. The Program is designed to supplement the existing provincial and territorial curricula. It is suitable for both indoor and outdoor learning environments. Topics include properties of water, watersheds, water systems, groundwater, ecology, water use, and management of water resources.

Please see [Poster](#) for more information.

Space is limited to 25 educators on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Teachers must register using this link: <https://forms.gle/2n1m91A2MeaENVtf8>

9. New Curriculum Unit Planning for Grade 3/4 Science

Contact/Presenter: Jennifer Garbutt

Location: A.B. Daley School

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Participants will work together to explore resources for the new science curriculum and create unit plans for grade 3 and 4 science. Bring the curriculum, any resources you are using and your ideas to share with others..

RSVP to Jennifer Garbutt at garbuttj@lrsd.ab.ca

10. Exploring Math Manipulatives

Contact/Presenter: Cara Pawlick

Location: West Meadow Elementary School

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Come explore Math Manipulatives! We are going to organize the manipulatives that were delivered to the school in the fall . Then collaborate to plan activities and lessons using these manipulatives to support numeracy.

RSVP to Cara Pawlick at pawlickc@lrsd.ab.ca.

11. Amazing Field Trips & How To Do Them

Contact/Presenter: Julaine Guitton & Ceri Penner

Location: Stavelly Elementary School

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Join us to plan meaningful, engaging, curricularly connected field trips that help students grow their dreams, skills, academic understanding, and worldview. Field trips that take you afar, or come to you. We love field trips and being out with our students. We also love a challenge to help bring new content alive for students and develop depth of understanding through deep learning connected to field trips. Remember it is not just the actual trip, but also the preparation and follow up that make them exceptional. We hope you will join us to develop a field trip or learning opportunity that meets your needs..

RSVP to Julaine Guitton at guittonj@lrsd.ab.ca

12. Colony Classroom Math:Discussion BTC and What Work for Us

Contact/Presenter: Justin Holladay

Location: Ewelme Colony School

Time: 9:00am – 3:30 pm

Teaching math in a Hutterite colony school presents unique challenges and opportunities, requiring strategies that support multi-grade, ESL-rich classrooms. In this collaborative session, we will explore how different colony teachers structure their math time, share challenges specific to our teaching environments, and discuss how strategies from Building Thinking Classrooms in Mathematics, Grades K-12 by Peter Liljedahl can be adapted for our settings. Through open discussion and idea-sharing, we will exchange best practices, explore the use of VNPS (Vertical Non-Permanent Surfaces) and random groupings, and brainstorm and co-create thinking tasks tailored to colony classrooms. Whether you are new to BTC or already implementing its strategies, this session will provide an opportunity to collaborate, learn from each other, and leave with fresh, practical ideas to enhance math instruction in a colony school setting.

RSVP to Justin Holladay at holladayj@lrsd.ab.ca

13. ELA Diploma Discussions

Contact/Presenter: Sara MacLachlan

Location: Virtual

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

High School ELA teachers - come discuss the diploma, how you're preparing your students, and more - a continuance of our collaborative work from the beginning of the year. **Time:** 9:00am – 3:30pm

RSVP to Sara MacLachlan at maclachlans@lrsd.ab.ca.

14. Take the Cartridge Out, Blow on it, stick the Cartridge Back in

Contact/Presenter: Kevin Sheen

Location: Matthew Halton High School – Room 183

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Come and learn about the journey of Matthew Halton High School starting an Esports program. As part of the day, we will be holding a Super Smash Bros Tournament.

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

15. Math and ELA Games for multi- grade classrooms

Contact/Presenter: Tanya Law

Location: Daly Creek (Granum) Colony

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

We will be going over game ideas I have used in my own classroom as well as new ideas I have learned this year at Teacher's Convention and Get Your Teach On. Pending time we will also create games.

RSVP to Tanya Law at lawt@lrsd.ab.ca

16. Nitsitapi Learning Circles: Weaving Blackfoot Culture into Schools

Contact/Presenter: Amanda Wark

Location: F.P. Walshe High School

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Bring your thoughts, ideas, and experiences to this collaborative brainstorming session as we explore ways to integrate Blackfoot culture into schools through small, cross-curricular, cross-grade learning circles. We will discuss how to create meaningful school-wide opportunities for all students to learn, connect, and participate in Blackfoot cultural activities. Together, we will generate ideas for activities, consider logistics, and develop strategies for successful implementation in schools.

RSVP to Amanda Wark at warka@lrsd.ab.ca.

17. Engaging Students' Creative Thinking and Problem Solving Through Table Top Game Design

Contact/Presenter: Matt Hennig

Location: Crowsnest Consolidated High School

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Learn about how students can design, test, and create a table top game in order to foster engagement, creativity, and probability. Conversations will include how to create a stand-alone course, and/or link outcomes and gamification of curricular goals.

RSVP to Matt Hennig at hennigm@lrsd.ab.ca

18. Visible Learning Continuation

Contact/Presenter: Bryan Burns

Location: Matthew Halton Conference Room

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

This will be part two of the exploration around implementing a PD plan around Great Teaching by Design. On the first ISC day we spent time looking at best practices, now we will continue the process.

RSVP to Bryan Burns at burnsb@lrsd.ab.ca

19. Cricket Learning Day

Contact/Presenter: Jaxs and Jetta

Location: Livingstone School

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

We will be learning how to use the cricket and how to set it up and how to put a print on a t-shirt. So bring a t - shirt!!!!

RSVP to Jetta at blondeauj@lrsd.ab.ca

20. Literacy Interventions

Contact/Presenter: Wanda Swanson

Location: AB Daley School

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

E.A.s will discuss what Literacy skills are needed to help students in K, Gr. 1 and 2.

RSVP to Wanda Swanson at swansonw@lrsd.ab.ca

21. Divisional Skills Competition

Contact/Presenter: Zac Harris and Ben Paskal

Location: F.P. Walshe

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

We will be planning a skills type competition for cabinet making/ Carpentry. The purpose of this event would be to extend students' skills competition season, increase interest in the trades and better prepare students and teachers going into the skills regional event in 2026. The goal is to have a date/location, project and time frame confirmed by the end of the day. All schools are welcome to attend just please email me ahead of time.

RSVP to Zac Harris at harrisz@lrsd.ab.ca

22. Unit Planning for Grade 6 Earth Systems and Living Systems Units

Contact/Presenter: Sarah Duncan

Location: Canyon School Learning Commons

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Are you about to teach Earth Systems or Living Systems in Grade 6 Science? So am I! Come join me for the opportunity to brainstorm, collaborate, and to plan these two units. Please bring any technology or resources you need. Colleagues are welcome to attend for the full day.

RSVP to Sarah Duncan at duncans@lrsd.ab.ca

23. Experience a day in a Cosmetology Class

Contact/Presenter: Stacey Wright

Location: CCHS Cosmetology Room

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

During this experience, we will practice braiding and curling techniques on long-haired mannequins and then you will partner up and do hand masks, massages, paraffin treatments, and polishing on each other. Please remember to bring a partner, and if you have a favorite polish at home, or gel and lamp, feel free to bring those along as well. I have some regular polish available, but supplies are limited..

RSVP to Stacey at wrights@lrsd.ab.ca

24. Jr High ELA Vertical Planning

Contact/Presenter: Michelle Watt

Location: Willow Creek Composite High School

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

We will gather as Jr High ELA teachers to discuss and plan vertically.

RSVP to Michelle at wattm@lrsd.ab.ca

25. ESL – Sharing Best Practices for Daily 5 in Multi-grade Classroom

Contact/Presenter: Tracey Shackel

Location: Pincher Creek Colony School

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Come together with fellow Colony staff to celebrate successes and discuss our challenges working with Daily 5 in Colony schools. Come prepared with materials, strategies and ideas for our ESL/Multi-grade students

RSVP to Tracey at shackelt@lrsd.ab.ca

26. Virtual Student Support System Centre Development

Contact/Presenter: Garrett Kennedy

Location: Virtual

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Introducing the plan for an online student support centre. This project is a necessity for the online-only students yet in concept can be a benefit for any student needing support outside of regular school hours and/or locations. The goal of this session is to build a framework of what this virtual space will look like and what services would be ideally available. The project will continue beyond this session and will be implemented for the Pursuits students however we encourage any staff of the LRSD in all levels of employment to attend and collaborate with this exciting project. We need your input!!

RSVP to Garrett Kennedy at kennedyg@lrsd.ab.ca

27. Administrative Assistants On Line Training

Contact/Presenter: Melanie Housenga

Location: Virtual for Admin Assistants

Time: 9:00am – 1:00pm

All levels Online PD = 9am to 10:30am

- Data Entry Tips -- PO Box, Physical, Siblings, Custodian Tag, Section 23, FOIP - 1 hour
- Data Advanced Search and Quick Reports -15min
- PASI sync gold bars - 10min
- Digital Forms quick chat - 5min

Elementary PD = 10:45 am to 11:15am

- Managing Split Level Classes and Homerooms - 20min
- End of Year / Start of Year Questions - 10 min

High School PD = 11:30 to 12pm

- Family Portal managing student/parent accounts - 25min
- Report Card Digital Upload to PASI - 5 min

Please RSVP to Melanie at housengam@lrsd.ab.ca

28. New Curriculum Planning Grade 2/3

Contact/Presenter: Kayli Ledsham

Location: W.A. Day Elementary School – Collaboration Room

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Planning and collaboration time for teachers in regards to social studies, science etc. There will be an opportunity to collaborate and share resources during this time.

RSVP to Kayli at ledshamk@lrsd.ab.ca

29. BrainWise Training

Contact/Presenter: Colton Hok

Host: Holly Stewart

Location: Division Office – Council Chambers Room

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Please join us for a training session with Colton Hok (SWCSS) on BrainWise, a comprehensive, evidence-based program that helps children, and youth grades K-12 develop critical emotional, social, and cognitive skills. The 10 Wise Ways framework makes complex brain science easy to understand by teaching how to build connections to the prefrontal cortex, or “Wizard Brain,” to foster thoughtful decision-making instead of impulsive “Lizard Brain” reactions. The program is divided into two stages: learning the 10 Wise Ways and practicing/using them in real-life situations. Participants will receive access to scripted lesson plans, age-appropriate worksheets and other tools to teach and reinforce these skills.

The program supports group or individual instruction and integrates seamlessly into classroom activities or broader educational initiatives. BrainWise provides a foundation for behavioral health strategies, including bully prevention, anger management, and suicide prevention. Don't miss this opportunity to gain practical tools and strategies that empower students to think critically, solve problems effectively, and make better decisions!

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

Change of Venue: GR Davis Building/Division Office/Council Chambers

30. What Happened To You?

Contact/Presenter: Lindsay Eden

Location: Isabelle Sellon School

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Continuation of our study of Dr. Bruce Perry's What Happened To You? This session will include conversations regarding topics covered in his book. Will also include reflection time, sharing of experiences and possibly some yoga for personal wellness.

RSVP to Lindsay at edenl@lrsd.ab.ca

31. Continued Exploration of Third Path within the Division 3/4

Contact/Presenter: Brenda Southgate, Dawn Jersch and Sarah Lloyd

Location: J.T. Foster Learning Commons

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

We have worked through books 1, 2 and 3 and are ready to discuss book 4. We will explore the video resources available on the Third Path website and discussing applications within the division 3/4 con

RSVP to Brenda Southgate at southgateb@lrsd.ab.ca

32. Grade 1 Play

Contact/Presenter: Lori Holmes

Location: Canyon School

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

To discuss benefits of play and share resources and ideas.

RSVP to Lori Holmes at holmesl@lrsd.ab.ca

33. Supporting Students and Ourselves: A Collaboration Discussion on FASD, Regulation Strategies, and Self-Care

Contact/Presenter: Bernice Dunbar and Karen Manzer

Location: Horace Allen School, Room 210

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

This session is a chance for Educational Assistants and others who are interested to come together in a relaxed, discussion-based setting. We'll explore topics such as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), student regulation strategies, and self-care, drawing from our own experiences and insights.

RSVP to Karen Manzer at manzerk@lrsd.ab.ca

34. Jr. High Math Collaboration

Contact/Presenter: Luigi Perricelli

Location: Willow Creek Composite High School

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

A chance for junior high math teachers to gather and share ideas about math curriculum, assessment, and behaviour management tools in the classroom.

RSVP to Luigi Perricelli at pericellil@lrsd.ab.ca

35. Showcasing the Arts - Planning for an "Evening of the Arts"

Contact/Presenter: Susan Robinson

Location: Matthew Halton High School

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

During this session teachers and staff will share ideas on how to celebrate and showcase student arts. Participants will work on planning an "Evening of the Arts" event, open to community and school stakeholders, that highlights the creative talents of students across various art forms.

RSVP to Susan Robinson at robinsons@lrsd.ab.ca

36. Placed Based Learning and Community Impact Projects

Contact/Presenter: Brandi Fast and Christine McKee

Location: Isabelle Sellon School

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Place based learning

RSVP to Jan Rolston at rolstonj@lrsd.ab.ca

37. SIVA Re-Certification

Contact/Presenter: Alysa Fisher

Location: Willow Creek Composite High School

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

This Session is full!
