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The District Teacher Coordinators Monthly Newsletter



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LANGUAGE MATTERS

THE IMPORTANCE OF USING THE RIGHT WORDS
WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

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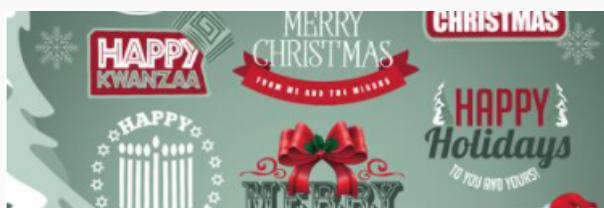
Tuesday January 11th
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to All Teachers; Designed with New Teachers in Mind.

APP VETTING WORKFLOW

CAN MY STUDENTS USE THIS APP

Below is a workflow that will **GUIDE** you to a safer experience for your students. PLEASE be sure to check out the **Vetted** list and put in a request for **app approval** before using ANY app in your classroom.



~ Visit our website . . . ~



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*"District Teacher Coordinators -
we're here to serve and support"*

Book some time to collaborate with us.

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As our province moves forward with its reopening plan, the hospitality sector is faced with the challenge of a dwindling and reluctant workforce. It is anticipated that the local tourism and hospitality sector, in particular restaurants and hotels, will be facing a challenge to lure workers and fill vacancies in time for the sector's high season.

School District #72, the Campbell River Chamber of Commerce, and the local tourism and hospitality operators will partner and link resources to offer young people a stronger, more meaningful practical education, which will support them in their transition into a career pathway in the tourism and hospitality industry, and in turn, help the industry with the labour supply shortage.

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**Check out SORA -
student reading app**

Audiobooks Recently Added

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian - Sherman Alexie

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By acknowledging this diversity in your classroom means that you could include and celebrate ALL of the wonderful things your students love about this time of year.

Find below ideas for celebrating the diversity of your students:

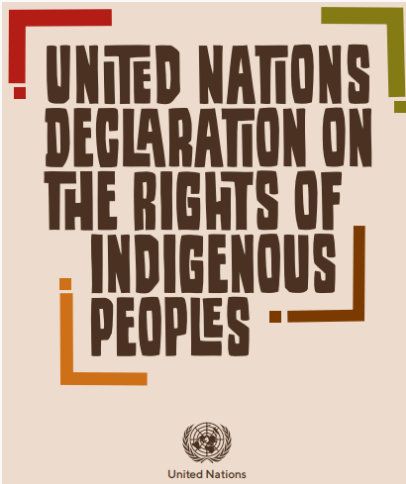
- [10 Ways to Celebrate Diversity during the Holidays](#)
- [Teaching Kids How to Celebrate Diverse Winter Holidays](#)
- [Creating an Inclusive Holiday Celebration in Your Classroom](#)

LEARN MORE



**CELEBRATING CULTURAL
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION
FOR THE HOLIDAYS**





UNDRIP Historical Overview

Learning Bird



AFN on
UNDRIP



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INDIGENOUS RESOURCES

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[Resources on SD
72 Indigenous Ed
Blog](#)

[Resources on SD
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Ed Website](#)



If you are interested in collaborating with me to incorporate some of these in your classroom, you can reach me at 604-240-0205 or gillian.kirke@sd72.bc.ca

FRENCH

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Check out the new resources offered this month.



A Sneak Preview

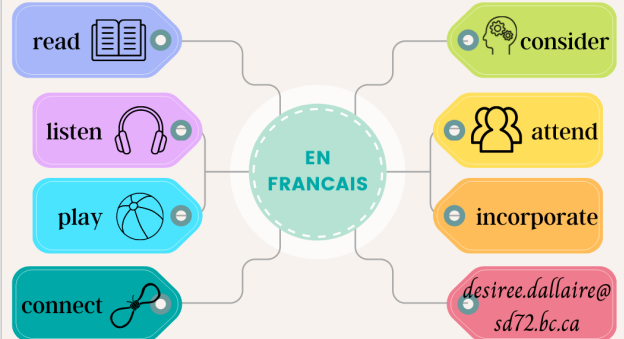
SOMETHING TO LISTEN TO



THE BENEFITS OF LEARNING A SECOND LANGUAGE

It's a myth that learning a new language interferes with a child's development.

SOMETHING TO ...



If you are interested in collaborating with me to incorporate some of these in your classroom, you can reach me at 250-204-2412 or desiree.dallaire@sd72.bc.ca

Snorkel and Scuba Diving Questions

Strategies for teaching students
WHEN to ask questions while reading.

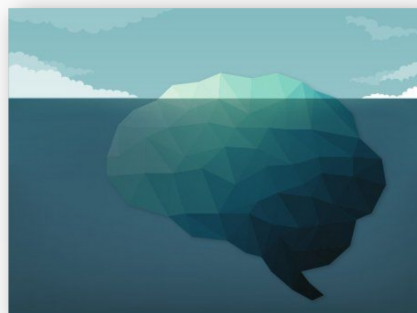


Snorkel and Scuba Diving Questions are named by Kyla Hadden and Adrienne Gear in *Powerful Readers*, by Pembroke Publishers, 2016.

ADOLESCENT LITERACY

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High School Teachers – introduce the four types of questions outlined in *Webb's Theory of Knowledge*.

For a one-hour lesson on teaching students to ask questions at middle and high school, please click [HERE](#)

ELEMENTARY LITERACY

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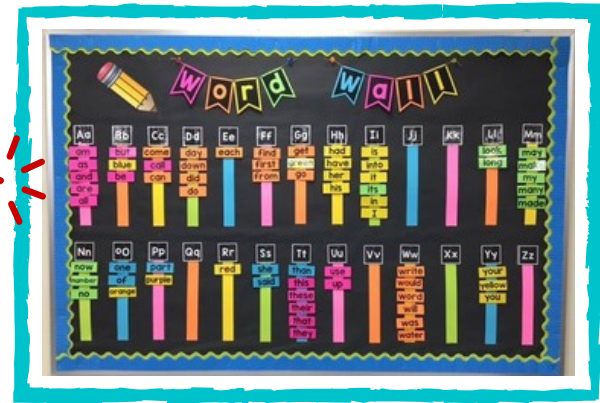
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Word Wall

Try a Word Wall to support your writers as they become more independent and accurate. Look for words that students need to use in their writing.

Choose 5-7 words to introduce each week.

Use your Word Wall as a **Read Around the Room**, **Writing the Word Wall**, or other fun learning centre.



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PHYSICAL LITERACY

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December Fitness Challenge

Countdown to Winter Break with this great December fitness challenge. Click on picture to download the day-by-day challenges.



EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

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LET US RECOMMEND AN APP FOR THAT

Click on image to download document.



Are you looking for a good app (program) to use with your class? We have started looking at apps that have been recommended by teachers. If you know of an app that isn't on [THE LIST](#), please let us know so that we can add it. Just click [HERE](#) to fill out the form for us to do so. It is super important that if you are using apps, especially those in which you input personal information about our students that you follow the proper protocol. Please click [HERE](#) to learn more about this process.

The document on the left will help clarify some questions around consent and app use.

BOOK NOW

SHAN'S BOOKING CALENDAR

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Winter 2021-22 Pro D Opportunities

Click Image to download . . .

or visit the Pro-D Portal Page.

More opportunities are added regularly!

**FIND MORE
INFO HERE!**



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**PRO D
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HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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Language Matters! Learn more here about the Pyramid of Mental Health and how language matters when discussing mental health.

[final-using-the-right-words.pdf](#)



Grade 4/5 teaching mental health curriculum pilot. If you would like to learn more about the curriculum that SD72 has been invited to pilot for www.mentalhealthliteracy.org in Spring, 2022, please contact Drew Williams.

**SECOND
STEP**

New Second Step kits are available!
We have recently purchased Second Step kits for building on SEL in the K-7 classroom. If you would like to explore one of these ready-to-use kits, please contact Drew Williams.

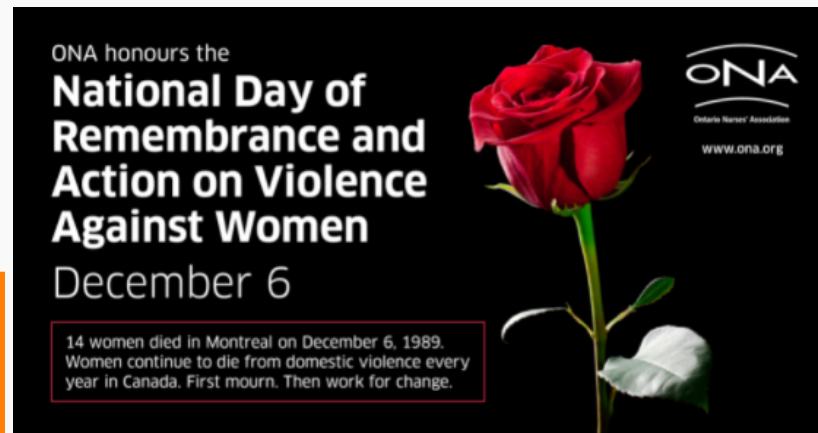


**Canadian
Red Cross**

The BeSafe! Program can help prevent sexual abuse in children (formerly the Care Kit). If you would like to take a closer look at this ready-to-use kit for personal safety, please contact Drew Williams.

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND ACTION ON VOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

On December 6, we observe the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. The day was established by the Parliament of Canada in 1991 to mark the anniversary of the 1989 murders of 14 women at l'École Polytechnique de Montréal, who were killed because of their gender. We come together to remember the victims, while also reflecting on the woman, girls, LGBTQI2S and gender diverse individuals for whom gender-based violence continues to be a daily reality.



16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence



Orange the World Campaign Toolkit

