

Professional Development Opportunities:

Learning Online Series (Math)

If you're missing the opportunity to learn together and get new ideas for your classroom, the Learning Coordinators have curated a collection of short (5-10 minute) videos with lesson ideas, tips and tricks that you can infuse into your Math lessons.



Topics include:

More Talk! K-12

Interactive Strategies to Promote Engagement in Class-wide Discussions

Image Talks K-12

This naturally differentiated strategy allows all students to participate in a conversation



Fraction Talks 3-7

Inspired by the work of Nat Banting

Assessment of Number Sense in Primary... An Introduction K-3

Les maths à voix haute 2-12

Parlons math en classe d'immersion!



Comparative Measurement: K-3

Sasquatches and Tracks Out on the Land

[Click here](#) to see a more detailed list of videos.

Environmental Stewardship:

Interested in learning more about Virtual Garden classes with Nanaimo Foodshare? Check [here](#) for more information.



Looking for resources and lesson plans around climate action? Check [here](#) (there are some French Resources included too).



VIU Extreme Science Challenge: Calling all Elementary Teachers!

Vancouver Island University and Science To All present the VIU Extreme Science Challenge. This is a contest for elementary school teachers and their classes.

They have produced 10 short video clips featuring some very cool demonstrations from physics and chemistry meant to get students excited about doing science. Included with these videos is a contest for the classes which will add to the excitement. Even more exciting, 11 participating classes will win \$1000 worth of science supplies of their choosing!

Registration:

Teachers are to email their name, their class (grade level), their school, and their school district to Raymond.penner@viu.ca, with the subject line **VIU-science challenge**.

Deadline for registration is **4:00PM, Friday, February 19/2021**

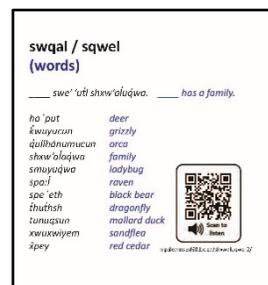
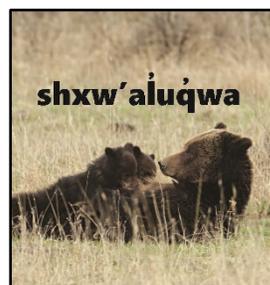
[Click here](#) for more information.

Indigenous Education: Hul'qumínum' Beginner books

Ready to learn simple sentences in Hul'qumínum'? We are happy to announce the release of the first book in the Hul'qumínum' beginner books series! Each book in the series will have simple repetitive phrases that introduce beginner language learners to simple sentences. The full colour mini-books, will also contain a vocabulary page with English translations and a link to online resources including a recording of the book in Hul'qumínum'. All schools in the district will be receiving copies for their libraries within the next couple of weeks.

The first book, entitled *shxw'aluqwa* was created locally by the SD68 Hul'qumínum' teachers of NLPS. It focuses on the concept of family and the knowledge that all our non-human relatives, including the plants and animals, also have families and are part of our larger family.

[Click here](#) to see and hear the book online.



SOGI Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity

Pink Shirt Day is recognized throughout BC as an anti-bullying day promoting acceptance and inclusion. It is a great way to rally support because of its public awareness and popularity, and its roots are all about gender-based, homophobic bullying. Building awareness on Pink Shirt Day with your elementary schools can involve:



1. The story of how Pink Shirt Day started with a homophobic comment.
2. The comment became a story when two “upstanders” decided to respond.
3. We keep telling the story to remind everyone that you are free to express your identity in whatever way feels best, regardless of stereotypes (especially gendered ones!)

Check out more ways to celebrate Pink Shirt Day with a SOGI focus in this [2021 toolkit](#).



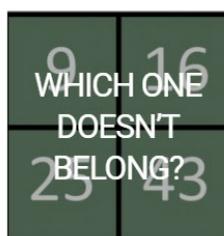
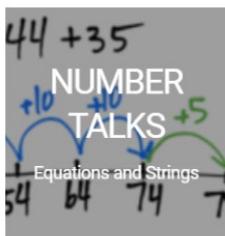
Numeracy: New Resources & Lesson Ideas



Check out the resources below and if there is anything else that you are looking for please let us know and we will do our best to help you out!

- [5 great Numeracy Routines to get your classes started](#)
- [a few lesson ideas for teaching fractions.](#)
- [math flips](#): utilises visual/multiple strategies for computational fluency.

Check out [these new resources in the professional collection!](#)



Black History Month

February is Black History Month! While we want to incorporate black history year-round, not just in February, Black History Month provides an opportunity to dig deeper into history and make connections with the past! Looking for ideas? Check out some of these sites:

[Scholastic Lesson Plans and Resources](#)

[6 Teaching Tools for Black History Month](#)

[10 inspiring Black History Month Activities for Students](#)



Early Years



Popular author [Jennifer Serravallo](#) will be facilitating a conference for BC teachers, hosted by POPEY (Provincial Outreach Program for the Early Years) on Friday, March 5th. Serravallo will be talking about her best selling books: The Reading Strategies and The Writing Strategies (available in French and English). For more info or to sign up, click [here](#).

English Language Learners:

The Power of Visuals!! Ask them to DRAW IT.

Visuals are *powerful* for ALL students, but are *critical* for our ELLs.

[This short video](#) outlines the benefits of having students draw information and **4 ways to incorporate this into your teaching practice**. It is a great strategy for all learners, but it is particularly useful for ELLs who may not have enough English language to demonstrate understanding and learning through writing.

