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Save the Date



October 13-16 Mid point of Quarter 1

PSA Day

October 23

November 11

Remembrance Day

Last day Q1

November 13

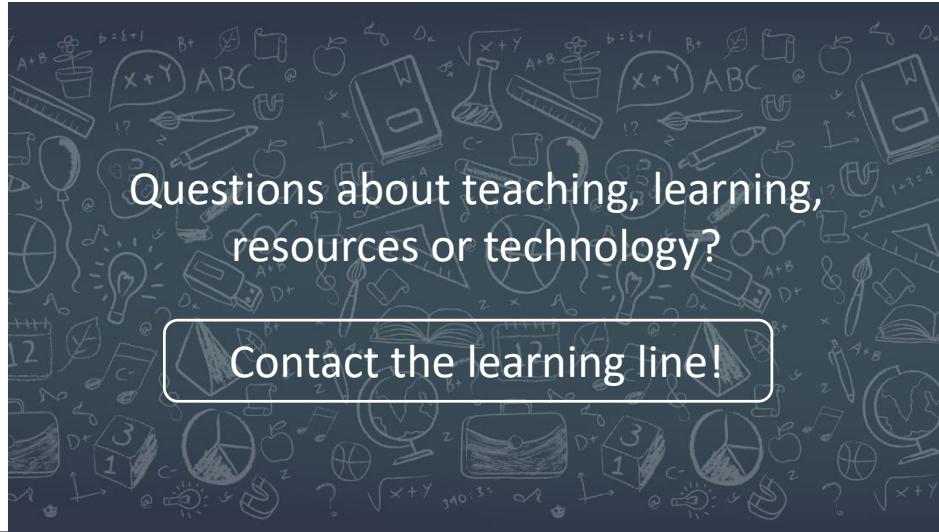
New to teaching or new to NLPS?

Teams Talks Archived sessions

This year, our traditional Meet and Eats have looked a little bit different. There have been virtual sessions on many topics that you may find helpful. The recordings can be located in the links below.

Topics:

- [Elementary Assessment and Reporting](#)
- [Secondary Assessment and Reporting](#)
- [Tips for a quartered semester system](#)
- [Using the Google Drive](#)
- [Using Google Classroom](#)



Temporary Reporting Guidelines for Quarter Schedules



8-12 Reporting and Assessment:

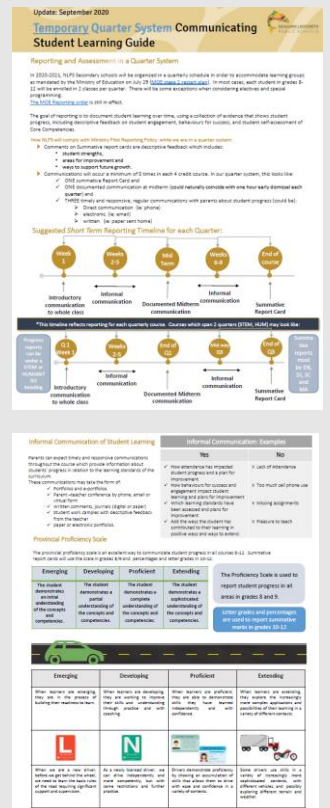
The guidelines for reporting and assessment for 8-12 in NLPS have been temporarily adjusted to align with quarter system timelines.

Please note:

- Ministry of Education Reporting Order is still in effect
- The assessment values of NLPS are guiding principals of all assessment and reporting
- Unique scheduling considerations will need to be discussed with school site administrators.

Please find these temporary guidelines here:

[Temporary Quarter System Communicating Student Learning Guide](#)



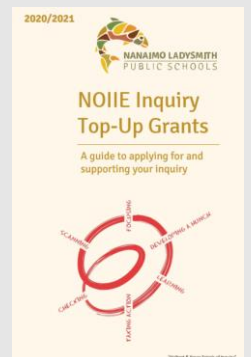
NOIE Inquiry Proposals and District Grants

NOIE and NLPS continue to support inquiry in our schools. This year, we are happy to support the continuation of inquiries that were not able to continue last year. If your team did not submit your case study, you will not receive the NOIE grant this October. This year, your inquiry team has two choices:

1. Continue last year's focus with support from the district coordinator team OR
2. Submit a new proposal

At this time, NOIE is not yet ready to receive new proposals. As soon as they have a submission date, you will be notified. For more information about NOIE and inquiry in NLPS, contact:

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Indigenous Understandings - Resources

Tannis Calder is the new Learning Coordinator for Indigenous Education who recently joined us from SD52 in Prince Rupert. A project this year will be to find ways to access learning for all teachers and students about the land, language and culture of the traditional and unceded territories on which we live. We will be sharing resources on the [NLPS Learns website](#). To search for resources with an Indigenous perspective, select the resources tab then the orange filter bar and select Indigenous Understandings.

click here

BC Smallpox Epidemic of 1862

One recently shared resource is Smallpox Epidemic activity. In this activity students will slowly uncover clues in the form of photographs, artwork and a number of primary and secondary text sources, about the smallpox epidemic of 1862 that began in Victoria and devastated the communities of the northern First Nations along the coast. The Southern Ts'msyen and Haida were particularly hard hit, with 67% and 72% respectively perishing due to Smallpox.

Numeracy

Numeracy is cross curricular!

All data tells a story. Using different representations of data can be a great way to start conversations in any class and improve students confidence with using data representations in multiple contexts. [Information is Beautiful](#) is a great site to find data represented in many different and beautiful ways. If you find something you would like to use, simply put up the image and ask the students “What do you notice? What do you wonder?” about what is going on in the image.

SOGI

Looking for a resource to support gender diversity?



Consider this new and timely book that was recently launched by Canadian Scholars Press entitled Teaching about Gender Diversity. The book is a compilation of teacher-tested lesson plans for the K-12 classroom from more than 30 educators across North America. More information can be found [here](#)

SEL

Casel’s newest resource for providing strategies, guidance, and tools for critical self-reflection and the development of anti-racist practices to ensure all students feel that they belong can be found [here](#).



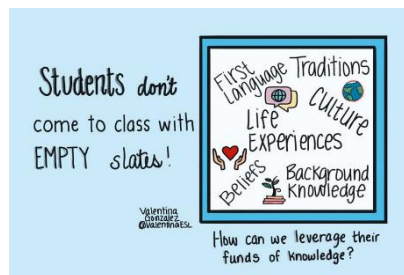
English Language Learners

Building Background

Finding out what our ELLs already know and helping them connect their knowledge to new learning helps them succeed in secondary content classrooms.

Here are three things to try:

1. [Explicitly link concepts to students’ background experiences](#)
2. Make clear links between past learning and new concepts
3. Emphasize [key vocabulary terms](#)



Zero Waste:

Environmental stewardship and waste reduction are important NLPS goals that are currently facing major challenges due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. A great webinar can be found [here](#) that looks at the future of reusable products.



Reading Assessments

Grades 8 and 9 NLPS Reading Assessments

The reading assessments are likely getting underway at your school. All the information is available on NLPS Learns:

[NLPS Assessments](#)

The grade 9 assessment was revised for use in 2018/2019 and will remain the same for this year. The grade 8 assessment has been revised and is new for this year.

Don’t forget! – assessment results should be used to inform PLC, which will be responsive to student needs.

This year, your school inclusion teachers will lead the administration, response and data management of the assessments. Please contact your SSTs for questions about the results and the planned response.

Learn 68 Accounts

Signing in to Learn 68



From the Google.com page or any google app window sign in with your Learn68 account for direct access to your applications in the waffle.

1. Enter your username same as your sd68 prefix and @learn68.ca (eg. `firstname.lastname@learn68.ca`)
2. When click ‘Next’ you will be redirected to a Microsoft sign in.
3. You will now log in with your sd68 credentials.

All teachers and EAs have Learn68 accounts regardless of their current assignments

Plein feu sur l’immersion



Isabelle Lavoie est très heureuse d’être la conseillère pédagogique pour l’immersion cette année. Elle sera là pour vous soutenir dans vos projets et face à vos défis.

Votre premier trimestre est déjà bien entamé et plein de nouvelles ressources ont été ajoutées sur la [page d’immersion sur NLPSLearns](#) et continueront de l’enrichir tout au long de l’année. Un coup de coeur à partager? [Le gros laboratoire](#) diffusé sur [ici.Tou.tv](#) . Méthode scientifique, prédictions, statistiques... et beaucoup de plaisir à obtenir des réponses à des questions “essentiels” sur le comportement humain!

Ne manquez pas le concours [Immersion Clip](#) de l’ACPI? C’est un concours national ouvert à tous (même aux enseignants!), et les bourses pour les élèves de la 9e à la 12e année sont vraiment intéressantes. Passez le mot!