

# NLPS

## SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

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### Save the Date



March	Women's History Month
Spring Break	March 15-26
April 2	Good Friday
Easter Monday	April 5



### Anti-racism

Did you know that Teaching Tolerance has changed its name to Learning for Justice? Read more about why and check out some of their awesome classroom resources here.



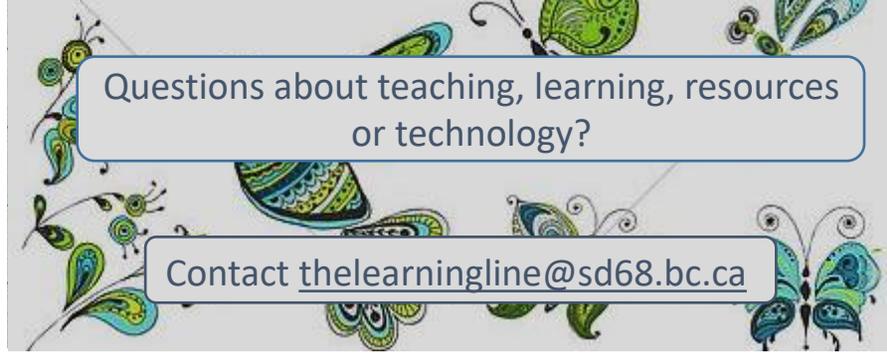
Welcome to Learning for Justice—  
Formerly Teaching Tolerance!

Our work has evolved in the last 30 years, from reducing prejudice to tackling systemic injustice. So we've chosen a new name that better reflects that evolution: Learning for Justice.



### Teen Book Cloud

Teen Book Cloud is an online collection of novels, e-books, videos and audio books and is accessible on any device. If you are logging in off site, use the username: **sd68** and the password: **login**.



Questions about teaching, learning, resources or technology?

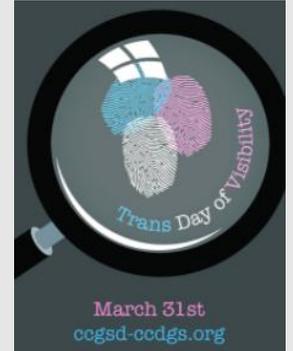
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### SOGI

Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

International Trans Day of Visibility is dedicated to celebrating trans people and raising awareness of discrimination faced by trans gender people worldwide.



! One thing allies can do to honour the day is keep learning. Here are two opportunities that are relevant to anyone who might interact with a trans or gender-creative person which is... well... all of us!

- Draw the Line Against Transphobic Violence in Schools is a webinar offered by Egale with 4 dates to chose from.
- Intro to Gender Diversity is an online training offered by TransCare BC. While designed for health care staff, it is full of relevant content.



### Environmental Stewardship

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



### Women's History Month

Did you know that BC was the first Canadian province to introduce work leave for new mothers with the Maternity Protection Act of 1921. This allowed women unpaid leave to stay home with a new baby and made it unlawful to dismiss women for these absences. Paid maternity leave was not actually introduced in BC until 1966, and the federal government did not amend the Canadian Labour code until 1971.





## Numeracy Series

In the Secondary Numeracy series we have explored a few different instructional routines which allow for all students to access the lesson in different ways:

- [Image talks](#) is a routine which invites students to notice and wonder about what they see. Check out this [video](#) for more information.
- [Fraction talks](#) are a great way for students to think flexibly about fractions. Ask the simple question "How do you know how much of the square is shaded?" and see what students come up with. Check out this [video](#) for more information.
- Open questions can be used to encourage students to utilize multiple strategies to solve a problem. [Check out these examples](#) of open questions from Marian Small.



## Outdoor Education

To support professional learning for educators, the Canadian Non-profit Outdoor Learning Store is pleased to offer free virtual workshops with the authors/developers of resources available for order in their online store. Each of these workshops is 60 mins in length, and will include a short presentation, time for discussion, and a Q&A session. At the end of each workshop there will be draw prizes for a [\\$50 gift card](#) for the Outdoor Learning Store and [2 Take Me Outside Field Journals with Waterproof Paper](#).

More info can be found [here](#)



## Plein feu sur l'immersion



Amusons-nous avec les mots ce printemps. Les capsules [French en Amérique](#) sur TFO sont un outil accrocheur pour explorer des expressions françaises d'Amérique du Nord. Vous voulez voir plus loin? [Les expressions imagées d'Archibald](#) illustrent des expressions de différents pays de la francophonie. Plusieurs découvertes à faire avant "d'aller faire un clopin" ou "un tour de lune" durant la relâche!

Parlant de relâche... Pourquoi ne pas en profiter pour vous plonger dans un bon livre en français? Inscrivez-vous à la [bibliothèque des Amériques](#) pour accéder gratuitement à une foule de livres francophones en version numérique. Allez à la rencontre de Kim Thúy, de Christine Brouillet, de Michel Jean ou même d'Alex A.!



## English Language Learners

### Reading aloud is for big kids too!

Interactive read alouds model proficient reading and extend comprehension. It allows access for students who do not have the decoding, comprehension and vocabulary skills to do so independently... YET. They create connections and promote

communication. If you have a few minutes, check out this [TEDx Talk](#) on the topic.



- expand language structures
- create background knowledge
- relax minds & reduce stress
- strengthen comprehension
- highlight culture & interests
- explore various genres
- grow vocabulary
- grow grammar
- inspire writers
- inspire readers
- bond & build community



## Indigenous Education

Do you know of Indigenous artists looking for an opportunity to shine? Staples and Indigenous Printing are in a partnership to increase awareness of the effects of the Residential School System on Indigenous families. They are hosting a contest for the next Orange

Shirt Day design. Students and adults are both encouraged to submit designs before the deadline on March 31st.



Full details can be found here:

<https://www.indigenousprinting.ca/designcontest>