



Professional Development Offerings

Spring 2017

RECENT SUCCESS

In partnership with local school jurisdictions, the NRLC co-hosted the 2017 North Zone Educational Assistants Conference in Grande Prairie March 9th and 10th. Over 400 educators registered for the fourth annual conference, held during the same time as the Mighty Peace Teachers Convention. With 65 facilitators and 86 sessions planned, there was relevant information and strategies for everyone.

Bill Gordon lead a large group keynote and breakout sessions for both days on the *Power of Kindness, wellness and positivity, and personal strategies as a professional.*

Laura Paiement (Canadian Self Regulation Initiative) lead a large group keynote on community and working together as EA's, and creating resiliency and calm as they all relate to self-regulation.

Dr Leny Vasquez from the Centre for Autism Services lead sessions on a functional approach to behavior management.

Les Redick from Foothills led several sessions on ADHD, strategies, understanding, and support.

Several key sessions were lead by the **PCS team** and local district leaders, all building on support and strategies for EAs to work with students.

If you attended, watch for an online survey in a few weeks to collect some feedback on how you are using the new ideas and strategies from these two days.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the next conference March 8 & 9, 2018 in Grande Prairie. If you would like to recommend a session or facilitator please send us an email at info@nrlc.net

**Special Thanks to the Partner Districts Committee
Hosts and Event Volunteers.**

The Spring North Meeting of the Moving Forward with High School Redesign was recently held in Grande Prairie with over 60 educators from the province. Several key jurisdictions in our zone shared their ongoing success stories and planning. We're looking forward to continued success and sharing.

Are you an educator in Zone One? Take the NRLC/ATA Zone PD Needs Assessment and share your thoughts and suggestions for professional development needs! If you did not receive an email link just ask info@nrlc.net

Focus

-  **ASMT** Assessment
-  **CP** Collaborative Projects
-  **COMP** Competencies
-  **CD** Curriculum Develop
-  **EL** Early Learning
-  **ELA** English Language Arts
-  **FNMI** First Nations, Métis, & Inuit
-  **FR** French (FSL/FI)
-  **GC** Guidance Counselling
-  **IE** Inclusive Education
-  **IL&C** International Languages & Cultures
-  **LEAD** Leadership
-  **LIT** Literacy
-  **MATH** Mathematics
-  **MEET** Meeting
-  **NUM** Numeracy
-  **PAR** Parents
-  **SCI** Science
-  **TECH** Technology



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PWSD District Fine Arts & Phys Ed Day

With Nastascha Okimaw

Peace Wapiti School Division hosted district and school based professional development day. With three streams to choose from, educators will be involved in building and growing classroom strategies, exploring hands-on practical and foundational concepts; and will engage with and develop teacher practice, understanding of subject matter, and student competencies. All options are based on the Alberta curriculum.

Mar 3 | \$25



Recruiting the Right People Using Behavioural Descriptive Interviewing

In this highly interactive one-day workshop you will learn how to prepare for, conduct, and choose the right person for the job. The workshop is designed to provide a hands on experience, complete with seeing an interview from start to finish and trying out your own 'mock' interview, using tools and techniques of behaviour-based interviewing. This method of interviewing gets beyond the superficial answers from candidates and instead gets specific and in-depth examples so that interviewers can choose the right person for the job. Whether you're an experienced or novice interviewer, you will benefit from these techniques and will be able to use them immediately in your next interview.

Mar 7 | \$135



The Power of Kindness: Shifting the Anti-Bullying Focus

With Bill Gordon

Imagine a family, a school, a community, a world in which ordinary people would make a positive difference simply by choosing acts of kindness over acts of violence and acts of beauty over acts of vandalism! It would be a world in which each choice we made would be based on our answer to this question, "What could I do to make this home, this school, this community, this world, a better place?" Bill Gordon believes that such a goal is attainable, and its successful completion takes place in three stages: 1. Kindness toward ourselves 2. Kindness to those closest to us, and 3. Kindness to "everybody and everything else" we meet on our journey through life.

Mar 9 | FREE



Northern Alberta NRLC Educational Assistant Conference 2017

Join us in Grande Prairie for two days of diverse yet focused professional development for all Education Assistants. We have developed breakouts which include topics Mental Health and Wellness/Brain Research specific to Mental Health, Emotional/Behavioral, Self-Regulation & Zones, Speech/Language, Student/Staff Technologies, Literacy, Sensory, and Diagnosis.

Mar 9 & 10 | \$150



Numeracy/Literacy/Competencies: Teacher Leadership Cohort Day 4

With Geri Lorway

Teachers and teacher leaders who participate in the group are keen to focus on building connections that link Literacy/Numeracy/ Competencies and the skills for Critical Thinking across subjects and grade levels with specific but not exclusive attention to mathematics, and are either currently acting in, or willing to pursue a role as an instructional coach and/or agent for change in their school or District level.

Mar 17 | FREE

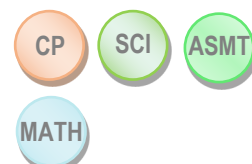


Blueprinting and Developing High School Math-Science Assessments

With Alberta Education

This session is based on the provincially established performance standards published by Alberta Education in subject specific information bulletins. A blueprint that reflects the standards will be developed by the participants for whichever course they are instructing. Then any of the activities, projects, tests, questions, etc., that the participants are using will be mapped onto the blueprint. The full-day session will expand the participants' activities to blueprinting a full unit of classroom time to ensure coverage of all the mandated outcomes.

Mar 17 | FREE



2017 AAC by the Bay Conference (Webcast)

The 2017 AAC by the Bay Conference will be held at Cisco in San Jose, CA. This will be the second time that they will produce a live web cast of the entire conference proceedings. Thanks to the generosity of the corporate sponsor, Cisco, in addition to the on-site participants, they can offer this unique experience to registered off-site hosts throughout the world.

Mar 23-25 | \$35



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Ten Talks: Self-Regulation, An Introduction: What You Should Know About Your Kids' Brain (and Yours Too!)

With Mike McKay

As parents, grandparents, caregivers, coaches, and educators, we believe that every child can and should learn and thrive. We WANT every child to grow and thrive. We play a key role in establishing the conditions for that to happen. Join other adults – parents, grandparents, caregivers, coaches, and educators - from our community to learn more about some of the approaches we can take to support our children's success and to enhance a positive and healthy approach to life's challenges and opportunities.

Mar 23 or Apr 6 | FREE



French as a Second Language All District Professional Learning Community Day 2

With Diana Boisvert

This PLC will allow teachers to collaborate and work towards the common goal of improving student success in the FSL classroom. The PLC movement, which is the core of teaching and learning initiatives applied within school districts across Canada, will provide teachers from the three districts the opportunity to better respond to student needs in FSL.

Mar 28 | FREE



Multiplicative Reasoning GPPSD Cohort: Day 2 & Day 3

GPPSD working Cohort by invitation only. Big picture: "I teach grade 5 but my students aren't ready for that content, but I don't know where to look to inquire about what was required before grade 5!"

Mar 28 | May 2



Pasture to Plate: Information on Alberta Beef, Pork and Eggs

With Beth Castle

Find out more about farming and food safety. Receive new updates on pork, hormone & antibiotic information, egg laying environments and so much more!

Mar 30 | \$25



French Immersion K to 6 Northern Divisions Professional Learning Community Day 3

With Andrea Couture

Des CAPS (communauté d'apprentissage professionnelle) permettront à des enseignants de collaborer et de travailler dans le but d'améliorer le rendement de tous les élèves en se penchant sur la pédagogie et l'apprentissage. Suite à la création d'un but, les enseignants travailleront en groupe pour analyser leurs évaluations formatives ainsi que de planifier les prochaines étapes pour leurs élèves.

Apr 3 | FREE



Zone 1 FNMI Walking Together Joint Advisory Meeting: April

Join the FNMI Advisory Committee for the April Meeting.

Apr 4 | FREE



PWSD Effective Coaching Program: Day 4

With Joanne Bardak

Evaluation of Coaching Program

- Learning from the data
- Analysis of data
- Sharing and Celebration
- Planning forward /next best steps

Apr 6 | FREE



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Violent Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) Training: May

With James Robinson, Michelle Crawford, & Mike Heckbert

The two-day training will provide participants with the steps and skills necessary to bring together education, police and community agencies to successfully participate in community based threat assessment protocol meetings and multi-disciplinary, cross sector VTRA assessments.

May 4 & 5 | \$130



Peace Wapiti Custom Summit: Featuring Google Suite (Google for Education)

EdTechTeam is extremely excited to bring a Custom Summit featuring Google Suite (Google Apps for Education) to Clairmont, Alberta. This will be an empowering and interactive 2 day event with over 40 breakout sessions to choose from. We are bringing together a team of incredibly talented and courageous educational leaders, empowered teachers, and creative thinkers from around the world.

Early Bird Reg Deadline...April 1 SAVE \$50

May 5 & 6 | \$350



Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training: 2 Day Training

With Lisa Schlosser & Mike Heckbert

The Nonviolent Crisis Intervention® training program is a safe, nonharmful behavior management system designed to help educators provide the best Care, Welfare, Safety, and SecuritySM of confrontational, disruptive, or potentially out-of-control students, even during their most violent moments. Completion of this 2 day course results in a NVCI certificate that is valid for 18 months from the course completion date.

May 15 & 16 | \$125

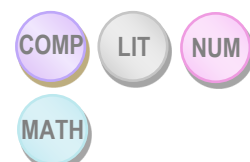


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May 15 | FREE



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May 19 | \$75



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Jun 5 | FREE



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The NRLC has a subscription-based newsletter to keep in touch with our stakeholders, our partners, our direct consumers! To subscribe directly please follow the link in your email message, or click this button when viewing the pdf.

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Watch for a newly designed and functional website coming soon too! Background work is underway with a launch planned for April.

Registration links coming soon!

Watch for...

**SPRING
2016-2017**

APPLIED BEHAVIOUR ANALYSIS

with Bruce Boyer

Grande Prairie May 12

HIGH SCHOOL REDESIGN WEBINAR SERIES

Tentative Dates: Tuesday, April 25th, Tuesday, May 2nd, Tuesday, May 9th 3:30pm-4:15pm

FALL

2017-2018

AUTISM INSIDE OUT

with Kim Barthel

Grande Prairie Oct 30-Nov 1

GREATER PEACE LOCAL 13 ANNUAL PD DAY

with Tiffany Poirier plus ATA sessions

Grimshaw Oct 23



Secondary Literacy Summer Symposium
August 15 & 16, 2017



ERLC Secondary Literacy Summer Symposium - August 15-16

Douglas Fisher and Leyton Schnellert are coming!! Promises to be an amazing two days - a full day keynote with Douglas and then a day of breakouts with dynamic presenters who will focus on practical strategies that teachers can take away with them.

Registration link: <http://erlc.ca/programs/details.php?id=6672>

