

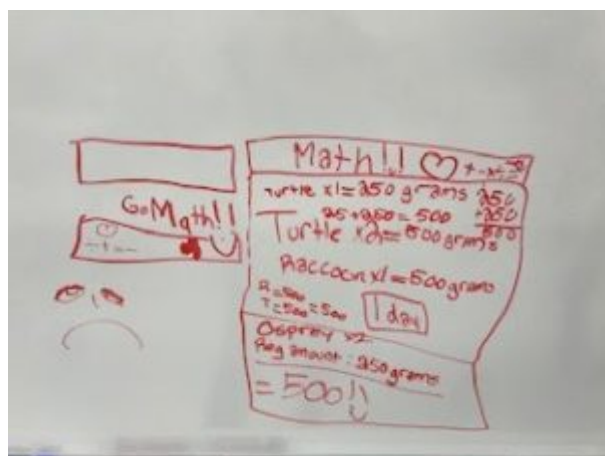
** Additional updates related to COVID-19 can be found on our district website [here](#).

Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL)

Intellectual Development

Curriculum

- Kindergarten phonological testing coming up - date extended until May 21
- Performance Standard Pilot with the Ministry of Education - SD60 will be participating
- Mathology Pilot - Pearson resource - for primary now, but will eventually go up to grade 8 - École Central, Anne Roberts Young and others joining in
- Thinking Classrooms Visitations



Virtual Science Fair 2021

The Science Fair had lower participation this year, but managed to overcome some hurdles to pull it off. The Awards Ceremony video can be viewed [here](#).



[Key Learning Center — 2021 Northern BC Regional Science Fair Winners](#)

Beginner Band Recruitment

Even a global pandemic can't stop the SD60 band! The creative band team put out a [recruitment video](#) to reach students and their families. They now have 84 registered with over 200 indicating interest. The District runs four classes each year.

Human & Social Development

Parent Workshops — [DBT Skills Parents Series](#)

Doctoral Study on Adolescent Use of Social Media — [Dissertation Proposal](#)

Community Partnerships — Margaret 'Ma' Murray Community School got a visit from the Tim Horton's team as part of the company's desire to recognize frontline workers!



Fort St. John Tim Hortons owners on the road to thank frontline workers

[FSJ Tim Horton's Owners on the road to thank frontline workers](#)

Career & Skill Development



Operations / HR

EdCan Partnership for staff well-being

SD60 employees now have access to [EdCan](#). EdCan is a Canadian-based organization committed to educator well-being and making researched best practices accessible to educators and school leaders. A few of the website areas include their online magazine, their wellness section and their research library. This is all available to employees when they create an account using their PRN email address.

“Kids These Days” by Jody Carrington —

Based on this book relating to reconnecting with students, a staff book club and online video sessions are available. Please see the [link to this poster](#).



Taking Expressions of Interest

Sign up here:
<https://forms.gle/8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v>
<https://www.drcarrington.com/kids-these-days>
 or search google drive
 Kids these days - expressions of interest

Cost: \$0

Commitment:

- To meet once a week, for 6 weeks, (start end of Apr - see sign up for specifics)
- Read book/view course materials prior to meeting.
- Bring learning back to your school community

BOOK CLUB/COURSE

KIDS THESE DAYS: A GAME PLAN FOR RECONNECTING WITH THOSE WE TEACH, LEAD AND LOVE.
 BY DR. JODY CARRINGTON

SD40 is looking for expressions of interest for participation in an online book club/course. Dr. Jody Carrington's book and corresponding online video sessions are an inspirational look at how schools and education are such a vital connection point to support the kids that we teach and support.

For more information about the book, check out:
<http://www.drcarrington.com/kids-these-days-2/>

Truth & Reconciliation

April 23 - District Non-Instructional Day (Indigenous Learning)

Dr. Niigaan Sinclair - Indigenous Professional Development: Training on Truth & Reconciliation in the Classroom

April 23, 2021

Dr. Niigaan Sinclair

Training on Truth and Reconciliation in the Classroom

Dr. Niigaan Sinclair is an award-winning author, activist, writer, and commentator. In addition to leading discussions on Truth and Reconciliation across Canada, since 2011 Niigaan Sinclair has been a member of the department of Native Studies at the University of Manitoba where he is currently an Associate Professor. Dr. Sinclair regularly contributes to discussions surrounding Indigenous issues on CBC, CTV, and APTN.



PRIZES

- iPad
- AirPods
- Books
- Educational & Cultural Supplies, etc.

(Must be on-line to receive!)



Two Sessions: 8:45 am - 11:45 am and 12:15 pm - 3:15 pm

Limited Numbers per Session: Zoom Link will be Provided via Administration

Recommendations from 2019 Indigenous Conference SD60 Teaching Attendees

Niigaan's presentation on Truth and Reconciliation is transformational and a must for all educators. "Choosing the Brave" creates and supports deep and meaningful conversations for students and teachers alike.

David Christensen

Niigaan Sinclair extends his teachings in a way that allows for educators to gain experience from his own personal experience, provides a space for constructive conversation amongst colleagues, as well as giving concrete strategies on how to incorporate Truth and Reconciliation into the classroom.

Melanie Davis

Niigaan Sinclair's passion to address the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission inspires those around him to become participants in the reconciliation process, and help to make a better future for all Canadians.

Christopher Neufeld

This workshop will be held in accordance with the current Provincial Health & Safety Guidelines

Backgrounder #10: Band Council

“Take 3”

BERT AMBROSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Bert Ambrose held their annual Student Conference on March 12th, which was adapted to meet the Covid restrictions that are currently in place. It usually starts with an inspirational guest speaker in the gym, but this year they were treated to a delightful set of skits put together by the Leadership Students in Mrs. Barr’s classroom. They did a wonderful job and thought they would share their ‘kick off’ to the day.

ANNUAL STUDENT CONFERENCE SKITS

ÉCOLE CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS







ABOVE — M. Helliwell and Mme Annie's classes went on a field trip to Kosick Holdings Gravel Pit to collect rocks for an ADST activity. They will be painting kindness rocks as part of our school values. The rocks will then be given to someone. Huge thank you to Tyler Kosick and Mike for allowing our students to spend some time in the gravel pit.

BELOW — Mme Stéphanie and Mme Nouha's classes are learning about diversity through an ADST activity involving felting. The completed project is a key chain.



HUDSON'S HOPE SCHOOL

[The Nest News - March 2021](#)— Hudson's Hope School Newsletter

UPPER HALFWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



"I just wanted to celebrate Tylin's accomplishment of raising money for a shuffleboard table through the hot lunch program that he does with me every two weeks. Half of the cost was matched by Jaclyn (Vice-Principal of Upper Halfway). He is so proud! His contribution to the school will help give the kids something to do when the weather is extreme as the school doesn't have a gym. Our next goal will be another piece of game equipment to add to the choice of lunch time activities. Just wanted to share this success."

... Sally Birley, Deaf & Hard of Hearing Support Teacher