

Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL)

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Intellectual Development

On the February 2nd Non-Instructional Day, the District once again hosted Adrienne Gear who worked with teachers on the writing workshop:

A Powerful Year of Writing: Effective Writing Instruction and Assessment - Part 2



SCHOOL DISTRICT 60
PLACE RIVER NORTH

**A POWERFUL YEAR OF WRITING:
EFFECTIVE WRITING INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT PART 2**

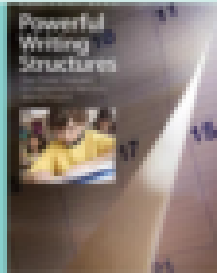
In-Person Workshop with Adrienne Gear. Focus on Terms 2 +3

Audience: Elementary (K-6) This session is for all staff who attended Part 1 & staff interested in attending Part 2

Friday February 2, 2024

8:30-1:30 (with two 20 min nutritional breaks)

The Northern Grand Hotel



REGISTER: Please register by January 19th 2024. Email learningservices@prn.bc.ca to confirm your spot.

School District No. 60 is excited to welcome back BC author and educator Adrienne Gear to share ideas from her most recent book "Powerful Writing Structures". Her book outlines an effective, year-long plan for teaching different writing structures including Personal Narrative, Nonfiction, and Story Writing. In this engaging workshop, Adrienne will outline an effective, year-long writing program and explore the many "how to's" of teaching writing including how to use class writing goals to guide writers, how to use assessment to guide practice, how to implement an effective writing routine, and how to get students writing with more confidence and competence. Come to this workshop and leave with some ready-to-use ideas to transform your writing program from "I know...Do we HAVE to write?" to "Yah! We GET to write!!!" Adrienne will be in the district for TWO sessions. First session will be on September 9th and the second on February 2, 2024. Participants will receive a copy of the book *A Powerful Year of Writing*.



Adrienne Gear has been an elementary teacher in the Vancouver School District for over 25 years. She is passionate about literacy, learning and inspiring teachers to reflect and refine their practice in order to best support their students. Her practical and engaging workshops are in high demand, and she presents at schools and conferences across Canada and internationally in the United States, United Kingdom, Australia, and Sweden. She is the author of 8 professional books (published by Pembroke/Stenhouse) for teachers in the area of literacy which have been translated into French, Danish, Swedish and Chinese. She currently lives in Kelowna with her family.

Achievement and other Data for SD60 Students

This data has been updated on the Ministry of Education and Child Care website for the 2022-23 school year and can be found [here](#).

Human & Social Development

February is Black History Month!

We will have more updates on some activities from around the District in the March report, but for now, here is a slide deck that plays all month long at the Energetic Learning Campus (ELC).

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Parent Sessions on Substance Abuse

The Ministry of Education and Child Care, in partnership with adolescent Clinical Psychologist, Dr. Hayley Watson, will be hosting free virtual sessions on youth substance use for parents/guardians, caregivers and caring adults. Dr. Watson will provide valuable insights, practical tips, and resources to equip participants with the tools needed to guide their children and youth toward making positive choices when it comes to substance use.

Key Takeaways for Participants:

- Learn why children/teenagers are drawn to substances.
- Understand what causes and maintains substance use disorder and needs.
- Increase your child's ability to make positive choices about substances.
- Acquire practical conversation tools for discussing substances in the home.

Participants must register in advance due to limited capacity. Session dates are:

- February 20, 6:00 - 7:30 pm PST - [Click here to Register](#)
- February 22, 6:00 - 7:30 pm PST - [Click here to Register](#)
- February 28, 6:00 - 7:30 pm PST - [Click here to Register](#)

Parent Information/Training Session: Safe and Caring Use of Technology at Home

and in the Community - Offered through the ERASE provincial support program.

This session is recommended for all parents/guardians/caregivers and youth ages 10 and up.

It takes place on February 28th at 7:30pm MST. You can register [here](#).

Careers & Skill Development

Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) Grand Opening!

On December 20th, the SWIS team welcomed the community to their new center within Robert Ogilvie Elementary School. With space for meeting families and providing support, this new hub will better support the arrival and success of our new families. The newsletter below provides further information on their services.

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School District 60 Band Fundraiser for trips to Whistler and Toronto!

Our concert band continues to have the opportunity to compete and learn through band festivals across the country. The list of its accomplishments continues to grow. Please come out and support their fundraiser at Margaret 'Ma' Murray Community School on Saturday, February 24th from 12-4pm.

**School District 60 Band
FUN-draising Concert**

A special
 opportunity for SD60
 to support the
 development of
 the school district
 by performing
 at the
 concert.

Concert
 will be held
 on
 February
 24th
 from
 12:00 PM to
 4:00 PM
 at
 Margaret "Ma" Murray
 Community School



**HELP OUR STUDENTS
PERFORM AND COMPETE
IN WHISTLER AND TORONTO!**

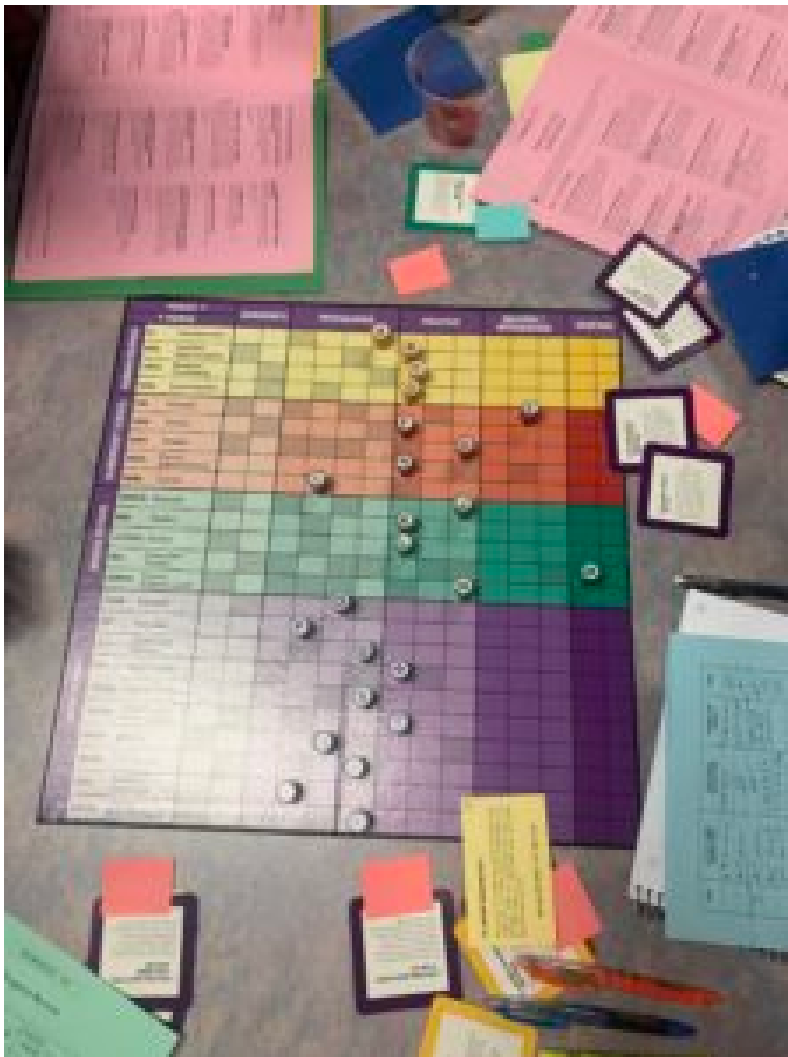
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Margaret "Ma" Murray
Community School**

Operations / HR

Leadership Academy 2023-24

The cohort of 15 teachers had a recent workshop on Friday, February 2nd and participated

in a collaborative activity called “The Change Game.” The activity challenges a group of leaders to enter into a series of decision-making scenarios with the objective of leading change and school improvement. This was the fifth meeting of the group and the academy will wrap up with its final session on “Difficult Conversations” on March 5th.



SD60 Staff Art Hub - Workshops that promote staff wellness continue to be offered

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Truth & Reconciliation

Professional Development for SD60 Staff: Reconciliation Through Indigenous Education Course

[Registration](#) is open for the next free course offering for *Reconciliation through Indigenous Education*, a 6-week Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) offered by the University of British Columbia. The course begins on January 30, 2024. Register today to guarantee your spot.

“Take 3”

North Peace Secondary School

Our Entrepreneurship 12 class established businesses, sold their wares and generously contributed their profits (over \$2,000.00) to local non-profit organizations.

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Krista Peregoodoff, Vice-Principal, North Peace Secondary

Margaret ‘Ma’ Murray Community School

Our Early Act Student Leadership students who do activities for the school, did numerous campaigns in November and December to give back to the community. They do this by involving the whole student body. During this time frame, Early Act ran 3 separate campaigns: Gifts for Seniors, PJ Drive and “Be An Angel” campaign. The Early Act campaigns had our students collect 125 pairs of pyjamas, over \$500 for the “Be An Angel” campaign and enough items to put together 45 senior gift bags.



As a culminating event, all students from the school went to sing Christmas carols to 3 senior organizations when they presented the gift bags.

We are very proud of our Early Act students for their dedication to plan events for students to participate in and all of the activities they provide to give back to the community.

Kathy Scheck, Principal, Margaret 'Ma' Murray Community School

Taylor Elementary

The Taylor Tigers are into week 5 of their **Winter Reading Challenge!**

Students track their minutes reading at home on a reading log and submit it weekly.

As of February 13th, students and staff collectively have a total of **73,298 minutes!**

During Family Literacy Week, a morning was dedicated to a school-wide **'Read and Feed'**. The PAC provided a pancake breakfast and students spent the morning reading. We participated in a school-wide Buddy Read that was sponsored by the Fort St. John Literacy Society. Following the school-wide Buddy Read, prizes were provided by the Fort St. John Literacy Society. The Siberian Tigers won a pizza lunch for all 30 of their team members.

Prize winners from the "Great Big Buddy Read":

Student winners - Phoenix Wiebe, Madison Kersey, Addison Raw, Camryn Creamer, Dayna Enes, and Triton Chambers.

Staff winners - Mrs. Austin and Ms. Elliott

Thanks to our school librarian, Mrs. Turner-London, for organizing the 'Read and Feed' event, as well as the reading challenge.

Thanks to Taylor Mills, from the Fort St. John Literacy Society, for the prizes and pizza lunch!



Nancy Maxfield, Principal, Taylor Elementary