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Student Voice: Designing a Child-Centred School Code of Conduct
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Kootenay Lake invites applications for Vice-Principal, effective October 1 (ending July 31, 2016). The successful candidate for this term position will be deployed to both Homelinks (Creston) School and to Canyon-Lister Elementary. The position will be based primarily from Homelinks Creston, but may include days at Canyon-Lister Elementary. Applications are due by 12 pm, September 17. Information: http://bit.ly/1hYRmPS

Coast Mountains invites applications for the position of Vice-Principal District Career/Trades. The centre is located in the Terrace/Thornhill community within the traditional territory of the Tsimshian First Nation. The centre will house trades and technical training for secondary and adult...
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students, and will also house the main office of the North Coast Distance Education Program. Approximately 40 continuing education students will be enrolled in the welding and cosmetology trades programs in the first year. Expansion of the centre's training offerings will occur in the next few years with the growth of industry partnerships and trades opportunities. Information: http://bit.ly/1Lc3a8D

Southeast Kootenay invites applications for the position of District Principal of Technology and Transformative Learning. This position is based out of Cranbrook which provides service to all schools of SD5. Applications are due by 12 pm, September 18. Information: http://bit.ly/1JFakEc

Gulf Islands invites applications for the position of Principal, Saturna Elementary School/Saturna Ecological Education Center, effective as soon as possible. “The successful candidate will be responsible for the operation of the school and for the delivery of high quality programs to learners of all ages, including preschool, primary, middle years, high school and adults. This is a position that requires a great range of flexibility, creativity, patience, and a passion for environmental, place-based and differentiated education.” The posting will remain open until a suitable candidate is selected. Information: http://bit.ly/1FmRsUL

Conseil scolaire francophone (CSF) recherche une personne motivée et compétente pour combler le poste de direction pour l’école Jack Cook (Terrace). Au nom du CSF, la direction d’école est responsable de la gestion, tant administrative que pédagogique de l’ensemble des programmes et des ressources de l’école afin d’amener les élèves à atteindre leur plein potentiel, et ce, conformément à la Loi scolaire et aux politiques du CSF. Jusqu’à ce que le poste soit comblé. http://bit.ly/1M2g3EJ

TEACHER POSITION: BC Agriculture in the Classroom is seeking an education specialist (secondary) with possible teacher secondment. The primary role is ‘to focus on the time and cost-effect design and development of quality educational recourses that appropriately and consistently promote the integrations of agricultural literacy in alignment with the K-12 curriculum.’ The deadline to apply is October 2. Information: http://bit.ly/1F2j9sP

BCPVPA Educator is the Association’s listserv and allows members to share their expertise, connect with each other, and establish a network of colleagues all across the province. This is an email-based service and membership currently stands at approximately 470. To subscribe email Richard Williams (rwilliams@bcpvpa.bc.ca)
ArtStarts in Schools is a not-for-profit organization that provides innovative arts programs for young people, practical resources for teachers and artists, and leadership in advocacy for arts in education. The organization also offers a variety of grants to promote arts in schools. Among them are:

- **Artists in the Classroom** grants bring professional artists into classrooms for unique learning experiences. Grants of up to $3500 for small- to medium-scale projects or up to $10000 for large-scale projects are available. Apply by October 15. Information: [http://artstarts.com/aic](http://artstarts.com/aic)

- **Arts in Education Council of BC** offers grants of up to $500 for schools to support professional development for K-12 teachers, to increase their appreciation of the arts. Apply by October 16. Information: [http://artstarts.com/aiecbc](http://artstarts.com/aiecbc)

- **Cherniavsky’s Mr. Music** fund offers matching grants of up to $500 to assist schools in purchasing tickets for students to attend live performances of classical and traditional music, opera or ballet. Apply by Nov 13. Information: [http://artstarts.com/cherniavsky](http://artstarts.com/cherniavsky)

Revised & mobile friendly

Based on feedback from members, the BCPVPA website has been revised. Information about services, news, workshops, conferences, contact information, change of address forms, and more is available 24/7, all of it optimized to be accessible from any of your devices.

- Your suggestions are welcome. They provide the direction for enhancements (email: rwilliams@bcpvpa.bc.ca).
Nominations close November 2 for Canada’s Outstanding Principals

Nominations are open for The Learning Partnership’s Canada’s Outstanding Principals’ Program, which honours principals from across Canada who exemplify excellence in public education. The program was created in partnership with Rotman School of Management, to strengthen the public education system by developing its leaders and offers principals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, the opportunity to be recognized nationally as exemplary educators and to experience a five-day Executive Leadership Training program at the Rotman School of Management. Nominations close November 2.

• Information: http://bit.ly/1Xmf0G3

Scholarships for BC students in financial need

The application process for the 2016 Horatio Alger of Canada Scholarship Programs is now open. The Association provides $650,000 annually in need-based scholarship support for deserving students in all Canadian provinces and territories. Scholarships of up to $10,000 are awarded to full-time students in their terminal year of high school with financial need (family income under $55,000) who have demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity, a commitment to pursue a post-secondary education, a desire to contribute to society, and a good academic record. The application deadline is October 25. Information: http://bit.ly/1UM8Lay

Professional Learning developed and/or sponsored by the BCPVPA

Supervision for Learning • 2015-2016 school year

Supervision for Learning, which supports instructional leadership and is designed to increase the impact of school administrators on teaching practices and student achievement. The program provides five days of learning over eight months. The cost is $800 per person ($1150 for non-members). Info: http://bit.ly/1EF6aNB

Perspectives on Student Engagement • October 1

Co-sponsored with Learning Forward BC, this event features Steve Cardwell and Chris Kennedy, who will draw on current research and effective practices to facilitate an evening of discussion and learning on student engagement. Info: http://bit.ly/1FnCFL3
I hope your first week with a full school was a resounding success. A flurry of activity has been happening at the office. Preparation is well in hand for us to begin our weeklong series of conference calls with Chapter Presidents and Contract Chairs. The focus will be 1) to update Chapters about how the amendment to the wage freeze is being handled, 2) how the Association is working to ensure members derive maximum benefit from the amendment to the freeze, and 3) to discover consistencies, anomalies, and obstacles in the approach to the lifting of the freeze. Teleconference calls begin Monday, September 14 and continue through Monday, September 21. Chapter Presidents and Contract Chairs who are unable to call in on their specific date are welcome to choose one of the other times. Please contact Linsea as soon as possible (loshea@bcpvpa.bc.ca).

As this year begins, I am reminded of the many visits to Chapters that I undertook last year. It was during these visits that I saw learning, teaching, and amazing leadership centered on children and grounded in individual and unique communities. As my visits to other Chapters continued, I enjoyed sharing what I learned with others and, when possible, helping to make connections for others who were working through similar initiatives, or sharing the same struggles. If you are interested in scheduling a Chapter visit sometime during this school year, please contact Linsea (loshea@bcpvpa.bc.ca).

In about six weeks — on October 22 and 23 in Richmond — the Association is hosting its 2015 Connecting Leaders: Framing the Future conference. This year's conference is tightly packed into a Thursday evening and all-day Friday and offers a remarkably diverse and relevant program. Four keynote speakers will anchor the event and eight breakout sessions will allow participants to delve into specific areas of professional interest. I know those dates are busy and offer numerous options, but I believe that our conference, organized by and for principals and vice-principals, will provide exceptional value. Visit our webpage http://bit.ly/1UslYoR for complete details and videos by two of our keynotes. I hope to see many of you there.

Have a great weekend, Gordon

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September 26, West Vancouver, ON
TEDxWestVancouverED returns with a day of sharing a collective passion for different approaches to teaching, learning, and gaining knowledge. Conference organizers invite participants to “rethink education from A to Z.” Early bird registration through June 30 is $75. Among those presenting will be Will Richardson, Kristi Blakeway, Allison McNeill, Starleigh Grass, Walter Mustapich, Jim Crescenzo, and Lane Merrifield
Information: www.tedxwestvancouvered.com

September 30-October 1, Toronto, ON
12th Annual Summit on Emergency & Disaster Planning for Colleges, Universities & K-12 Schools. Two days of content with specialized streams, 20+ interactive sessions and 30+ speakers.
Information: http://www.schoolcontingency.com/

October 1, Richmond, BC
Perspectives on student engagement will be shared by Steve Cardwell, Director, UBC Tranformative Educational Leadership Program and Chris Kennedy, Superintendent of the West Vancouver School District at an October 1 event, from 6 to 8 pm at the Richmond Hilton. Co-sponsored by the BCPVPA and Learning Forward BC, the $50 fee also includes appetizers, focused conversations at tables, and report out and feedback. Registration will be available soon.
Email: kim@bcpvpa.bc.ca

October 2-3, Vancouver, BC
The Dalai Lama Center is hosting its 3rd Heart-Mind Conference, in Vancouver. The focus is on ‘how we teach and nurture our children as we explore Human Connection in a Digital World’
Information: http://bit.ly/1O2q3QO

October 2-3, Vancouver, BC
Dr. Mort will teach participants how to implement a research-based play and literacy skill-driven environment for all vulnerable K-2 children. Participants will learn how to achieve literacy success rates with their students by June 2016. Full school teams are encouraged to attend.
Information: http://bit.ly/1JETiDL
Ray Zahab is the founder of impossible2Possible (i2P), an organization that inspires and educates youth through adventure learning, and inclusion and participation in expeditions. In 2006/7, Ray and two other runners ran the width of the Sahara Desert — 4600 miles — in 111 days. The run was documented in Running the Sahara a film directed by Oscar winner James Moll and narrated by Matt Damon. i2P aims to inspire and educate youth through adventure learning, inclusion and participation in expeditions. 

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Daisy Dyer Duerr was, until this June, Principal of Saint Paul School, in Saint Paul, Arkansas. Daisy was named one of NASSP’s 2014 Digital Principals, an award that honors those who exhibit bold, creative leadership in their drive to harness the potential of new technologies to further learning goals. 

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Steve Barkley is Executive Vice-President of PLS 3rd Learning, and is internationally recognized for his ability to facilitate change. Most recently, Steve has concentrated his efforts on working with several districts in leadership training, coaching skills, and establishing teacher professional development goals. His dynamic energy and focus provide a model for the skills necessary for effective change in individual teachers, teams, and schools.

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Dan Pontefract is the author of Flat Army: Creating a Connected and Engaged Organization and, in November, Dual Purpose: Redefining the Meaning of Work. He is Chief Envisioner of TELUS Transformation Office; an organizational culture change consulting firm. Previously he lead the leadership development, learning and collaboration technology strategy at TELUS where he introduced the TELUS Leadership Philosophy (TLP), an open and collaborative-based leadership framework for all 40,000+ TELUS employees. Click for Dan’s website.
October 3, Sands Secondary, Delta, BC
EdCamp Delta’s *Growing Connections* features grass roots, organic, participant-driven professional learning. Registration is free and lunch is provided.
Information: https://deltalearns.ca/edcamp

October 22 – 23, Richmond, BC
**Connecting Leaders: Framing the Future**
The BCPVPA's annual conference features Ray Zahab, Daisy Dyer Duerr, Steve Barkley, and Dan Pontefract.
Information: http://www.bcpvpa.bc.ca

October 23, Richmond, BC
Neuropasticity and Education: Strengthening the Connection brings together 750 educators, parents, psychologists, counsellors, speech language pathologists, occupational therapists, neuroscientists and those in related professions. Speakers includes Jamie Zimmerman, D. Daniel Ansari, and Dr. Adele Diamond.
Information: http://www.neuropsychologyandeducation.com/

October 23-24, Yorkson Middle, Langley, BC
The fall conference of the Provincial Intermediate and Middle-Years Teachers’ Association features Jeffrey Wilhelm, Diana Cruchley and 40 speakers presenting more than 70 workshops.
Information: https://mypita.ca

October 30-November 1, San Diego, CA
Reframing Teaching and Learning: Dispositions Lead the Way is the theme of this ASCD conference on Educational Leadership. A preconference on October 29 features Art Costa and Bena Kallick.
Information: https://ascd.org

November 12-13, Maple Ridge, BC
Ignition 2015: School Re-Launched is a two-day learning event for individuals and school teams wanting to move beyond discussing innovation to implementation in the school renewal process. Topics include: the concept of time, flexible scheduling, learning spaces, teacher collaboration structures, and using meaningful data to tell your school’s story.
Information: http://bit.ly/1PQnYpt

December 5- 9, Washington, DC
The Learning Forward conference features Marc Tucker and Ben Jensen, Michael Garret and Kwang Suk Yoon, Jon Bergmann, Steven Katz and Lisa Dack, Kathryn Parker Boudett, Marcia Tate, Kristen Swanson, Michael Toth, Jim Knight, Carol Jago, and Tim Kanold, and others.
Information: http://learningforward.org/

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BETT is the world’s largest EdTech conference and asks “how confident are you that your school is kitted out with the most innovative learning technology and that everyone knows how to use it to its full potential?”
Information: http://bettshow.com/

February 11-13, Phoenix, AZ
Leading for Excellence is the national conference of the Association of American School Administrators. Keynote speakers include Shawn Achor and Manny Scott.
Information: http://nce.aasa.org/

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February 18-20, Richmond, BC
The annual conference of the BC Partners in Online Learning.
Information: http://conference.learnnowbc.ca/

February 25-27, Orlando, FL
Ignite 16 is the national conference of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. The keynote speakers are Robert Putnam and Sekou Andrews.
Information: https://www.principals.org/Events#conference

April 2-4, Atlanta, GA
Learn. Teach. Lead.
The annual conference of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. Speakers include Manny Scott, Carol Dweck and Mike Schmoker and there are more than 200 sessions scheduled. In addition there are 22 pre-conference institutes (March 20 to April 1).
Information: http://www.ascd.org/conferences.aspx

April 4-7, Washington, DC.
CoSN2016 (Accelerating Success Powered by an eLearning Culture) ‘will focus on the ways that school systems can change their organizational cultures, embrace a culture of digital options, and accelerate success.’
Information: http://cosnconference.org/

April 5-8, Baltimore, MD
The annual conference of the Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages Association.

May 1-3, Toronto, ON
The annual conference of the Canadian Association for the Practical Study of Law in Education.
Information: http://capsle.ca/

May TBA, Saint John, NB
The Canadian Association of Principals’ Association annual conference is hosted by New Brunswick.
Information: http://cdn principals.org/

December 2-7, Vancouver, BC
The Learning Forward (National Staff Development Council) annual conference at the Vancouver Convention Center.
Information: http://learningforward.org/

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