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BCPVPA Advisory Committee Opportunities

Short Course Facilitators • Deadline to apply November 1

SHORT COURSE 2017 Facilitators The BCPVPA's Professional Learning Department requests expressions of interest from members who would like to be facilitators at the 2017 Short Course (UBC, July 4 to 8). Applications are due by 5 pm, November 1. **APPLY:** <http://bit.ly/18AMAIR>

Leadership Opportunities Vancouver invites applications for secondary principals. Apply by 7 am, Oct 24. <http://bit.ly/1orihGA>

Surrey invites applications for elementary principals in anticipation of future vacancies. Apply by 12 pm, Oct 24. <http://bit.ly/2aYh898>

Southeast Kootenay invites applications for Principal, Highlands Elementary, effective Jan 1. Apply by Oct 28 at 12 noon. <http://bit.ly/2eaeWs4>

Surrey invites applications for elementary Vice-Principal opportunities. Among other qualities, ideal candidates should: have demonstrated effective school leadership; possess exceptional communication and interpersonal skills; and, model instructional leadership. Apply by 12 noon, Oct 28. <http://bit.ly/2ebnMKa>

West Vancouver invites applications for Vice-Principal. This process will create a pool for Vice-Principal openings. At this time, there is a vacancy in the Vice-Principal group which will be filled for the 2017-2018 school year. The location is yet to be determined. In addition, if vacancies occur within the 2016-2017 school year, this pool of successful applicants will be reviewed to fill the opportunity. Apply by 1 pm, Oct 28. <http://bit.ly/2edVhYw>

Deadline to apply is Tuesday, October 25

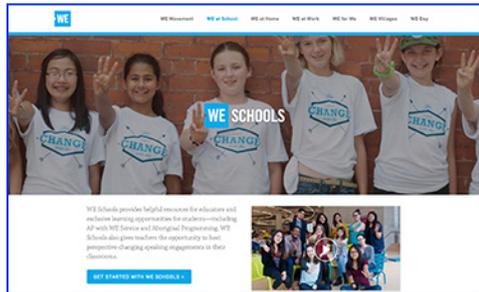
\$10,000 scholarships for students in their final year of high school



The Horatio Alger Association of Canada provides \$650,000 annually in need-based scholarship support for deserving students. Scholarships of up to \$10,000 are awarded to full-time students in their final year of high school with financial need (family income less than \$65,000) 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. For information and to apply visit <http://bit.ly/2bCwM94>



TPP pension seminars
Making the Most of Your Pension
 (2 hrs) Audience: mid-career
Approaching Retirement
 (1.5 hrs)
 Information: <http://bit.ly/2coRvxC>



WE would like to invite principals and vice-principals to attend WE Day Vancouver on November 3 at the Rogers Arena free of charge. To register as a guest for WE Day, visit <http://bit.ly/2dtuB3K> Alternatively, if you would like more information about this opportunity contact Eric Christensen, WE Schools Manager at Eric.Christensen@we.org

WE Day combines the energy of a live concert with the inspiration of stories of leadership and change. This year, WE has partnered with Canada Heritage to create the *WE Are Canada Curriculum and Resource Kit*. This comprehensive, bilingual kit will provide educators across the country with the tools to teach and inspire students to become active participants in shaping Canada's heritage for years to come. Each lesson package provided includes subject-specific curriculum expectations across the three grade levels: elementary, middle years, and secondary. The multidisciplinary approach to curriculum development makes it possible to address a variety of core subjects, including social studies, science, math, and English. All teachers who attend WE Day will receive this resource (with more than 100 curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular lessons and activities, in both English and French).

Some upcoming events **Learning Forward BC's network dinner** will be held at Burnaby Central, October 27, from 5 to 7 pm. Share ideas with a school team that will describe how a cross-grade, cross-disciplinary inquiry project (How to incorporate student voice and passion through project-based learning? and How can we cultivate collaboration, communication, problem-solving and decision-making skills?) **changed** their approach to student assessment and reporting. The \$45 cost includes snacks at 4:30 and a light dinner following. Register at <http://learningforwardbc.ca/>

The **Institute for Innovation in Education**, in conjunction with Vancouver Island University, is hosting a three-day gathering, November 4-7, 'to bring together people and ideas across disciplinary, institutional, and professional boundaries. In addition, a special emphasis on design thinking for teaching and learning will guide many of the activities,' which include a digital exchange for student multi-genre writing; practices for social & emotional learning; storytelling as science assessment; and intersections of mathematics and indigenous culture. Registration: <http://bit.ly/2dzRSSm>.

Metro Vancouver Meeting for Administrators in Alternative Education will be held Friday, November 4 (9:30 – 11:30 am) at the Surrey District Building. This will be an opportunity to connect and collaborate with administrators in Alternative Education. To attend or for more information email one of the following: Jeremy Church (jchurch@sd44.ca) or Chuck Lawson (chuck_lawson@sd33.bc.ca) or Daniel To (to_d@surreyschools.ca).

Planning Ahead ... the Association's guide to upcoming professional learning events is published in the first issue of each month.

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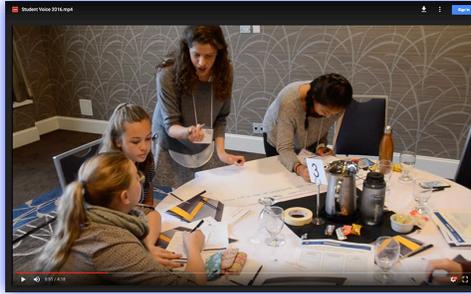


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<http://bit.ly/1O2vhMq>

**President Kevin Reimer
on empowering students**

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Watch the Student Voice video: <http://bit.ly/2e9X29Z>
(By Jason Gill, VP, SD60 and
Jordan Howlett, Teacher, SD35)

This past Friday and Saturday, the BCPVPA held its first Student Voice forum of the school year with student representatives and advisors from around the province. Apart from a power outage for part of the forum it was a successful event that engaged students in education policy. The mission of BC Student Voice is to empower students to address their needs, interests, and concerns by strengthening the links

among students and their partners in education. Over the course of the two days, a number of representatives from the Ministry of Education worked with the students and listened to their feedback on a variety of issues. There were in-depth discussions facilitated around the issues of system accountability, satisfaction surveys, and youth mental health. Student Voice is the only forum for students to provide feedback and views on public education directly to government representatives. Within their own communities, students, supported by their school advisors, meet regularly to review provincial initiatives and facilitate the development of school and district student voices.

Last week, I had the pleasure of visiting Cowichan Bay School District where I was hosted by Chapter President **Darrell Wright**. Principal Larry Mattin (@larry_mattin) and Vice-Principal **Scott Jackson** led me on an excellent tour of this energetic learning hub. The programs are housed in a magnificent heritage building that provides the umbrella for a number of alternative learning options as well as the district distance education program. The school clientele is diverse, with students with varied backgrounds and challenges. Larry and Scott have created a model approach to alternative learning that is personalized, flexible, and meets students where they are on their learning journey. In addition, the school has a remarkable feeling of community as many of the students prepare and share lunch together with the staff several times per week.

My second stop was to Discovery Elementary School to take up the kind offer of Principal **Ian Zibin** and Vice-Principal **Craig McLeod** (@MusingMaven) to tour their school. With an enrolment decline in recent years they are attempting to create additional learning spaces for students. They have made additions to their sensory room and are looking at creating a Makerspace type environment in an attempt to better engage their students.

When I wrote, last week, about my recent visit to the Sunshine Coast I inadvertently missed sharing my visit to Davis Bay Elementary. **Ursula Hardwick** is the Principal and is responsible for leading a busy and diverse

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school, “Where the outdoors are in!” The school had been slated for closure recently and to avoid that likelihood the parents advocated on behalf of the school and now Davis Bay is thriving and home to a number of district programs. In addition to the traditional classes, the school’s NEST Program (Nature Education for Sustainable Today’s and Tomorrow’s) is a vibrant program that takes advantage of the beautiful school surroundings as their outdoor learning space. In addition, the SPIDER Program (Students Participating in Distance Education Resources) is a K-9 blended distance learning program that is housed at the school.

My visits to schools around the province allow me to see firsthand the remarkable achievements of individual schools and districts as they find innovative and flexible ways to meet student needs and boost achievement. My conversations with members also provide school-based experiences that I draw on frequently when advocating on your behalf. My thanks to everyone who I have met so far ... and I look forward to many more school visits throughout my term as President.

Have a great weekend, Kevin

**Nominations close
October 31**
Canada’s Outstanding
Principals
*Recognizing outstanding
contributions of principals
in publicly funded schools.*

Canada’s Outstanding Principals honours principals from across Canada who demonstrate innovation and entrepreneurial spirit. Created in partnership with Rotman School of Management, the program offers recipients the opportunity to be brought to Toronto to be recognized nationally as innovative educators at an annual gala awards evening for 500 guests; to attend a five-day executive leadership training program at the Rotman School of Management; and become part of a National Academy of Principals, a learning community of more than 400 Canada’s *Outstanding Principals* alumni. Nominations for this year’s program are open through October 31. For information visit <http://bit.ly/2bMXTw4>

Connecting Landscapes for Learning

Learning Forward’s 2016 Annual Conference

Vancouver • December 3-7

Learning Forward’s 2016 annual conference in Vancouver, December 3 to 7, provides educators with content and tools to bring powerful forms of professional learning back home. Participants will gain practical solutions to challenges and learn strategies to build school leader capacity. Innovative practitioners will present in more than 350 concurrent sessions on topics including social emotional learning; developing or shifting mindsets; visible learning; teacher leadership; quality feedback; presentation and facilitation skills; program evaluation; Aboriginal education; and more. Among the presenters are Tom Guskey and Joellen Killion; Tom Hierck; Marcia Tate; Jim Knight; Anthony Muhammad; and Linda Kaser and Judy Halbert.

Information <http://bit.ly/2bGHLg6>