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A Message from BCPVPA President David DeRosa

In Remembrance

In the transition of the seasons and the cycle of the school year, Remembrance Day 2018 has brought to our communities a deep sense of reflection. Across BC, within the smallest elementary schools, in our distributed and alternative programs and in our largest secondary schools, thoughtful ceremonies and activities brought together students, staff and special guests to pause and acknowledge the sacrifices of Canadian veterans.

As a principal, it was my role to support a team of students and staff as we conceived the plan for the school Remembrance Day assembly each year. If there was a time when I felt most proud of our students, it would be during these annual assemblies. Like many of you, I would invite our community to join us and I would hear how impressed they were with our students and their engagement as these young people led the events with quiet respect through songs, poetry and memorial projects. Although we are all invited to 'remember', we recognize that it is challenging for our youngsters whose direct connections may be limited. I would ask our students to pause and to really listen to the stories of sacrifice, many of which involved young people not much older than them. Most importantly, I would ask them to reflect on what they are thankful for in their lives, especially the little things that we might take for granted. I've been grateful to see the dawning understanding when a student retells a story that has resonated, because it gives me hope.

The poppy is a powerful and enduring symbol of sacrifice and remembrance. When I look out at a school assembly and see that field of poppies resting on shirts and lapels, I believe that the lessons of Remembrance Day are among the most meaningful that we can impart to our students. Thank you all for the impactful moments that you shared with your own students in the past week.

Take Care,
David

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BCPVPA UPDATES

David's Highlights

- *November 13 - Take A Hike*
- *November 14 - Ministry Meeting - School Centred Mental Health Initiatives*
- *November 15-16 - Chapter Visit – negotiation representation - Revelstoke*

Coming Up

- *November 22 – Board of Directors Meeting*
- *November 23-24 Presidents' & Chapter Council Meeting*
- *November 24 – BCPVPA AGM*

NEW

BCPVPA Retirement Seminar: Richmond – Thursday November 22, 2018

6:30pm – 8:30pm

The Pacific Gateway Hotel (Douglas Fir Ballroom)

3500 Cessna Drive, Richmond

This seminar for BCPVPA members will include information on the Teachers' Pension Plan, including recent changes, and overall preparation and planning for retirement.

Registration deadline Tuesday, November 20

(space is limited to first 30 participants)

[Register](#)

NEW

Short Course I: Inspiring Early Career Leaders – July 2 – 6, 2019

UBC

This five-day program for new and nearly-new Principals & Vice-Principals is framed by the *Leadership Standards* and provides a foundation for the applicable skills and knowledge through experiential reflection. Participants are immersed in the realities of school administration, and are given the knowledge, skills and strategies needed in their new roles. Short Course I has evolved through 42 years of collaboration between the BCPVPA and UBC.

Space is limited!

Registration opens **December 3, 2018** – please contact kim@bcpvpa.bc.ca for more information

NEW

Short Course II: Igniting Mid-Career Leaders – July 9 – 12, 2019

UBC Okanagan

In conjunction with BCSSA and with the support of the Ministry of Education

This four-day summit for established Principals & Vice-Principals is a professional learning experience designed to inspire collaborative inquiry and innovation and foster transformative learning in schools.

Short Course II begins with a Leading Learning and Innovation summit and includes ongoing supported learning throughout the year.

Registration is **limited to 50 participants**, and **opens January 7, 2019** – please contact kim@bcpvpa.bc.ca for more information

NEW

Leading a Culture of Learning: Level 1

Leading a Culture of Learning: Level 1 is an eight-month learning experience supporting leading learning through focused dialogue that is grounded in a clear vision, all to enhance a culture of learning in your school.

The five day-long sessions offer an opportunity to build instructional leadership capacity through a peer coaching model with embedded practice and reflection. Ongoing peer support occurs through triad conference calls held every two weeks, which has proven to be a very valuable component of the learning experience.

Focus areas include:

Values / Vision

Feedback / Change

Learner Focused Dialogue

Difficult Conversations

Structures and Support

Cohorts and dates to be determined

Registration opens **December 3, 2018** – please contact kim@bcpvpa.bc.ca for more information

NEW

Leading a Culture of Learning: Level 2

Leading a Culture of Learning Level 2 is a five-day program over seven months that offers a practical extension to LCL 1. The 5 Attributes of Teaching and Learning, a framework of common language of learning adapted for BC, is used as participants practice observing learning in classrooms and work with colleagues to develop curious questions that inspire learning for all.

The first session introduces the 5A Framework and the subsequent four sessions are hosted in the schools of the participants. During these four practical sessions, participants will have the opportunity to establish the attribute of focus that will guide several learning observations and then practice developing reflective questions in a supporting group setting. Dyad teams will provide ongoing peer support between the sessions as participants engage in their learning focused dialogues.

Cohorts and dates to be determined

Registration opens **January 7, 2019** – please contact kim@bcpvpa.bc.ca for more information

NEW

LEAP (Leading Educators Around the Planet)

International Peer Shadowing Leadership Program for Educational Leaders

Apply to participate in the 2019 LEAP program:

Canadian participants billet with Australian colleagues July 21 - 31, 2019 *with*

- Welcome Luncheon Seminar
- Schools Visitation Program
- LEAP International Peer-shadowing Seminar
- LEAP International Peer-shadowing Dinner

Canadian participants billet and host Australian colleagues in your home and school from September 29 - October 9, 2019

Participation requires organizing and engaging in a welcoming function in your community, facilitating appropriate peer-shadowing, educational and professional learning experiences, and organizing and engaging in a farewell function in your community.

Please download the [application form](#) and visit aleap4principals.com.au

BC Teachers' Council Appointment Opportunity

The Minister of Education is seeking to appoint one BCPVPA member to the BC Teacher's Council for a three-year term beginning in 2019. The nominations by the BCPVPA must be in accordance with the BC Teacher's Council Regulation that states that the BCPVPA may nominate up to three of its members for consideration. The Minister of Education will make the final decision regarding the BCPVPA member appointed to the BCTC.

Application deadline is Monday November 19, 2018

[BCPVPA Member Application](#)

Save the Date - 2019 Connecting Leaders Conference

Thursday October 24 – Saturday October 26, 2019

Penticton Lakeside Resort & Conference Centre

The 2019 conference will have the theme *Cultivating a Climate of Leadership*, and will feature keynotes [Peter DeWitt](#), [Gabrielle Scrimshaw](#) and [Dr. John Chenoweth](#).

[Find out more](#)

BCPVPA Webinars

The Fall webinars are now available on the BCPVPA [YouTube](#) channel.

Visit bcpvpa.bc.ca/webinars for the full rundown and link

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MEMBER & PARTNER NEWS

Launch of erase Website

erase = expect respect & a safe education

The Ministry of Education is pleased to announce that the new *erase* website is now live. In addition to bullying and violence prevention, the new *erase* site includes information and resources on online safety, mental well-being, substance use, and sexual orientation and gender identity. The site was created following extensive consultation with students, parents and educators.

[Find out more](#)

Funding Opportunity - Jumpstart

Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities is about more than getting kids active: it helps remove barriers so that all kids have the chance to participate alongside their classmates and friends. For kids, the opportunity to play helps foster self-esteem and develop valuable life skills like courage, confidence, teamwork, and resilience.

Jumpstart has funding available in your community to help individual children participate in organized sports and recreation, such as community soccer, school basketball or Girl Guides. Jumpstart also offers grants to eligible organizations that facilitate sport and recreation for kids facing barriers to play. Examples of eligible organizations include schools, Boys and Girls Clubs, Charities, municipalities and many more.

To find out if your family, clients or organization can benefit from Jumpstart, visit jumpstart.canadiantire.ca

Final 2018 ICP Webinar Series: Health and Wellbeing

November 19, 2018

12:00pm BST (British Summer Time) – 5:00am PST

The International Confederation of Principals presents this webinar on Health and Wellbeing with Professor Phil Riley.

RSVP by November 16 to ICPLEADERS@gmail.com for login details

Sponsored by Solution Tree Education Canada

Future-Focused Learning: Ten Essential Shifts of Everyday Practice –

November 19-20, 2018

With leading expert Lee Watanabe-Crockett

Richmond BC

[Find out more](#)

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Assessing Critical Competencies: Modernizing Assessment and Reporting for the New BC Curriculum – November 21-22, 2018

With leading expert Tom Schimmer

Richmond BC

[Find out more](#)

NEW

Gender and Sexual Diversity in Youth – November 29-30, 2018

Vancouver

When a person's internal experience of gender and/or sexuality does not match what would typically be expected of them based on their external appearance, it can cause great distress and difficulty. This workshop reviews what this experience can be like and offers strategies for creating more accessible and welcoming environments.

www.ctrinstitute.com

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CAREERS

SD 87, Stikine, Atlin School

Principal

We are seeking a leader who has strong communication and liaison skills, excellent teaching skills and who is committed to excellence in education to support staff and student growth. The assignment is scheduled to commence January 1, 2019.

Ongoing

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Okanagan Indian Band Cultural Immersion School

Principal

As an experienced administrator, educator, and organizational leader, you will head the department of Education and work with the Chief and Council and Community Services Division Director in the development of a comprehensive education framework and play a key role in the creation of a feasibility study for a new K-7 Cultural Immersion School.

Position will remain open until filled

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THE DEPUTY MINISTERS BULLETIN

FOR ACTION, SUPERINTENDENTS, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS & TEACHERS – Revised Early Learning Framework Feedback Requested: As mentioned in the [October 29 Deputy Minister's Bulletin](#), you are invited to provide feedback on the revised Early Learning Framework for 2018. Please review the [2018 Early Learning Framework draft document](#) for details then take a moment to [complete the brief survey](#) to share your thoughts. See the [Early Learning Framework background attachment](#) for additional information.

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS – Graduation Program Update: Implementation of the B.C. Graduation Program, including the new Grades 11 and 12 curriculum and required numeracy and literacy assessments, are on track for implementation in the 2019/20 school year. We are continuing to work with superintendents and education partners to prepare the final graduation program document and implementation guide for distribution to all boards in early December. I will keep you posted as well.

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS – Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) Monitoring Report: The [FSA Provincial Marking Monitoring Report 2018](#) is now available. This report describes the degree of consistency between scores assigned by the local markers to their students' responses on the written-response sections of the FSA and scores assigned by the markers participating in the provincial monitoring session. As indicated in the report, reliability of local marking is found to be high.

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS & TEACHERS – Ocean Plastic Education Kit: Did you know that at least eight million metric tonnes of plastic make their way into our oceans each year? Plastic pollution is severely harming our oceans and marine life and we need to act now to protect these valuable resources. Please visit the [Ocean Plastic Education website](#) and check out the useful classroom resources you can use with your students to teach them about the effects of plastics on our oceans.

TO SUPERINTENDENTS, PRINCIPALS & TEACHERS – DUE NOVEMBER 30, 2018 – Prime Minister's Youth Council: The Prime Minister's Youth Council (PMYC) is a group of young Canadians who provide non-partisan advice

to the Prime Minister and the Government of Canada on issues of importance to them and to all Canadians. Students interested in being part of the next cohort of the PMYC are invited to apply by November 30. For more information, please visit the [Prime Minister's Youth Council website](#).

TO SUPERINTENDENTS, PRINCIPALS & TEACHERS – DUE JANUARY 16, 2019 – STEAM Horizon Awards 2019:

Do you know a student who is often described as a leader, an achiever or an innovator? Students are invited to promote positive changes throughout their community using Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM). Five Canadian students will be awarded \$25,000 each, to attend a Canadian university or college to study in a STEAM field. For more information about this national prize program, including how to apply, please visit the [STEAM Horizon Awards website](#).

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